

Big Sandy Accountability Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

- I. Charley called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.
- II. Board/School Reports
 - a. Board- Mr. Wilson expressed thanks to Chris and Lane for the beautiful Christmas decorations. Last semester, we only used 1.5 snow days. Our school rating for the 22/23 year was Accredited, and we were extremely close to the highest rating. Our budget and audit have both gone very well. Athletics went well, both volleyball and football. We have received one diesel bus and two electric buses. The third electric bus is expected to be delivered by January 31st, and the Governor would like to come out for a ribbon cutting. The electric buses have not been used yet because we need to receive radios first. BOCES is looking to purchase land for a new vocational building. Enrollment is currently 330 students. Overall, our attendance rate for the first semester was 94.1%, and our goal is 96%. The board just set the mill levy last night. They have decreased. Legislative session started today and will continue for the next several months. The goal in education is to pay down the budget stability factor. Our district has received several grants. The draft for next year's calendar will be passed out to the SAC committee for discussion. It is similar to this year's calendar. Yesterday, there were several bomb threats at different CO schools. Andrew Kissam came up and spent the day monitoring here. In addition, packages were kept outside until they could be checked. Ellicott dismissed school early as a result. Dalton asked about what procedure would be followed if we were to have a threat. Mr. Wilson shared what our current standard procedure entailed.
 - b. Elementary- The first semester has drawn to a close, and report cards will go home tomorrow. Elementary attendance rate for the second quarter was 94.2% and 94.8% for the first semester. The elementary Christmas program was held on Dec. 13th and was well attended by parents, friends, and family members. This was our first K-12th grade Christmas performance, and Miss Trowbridge's first elementary program. She did an excellent job of teaching and preparing our students. FBLA served a chili dinner before the program. I appreciate them offering this service for our families. Santa came to visit on Dec. 19th courtesy of our NHS. Journalism students took pictures and made them available to parents. Thank you, NHS members and Mrs. Bauer. Christmas parties were held on Thursday, Dec. 21st. Christmas break was great! Many teachers expressed that they really enjoyed the week off after New Year's. The teacher workday on Monday was cancelled due to the weather. The girl scouts will be hosting their annual Father/daughter dance on Saturday. Colorado State Patrol will be here next Wednesday to present a bullying program to the elementary and junior high schools. Notification will be sent out to parents via Shoutpoint. The second

semester is in full swing, and it's hard to believe that the school year is halfway over.

- c. Secondary- JH and HS were both in the 94% range for the first semester. Overall, the secondary did a great job. HS finals were at the end of the semester. JH enrichment was held before break, and each teacher hosts a fun activity. In the afternoon, the JH headed out and passed out snacks to the community. Elbert County is doing a song contest. Students can write a song and go perform it. Miss Trowbridge will have her students participate in this. Whoever wins becomes the official song of Elbert County. FBLA districts are coming up. Matchwits has one more meet, and they they Knowledge Bowl. The prom date was set on the last Saturday in April. HS Basketball districts will be held in Deer Trail. Wrestling is going well. There are 12 wrestlers. JH wrestling begins after basketball is over.

III. Kid's Korner/Key Communicators

- a. Kid's Korner-FBLA has districts at the end of the month, so students are taking objective tests. The senior class is winning the spirit point competition. The trip will be to Clearwater, Florida, and we will attend Universal Studios as well. Juniors have started planning prom but haven't chosen a theme yet. It will be on April 27. NHS just hosted Santa. Journalism took pictures. The sophomore class is working on valegrams. Prices have been chosen. Boys' varsity BB is ranked #1 so far. The hallways are being kept clean. Matchwits is going really well. Top 8 teams will compete at the Knowledge Bowl. Freshman store has been going really well. We are selling some new items.
- b. Key Communicators-No new information.

IV. Title I/Preschool/Vocational

- a. Title 1-We are receiving about \$4000 more money this year.
- b. Preschool-We are currently full with 16 students in the morning and 16 in the afternoon. There is a waiting list for the morning class.
- c. Vocational-The Governor has pretty much kept his word with UPK. Currently, he is working on money for vocational programs.

V. Safety Committee- We are currently working on another safety grant.

VI. Nutritional Update- The auditor stated that there may be more money available for the lunch program in the future.

VII. Facilities-Crack sealing should be completed soon. The art department put up the Simla banners along the front drive. Mr. Hamacher has been working on the heater, HVAC system, and digital capabilities.

VIII. Charley adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

The next accountability meeting will be held on Monday, February 12, 2024.