

Big Sandy Year End Accountability Report

2023-2024

Committee Membership

(29 Members) The following positions are represented: students, teachers, community members, business owners, parent taxpayers, non-parent taxpayers, and a school board member. Meetings are held monthly during the school year with the exception being the months of December and May. The meetings are held during the school day to ensure that students are given the opportunity to participate.

Meeting Format

The following reports are regularly given: Board of Education, school reports, Kid's Korner, Key Communicators, Title I, Preschool, Performance Evaluation, Vocational, Facilities, and Accreditation. This committee serves as the Vocational Advisory, Preschool, Title I, Safety, Nutritional/Wellness Advisory Council, Drug Advisory, Performance Evaluation, and Facilities Committees. One of the major charges each year is to provide information to the patrons of the district through our community members.

Charges for 2023-2024

1. Monitor academic progress, attendance, and graduation rate
2. Participate in the accreditation process as needed
3. Serve as the Vocational Advisory, Title I, Preschool, Performance Evaluation, Drug Advisory, Safety, Nutritional/Wellness, and Facilities Committee
4. Review/monitor our Safe Schools Plan in an effort to remain current and effective
5. Feedback

Charges and Results of 2023-2024

1. Monitor academic progress, attendance, and graduation rate.

Results: Academic progress is measured in our district through the means of CMAS, MAPS, SAT, PSAT, DIBELS, GOLD, along with various other classroom assessments. Overall progress is measured by the District Performance Frameworks and School Performance Frameworks (SPFs). The overall ratings assigned are based on achievement and growth on state assessments, along with such postsecondary measures as graduation rates, drop-out rates, college entrance exams and college matriculation rates. The ratings help the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) and State Board of Education (SBE) make decisions about how to help struggling schools. The 2023 District Frameworks were released in September of this year. As a district, we achieved the rating of "Accredited", and all three schools received the highest ranking of "Performance." Individual schools were ranked as follows: elementary-73.2% , junior high-58.9 % , and high school-64.8%. All three schools each received the overall rating of "Accredited". We are proud of our teachers and students for all of their hard work!

Attendance- Our district attendance rate was 93.74 % for the year. Elementary was 94.41 %, junior high 93.33 %, and high school 93.03 % for the year.

Graduation Rate- The graduation rate for the class of 2023/24 was 96%.

2. Participate in the accreditation process as needed.

Results: Updates were provided to the committee by the administration.

In August, our district submitted a U.I.P. plan to the state. Districts who perform high, according to District Performance Frameworks, are not required to provide a UIP every year, but every other year.

Big Sandy School district's UIP focuses on our lowest areas of academic and growth achievement, and then addresses how to improve each area. With regard to gifted and talented students, our district will align with the BOCES plan. Mrs. Montague is our gifted/talented coordinator.

According to our last UIP, target areas identified were: JH/HS LA achievement, 3rd grade math and ELA growth, and JH/HS math achievement. Another focus area of growth for our school is to have all of our students college/career ready when they graduate. Plans to improve include increasing instructional time in these areas, providing more cross curricular writing opportunities, increasing student mastery of math facts, aligning curriculum from JH to HS, and providing more rigor in our academic areas.

3. Serve as the Vocational Advisory, Title I, Preschool, Performance Evaluation, Drug Advisory, Safety, Nutritional/Wellness, and Facilities Committee.

Results: The Accountability Committee reviewed all of these areas at least once during the school year, and some were addressed on a monthly basis. Policies, reports, and evaluation tools were reviewed and approved by the committee as needed. Furthermore, the committee reviewed various programs offered by our district.

Vocational Advisory-Refer to the 2023-24 Vocational Report.

Title 1-Our district received about \$4000 more from the Consolidated Application this year. Title 1 money is used to maintain small classroom sizes.

Preschool-There were thirty preschoolers this year. Risk factors are required to qualify students for the Colorado Preschool program. Due to changes passed by the state regarding the Universal Preschool Program, PreK students enroll using the state's website.

Mrs. Toscano served as our preschool director this year with Mrs. Hoops serving in the para position. Both have done an excellent job in the preschool. All preschool inspections were successfully passed.

Performance Evaluation- All evaluation tools were approved this year including teachers, paraprofessionals, and principals.

Regarding teachers, a probationary teacher needs three consecutive years of effective evaluations to receive a "NonProbationary" status. Currently, our district has six probationary teachers, and twenty-five nonprobationary teachers. Teacher evaluations will be finalized using the MSL (Measures of Student Learning) at the end of the year.

Drug Advisory-The Elbert County Sheriff's department brought drug dogs to check for drugs in hallway lockers and in the locker rooms. No drug testing took place this year.

Safety- All safety drills were performed this year per state requirements, including tornado and fire drills. Fire drills were conducted monthly, and other drills are performed periodically throughout the year. The district's Emergency Operation Plan continues to be in place. Furthermore, the district continues to use the Emergency Notebook which includes procedures and rosters in each classroom and office. Safety

backpacks are located in each room of the school. Our administration continues to work with our local police and fire departments to ensure that the safest, possible learning environment is provided for all students. The school's water was tested, and "Handwashing only" signs were placed on some faucets.

Nutritional/Wellness- Refer to Nutritional 2023/24 report

Facilities- Main projects this year included crack filling parking lots, playground, and sidewalks; HVAC was completed at the transportation building, and hail damage on the roof was completed as well as drywall and concrete repair. Electric buses have been received and infrastructure installed. Yellow duct tape was placed on the cables at the football field to make them more visible and alleviate any possible injuries. The art department bought and placed Simla flags on the poles lining the driveway up to the school. Windows were replaced in the crow's nest at the football field.

- Reviewed the 2024-2025 calendar
- Provided information to our community

Feedback for Improvement

In an effort for continued improvement, Mr. Wilson asked the committee to provide feedback, both positive or negative.

President _____

Superintendent _____

Recommended Charges for 2024-2025

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3. Serve as the Vocational Advisory, Title I, Preschool, Performance Evaluation, Drug Advisory, Safety, Nutritional/Wellness, and Facilities Committee
4. Review and update our Safe Schools Plan