

Big Sandy Accountability Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, March 11, 2025 @ 3:00 p.m.

A. The meeting was called to order by Morgan at 3:05 pm.

B. Board/School Reports

1. Board-After state basketball, we will have one e-learning day left to use and one day and five hours left to use for a snow day. March and April usually bring a lot of snow. Options are to add five minutes to the beginning and end of the regular snow day or come to school on a Monday. The Governor's budget will be coming out soon. The state has to cut 1.3 billion dollars from the budget. A technology grant was just turned in to replace white boards and interactive projectors. Electrical boxes have been replaced, and the fence around the football/baseball field will also be replaced soon. New goal posts are being put up. Our auditors have not finalized our audit yet. Mrs. Tipton will be leaving on maternal leave, and a long-term sub has been hired to complete the year. Matt Thieman has been hired for the IA teaching position for next year. Employment openings: Drama/Spanish teacher, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Transportation director. Thank you to Mr. Dole for filling in.
2. Elementary-Parent/teacher conferences went well last week. Teachers will reach out to those parents who were not able to attend. The third quarter is over, and the fourth one has begun. Elementary attendance rate was 93.5% for the third quarter. Read Across America was held the last week of February. Our goal was 1000 books, and collectively, we read about 1800 books. It was a great week with many parents, community members, secondary students, and friends coming up to read to elementary classes. Mrs. Book and Mr. Wilson also took part in the fun. At the end of the week, we celebrated with cupcakes and a "Minute to Win it" reading celebration in the cafeteria. Next week, our elementary STUCO will be hosting a science fair. CMAS testing will take place in April. Students will have the opportunity to earn points for using their best effort when taking the test. If enough points are earned, then students will be eligible for a trip to either Sky Zone or Urban Air.
3. Secondary-Spring break is around the corner. Third quarter attendance for the secondary was 92%. The seniors had the highest rate. E-learning days have gone well. The elementary and secondary staff are doing a book study on "Anxious Generation." Kelly Kocerha mentioned how her kids have appreciated the Throwback Thursdays. Mrs. Swennes explained how beneficial it has been for students to set down their cell phones to play games together. Eight new students were inducted into NHS. JH wrestling is coming to an end. The Cub's Crew dance will be held on the Friday after spring break. State basketball is being held this weekend, so school will be dismissed early on Thursday. A send-off will be held to send off our players.

C. Kid's Korner/Key Communicators

1. Kid's Korner-High school students are officiating the elementary basketball games, and they are also coaching. Knowledge Bowl will be held next week. It will begin with a written round, and there are ten rounds. Baseball is going well. There are about seven or eight kids currently practicing. Prom plans are being made. The theme is "Enchanted Forest", and the juniors are looking to get it catered by the Nipples. The sophomores just finished valegrams, and that was a relief. They are making plans for next year's fundraisers. Reese and Maddie started up the S.A.D.D. chapter for an FBLA project. They recently presented to the junior high. Journalism is currently working on an emotions project, and it is really fun. FBLA is making plans to go to state and are looking to raise money by working for others. Morgan is a mentor ambassador for the Safe to Tell program, and she will be presenting to the Attorney General soon.
2. Key Communicators-Maggie, our nurse, shared about a program that teaches students how to perform CPR. She asked if there was any interest in delving further into the program. The committee asked her to find out more information. The Food Bank of the Rockies would like to come out one Monday a month to distribute food to community members. This would possibly begin in May.

D. Title I/Preschool/Vocational

1. Title 1-Nothing new to report.
2. Preschool-Our preschool staff went to a conference last week on how to handle difficult students.
3. Vocational-Matt Thieman is our new IA teacher for next year, and he will become CTE certified.

E. Nutrition-No questions on the report. The committee moved to accept the report.

F. Safety Update-A tornado drill is scheduled to take place tomorrow, and a fire drill is schedule to take place before spring break.

G. Concerns -Kim Amendt asked if the football restrooms could be used during baseball season. Mr. Wilson stated that Lane is in charge of those, and the restrooms are winterized at that time. Teague mentioned that students would like to play games every day during lunch instead of just Thursdays. Mrs. Swennes stated that she could make that happen.

H. Morgan adjourned the meeting at 3:46 p.m.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 9, 2025.