Mountain Vista High School
School Accountability Committee (SAC) MINUTES
Wednesday, May 7th, 2025
In-person Meeting

X	Rob Ceglie (Principal)	X	Lindsey Jaffe (Asst. Principal)	X	MacKenzie Boeckmann (Teacher)
X	Laney Erickson (Sr. student)	X	Alex Hanson (Jr. student)	X	Karen Wendling (Chair)
X	Jamie Olson (Vice Chair)	X	Monica Knowles (Recorder)	X	Stuart Sinclair (Parent rep)
X	Susie Morella (Booster Club Rep)	X	Eddie Pena (Parent Rep)	X	Jen Moody (DAC Co-Rep))
X	Ryan Olds (DAC Co-Rep)	X	Kyoko Okada (Parent)	X	Heather Clark (Parent)

Welcome and Introductions. (Please sign-in). Karen Wendling, SAC Chair
Approval of minutes from 4/9/25 meeting.
Meeting began 7am.

Principal's Report Rob Ceglie, Principal

Prom was April 25th at Mile High Station. This is a great venue as it is easily accessible, isolated, has a double level but it is contained. We had a great turnout of about 1200 kids and there were no issues. Kids are waiting to get in earlier than the start time of 8pm. We are one of a few schools in DCSD that does breathalyzing at the entrance to our events. It is nice that many kids utilize buses as this means fewer teenage drivers on the road.

Academic Decathlon Team are Division 3 National Champs. They travelled to Des Moines, Iowa. Our division is based on participation level, not school size, since we are newer to this event. There are eleven kids on the team that thrive on testing.

Girls Cross Country and Poms are also National Champs!

Goldust Choir Grand Finale Performance May 9th and 10th. They do a slideshow honoring the seniors and one last amazing show for the year!

Girls Soccer is the number one seed and will play Fairview Fri. May 9th at Halftime Help in the playoffs.
Girls Tennis Individual Matches are taking place.
Boys Volleyball won their region is the number two seed and qualified for state tournament. The Final 8 starts Thursday.
Boys Lacrosse plays tonight May 7th.
Track has regionals this weekend and state the next weekend.
Baseball is still wrapping up their season, making up for rainouts.
Girls Lacrosse (with ThunderRidge HS) plays tonight May 7th.

Senior Finals are May 12-13th.
Taste of Vista May 13th.
May 19th is Senior Day with breakfast, slideshow, get cap and gown, prepare for graduation.
Graduation is Wed. May 21st at 2pm at Red Rocks.
Finals for Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors are May 19-23rd.

Website Update and Continued School Communications: Kim Cox

The district transferred us to a new website design which went live around Spring Break. They are requiring that all schools need to utilize the same site design. Kim has been tweaking and fixing and adding and re-designing all aspects of the site. We must be ADA compliant. (Ex: contrast of colors must be just so and within guidelines). Uniformity is important. Even Elementary and Middle schools will use the same design. Summer is a time when parents will love this new design and be able to locate teachers by subject and find the info they need.

Moving into Next School Year Rob Ceglie

<u>Funding:</u> Vista is in a good spot and has saved up to support programs as we decline a bit in size, which we had predicted.

<u>New to this year, students will receive next year's schedule before the end of school.</u> This will help the counseling department not be as inundated with requests and changes in the fall when we return. Hopefully they will just have fine tune ups in August instead.
One of our main goals is to keep class sizes consistently as small as we can so there are constraints on how much we can change (Ex: one biology class has 36 kids and the other having 25 is not balanced)

PLC will continue to be a big focus.
SAS program again will be a focus for underclassmen.
Connections will be a focus as well. It is an intervention that is to help kids who really struggle after freshmen year so this will assist sophomores.

Attendance: You will be seeing some policy changes next year. Showing up is the most important part of being successful in school. We have the 3rd highest chronically absent rate in the district! We have a higher percent of kids that don't choose to come to school and are being excused by parents. Vacations are longer and we know there are other life happenings (medical issues, illness, school travel for sports and groups, etc.) but when kids are late or absent then teachers spend time helping those kids to catch up. Some rely on Canvas which is like a lesson plan and is not the same as showing up in person. Kids are suffering grade wise. When you miss one class (with the newer schedule) you miss 90 min of class rather than 50 min).

Karen added that she is on the Counseling Advisory Committee, and they have had two meetings regarding absenteeism and class availability (making sure kids know a class is available to the whole population) and showing up is the first thing.

Final Staffing Updates 2025/2026

We are in a good spot and are hiring for:

Social Studies teacher

Speech Language Pathologist teacher

Girls Basketball Coach

Autum Vitry will be moving into Susie Durdy's position as Mr. Ceglie's assistant. So, they are interviewing for Autum's position as assistant to Jim Flanigan.

We have a great pool of options in case any other changes happen over the summer.

Term Updates /2025-2026 SAC Transition Karen Wendling

This is Karen's last meeting, and she has enjoyed being a part of SAC and this is also Eddie's last meeting. Monica, Jamie, Jen and Ryan are returning next year. In order to make sure we have a committee of seven, we would hold an election in August for one member. This is a great unit with great input and Jamie will lead and become Chairperson. Stu is not sure if he is returning.

Jeff Cislo approached Karen is working on scooter safety and it is currently funded but need more funding to continue the study. If we know anyone that could sponsor this cause we should let him know.

DAC update (meeting was April 17th) Ryan Olds

They were voting on new DAC members, so they are hiring two new parent reps, one new principal rep, and one community rep.

CSI Charter School Institute topic: Someone came in to talk about the correct way to apply for a new Charter School in Sterling Ranch. The usual process was not followed when applying for the new application.
Adding new DAC Forum: There is one Expo Forum once a year but also talked about adding more Forums.
Counselor Rubric: Gathering input and opinions currently.
Title 1-4 funding: There is still about $2 million available from the Board of Education. This goes towards special groups of students that may have special needs or need more resources to succeed. Applications begin this summer.
There is a STEM school that they are potentially pursuing for another charter school application for a PK-8th (eventually expanding to PK-12th) in the Castle Rock area.

Sustainability Committee Kyoko Okada

They had a trash pick-up five times this year and 60 students participated and collected 300 lbs. of trash, some of it being sorted and recycled.
They hosted the 1st Earth Day Event which was successful & informative.
They invited ten businesses including Highlands Ranch Water, South Metro Fire, Compost Corral, Beekeepers, Pollinators, Eco Cycle from Boulder, and a Food Waste Company.

Open Forum & Suggestions for Future SAC Topics Karen Wendling
SAC Chairperson

Celebrations: Rob Ceglie

These departing members received recognition & Special Coins from Mr. Ceglie/Mountain Vista:
Karen Wendling, Stu Sinclair, Laney Erickson, and Eddie Pena

Staff Appreciation Week is this week! Lindsey Jaffe
Thank you to Susie Morella for her work on this!

Bond Improvements: Our two big items (HVAC and flooring) are scheduled to happen summer of 2026.

Meeting Adjourned – 8:07 am

<u>Important Dates:</u>

- **MVHS SAC Meetings (7:00am to 8:15am in the LMC conference room):**

- **DAC Meetings, (held at 6:30 pm in Wilcox Board Room, Castle Rock)**: *DAC Liaison <u>must</u> attend; all SAC members encouraged to attend*

Virtual 5/15/25
6/19/25 – Virtual