Mountain Ridge Middle School
School Accountability Committee (SAC) Agenda
April 14,, 2026

Purpose:
School Accountability Committee (SAC) Meetings are designed to **inform**, **encourage** and **provide opportunities** for parent and community members to be involved in the planning and evaluation of the school's instructional program and quality improvement process. SAC bylaws can be found on the MRMS website (MRMS SAC Bylaws)

Minutes from the meetings are posted on the MRMS website subsequent to the meeting date and upon review and approval of the committee (MRMS SAC Minutes).

Attendees:
Alison Shanor, Principal
Gillian Canada
Bianca Smith
Mike Jackson
2 Current 8th grade peer counselors

Meeting Agenda:

Approve Minutes
- February Minutes approved pending date change of Community Night for 2026-27 school year
- Gillian moved to approved minutes, Bianca 2nds

Presentation

2025-26 Spring Advisory Counsel

Annual Student Outcome Goal Results
- Goal: By May of 2026, 7th grade students in Math 7 earning a D or below during the first quarter will increase their math grade by one letter.
- Worked towards this goal using small math groups over the course of 5 weeks and focusing on confidence, study skills, and test taking skills. Counselors and teachers worked together identifying students struggling with math and provided the support during ELT intervention groups.
- Prior to intervention, the average math grade of the identified students was a D and as of the start of the 4th quarter the average math grade is a C.
- Students in the small intervention group participated in a pre and post survey (see link above for results).

8th grade Naviance Lesson: Career Cluster Survey

- 8th grade students answer questions to find their career clusters based on their interests and personal qualities. These students also participate in pre and post survey (see link above for results).

7th grade Naviance Lesson: Roadtrip Nation

- 7th grade students watch different videos of their choosing that highlight different career paths. These students also participate in pre and post survey (see link above for results).

Sign of Suicide Lesson

- Required lesson for 7th grade students that focuses on the signs of suicide and how students can give and ask for help. Students who are taught the lesson are given a pre and post test that assesses their understanding of the material as well as an exit ticket the student may use to ask to speak to a counselor anonymously. See link above for survey questions and results.
- Students receive this lesson again in 9th grade.

Peer Counseling Program

- Each spring twenty 7th grade students are selected through an application and interview process to be the following year's 8th grade peer counselors.
- Peer counselors work with peer buddies on a variety of things. Peer buddies are identified by teachers and counselors.
- Peer Counselors also help with coffee talks for new families; help with Bounce for incoming elementary students; help give tours of the school; assist with monthly kindness campaigns; deliver passes to help teachers; and assist with the Weekly 7 Habits lessons.
- Primary difference between Peer Counseling and Student Council is Peer Counseling is focused on assisting and supporting staff while Student Council is focused primarily on students, specifically student mental health.
- The school is anticipating selecting a larger pool of peer counselors for next year given both 6th graders and 7th graders will be new to the building.

Additional Notes:

- Parent Gillian Canada complimented the peer counseling program, stating that one of their tours had a positive impact on her incoming 6th grader.
- Alison Shanor also noted that district leadership complimented the efforts and work of the MRMS counselors this past school year.

CMAS

- 2025 SPF (School Performance Framework) CMAS participation goal is 62%
- 2025 actual participation was 68%
- 2026 participation is 70% (as of the meeting some students were still taking makeups so this percentage could change)
- Although this year's participation rate was an improvement from the year before, compared to nearby middle schools, MRMS participation rate in CMAS is the lowest.
- CMAS participation rates are used to determine academic performance and awarding of the John Irwin award. There is some discussion at the state level to re-assess whether this is the best metric to use when measuring academic performance of a school, especially for high schools

where participation rates drop dramatically due to other standardized testing (SATs).

Summer Logistics

- Last day of school is May 28th.
- MRMS will be closed for a large portion of the summer due to construction work on the school. Improvements to the school are funded by the bond that recently passed.
- Closure will affect parts of the parking lot so summer activities where students access the fields and track will be impacted. Drivers coming to drop off or park in the parking lot will need to navigate construction.
- New Beginnings for 6th grade will be July 27th and 28th. New Beginnings for 7th grade will be August 3rd and 4th.
- Community Night is scheduled for August 11th (5-7pm). MRMS is asking for parent volunteers. The new Assistant Principal coming to MRMS next year will work on parent engagement and recruiting volunteers for this event starting next month.

DCSD Boundary Change Impact

- A boundary change being proposed to the DCSD Board of Directors by the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) will impact the MVHS feeder. Students currently north of Plaza Drive, west of Kendrick Castillo Way, and east of Highway 85 that are zoned for Northridge Elementary School will now be zoned for Trailblazer Elementary. This impacts the MVHS feeder because Northridge Elementary is part of the MVHS feeder and Trailblazer Elementary is part of the Thunderridge feeder. Per LRPC's recommendation (LINK), this change would impact 67 students at MVHS and17 students at MRMS. Principals at MRMS and MVHS are concerned with the change and are asking for this change to take effect in two years after some of the elementary school pairings and 6th grade transition to middle school changes settle.

Enrollment

- Current 2025-26 enrollment is 710
- Expected 2026-27 enrollment is 1,060
    - 350 6th graders (2.5 teams)
    - 355 7th graders (2 teams)
    - 355 8th graders (2 teams)

Next SAC Meeting: May 12, 2026