



Site Council Meeting Minutes #3 3/3/26

MountainSide Middle School Conference Room 7:15-7:45am

🏆 Integrity 🤝 Community 👥 Respect 😊 Excellence 🌈 Acceptance ❤️ Middle Level Learner
Uniqueness

MountainSide Vision: To offer meaningful opportunities for all learners to explore and develop skills and traits needed to reach their highest potential as contributors to creating a better and more peaceful world

MountainSide Mission: MountainSide Middle School strives to develop principled, caring, and inquisitive learners in order to prepare them to be knowledgeable and respectful global citizens

1. Welcome & Introductions

Call to Order: 7:15 a.m.

Members Attending:

Trenton Corea

Owen Warner

Lisa Robbins

Cheryl Graham

Amy Hardy

Penny Dyer

2. Approval of Agenda & Previous Minutes

- **Agenda:** Reviewed and approved. **Minutes:** Reviewed and approved from the previous meeting; minutes are posted on the school website.

3. Principal's Report

Key School Updates

- **Enrollment:**
 - Current enrollment is **507 students** (as of March 3, 2026).
- **Staffing:**
 - Some positions have been re-evaluated and adjusted, including the IB Coordinator and certain elective roles.
 - Due to increased incoming 6th-grade enrollment for the 2026–2027 school year (projected at **187 students**), staffing levels are expected to stabilize.

- **Instruction:**
 - The **IB MYP Visit Evaluation** was highly successful. Strengths were noted in the following five areas:
 - **Purpose:** IB mission and Learner Profile are shared and used as common language.
 - **Environment:** Strong student support within a safe, nurturing learning environment.
 - **Culture:** Strong connection with the community, including Blue Zones and effective family communication.
 - **Learning:** Students are able to describe multiple opportunities to apply their learning.
 - **Approaches to Teaching:** Highly supportive teachers and robust extracurricular activities.

Upcoming Events & Highlights

- **Early Release Days for Conferences:** April 1–2
- **Spring Fling Dance:** April 2, 5:30–7:00 p.m. (PTO-sponsored)

4. Committee & Budget Updates – Cheryl Graham

Academics & Activities Snapshot

- **Academics:**
 - Ongoing tutoring opportunities
 - *Diary of Anne Frank* production and community projects underway.
 - **Science Olympiad** placed **2nd at Regionals** and will advance to the **State Competition**.
 - Staff reviewing AASA test score reflections with the goal of maintaining the school's A rating.
- **Athletics (Quarter 3):**
 - Girls Basketball
 - Boys Football
 - Cross Country – **District Champions**
 - Spiritline
 - Varsity Football advancing to playoffs; competing for a banner Thursday vs. Cheyenne and again for the trophy.
- **Clubs & Activities:**
 - NJHS recycling initiatives
 - Concert Band Festival participation

Finance & Operations Updates

- **Student Activities:** Ongoing support and funding review.
- **Maintenance & Operations:**

- Major plumbing and interior wall repairs completed in the upstairs workroom and student restrooms.
- Sculpture room currently does not have sinks.
- **Athletics Improvements:**
 - New protective padding for soccer goals
 - Updated gym scoreboard
 - Proposed landscaping improvements around the gym area
- **Capital Investments:**
 - New furniture purchased for the 300 Building and the library

6. Open Forum / Next Steps

- **Member/Parent Comments:**
 - Discussion referenced the most recent district meeting, which had a large turnout from Laguna and Anasazi.
- **Next Meeting:**
 - **Site Council #4 scheduled for May 6, 2026**

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at: 7:40 a.m.

WIG (Wildly Important Goal #1)

By May 2026 Mountainside will increase AASA Math scores by 3% using MTSS-A interventions

By May 2026 Mountainside will increase AASA ELA Scores by 3% using MTSS-A interventions

By May 2026 Mountainside will increase 8th grade Azsci scores by 3% using MTSS-A interventions

WIG (Wildly Important Goal #2)

By August 2026, Mountainside Middle School will increase student enrollment by 3% (15 students total increase) through intentional promotion of the IBMYP programme. This will be achieved by (1) marketing MYP consistently via school social media platforms and weekly community updates, (2) documenting teacher trainings and unit development in Toddle, and (3) capturing tour data. Progress will be measured through enrollment data, tour tracking logs, and documentation of trainings/units, ensuring consistent monitoring and adjustment of strategies.

Benchmarks / Checkpoints: Current Enrollment 507 Goal 523