

## **District Accountability Committee**

Minutes of April 20, 2021

Sargent School District

On Tuesday, April 20, 2021 the DAC held a meeting at Dos Rios Restaurant in Monte Vista. President Theresa Kaiser-Griffin, called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Present at the meeting, constituting a quorum, were the following: Theresa Kaiser-Griffin, Nicole Rockey, Michelle Roepke, Christa Davis, Michelle Peterson, and Lacie Paulson. Also present at the meeting: Trish Rue, Terri Paulson, Joni Hemmerling, Clint Mondrignon, and Brian Crowther.

Nicole Rockey moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and Michelle seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

At this meeting the following discussions were held regarding the agenda items:

### **High School Principal Updates**

Shelley David was not in attendance due to being at a Volleyball game. Joni Hemmerling read her notes: Farmer Nation Virtual Family Run April 23-25, 2021. 68 participants and 19 families have signed up. Janae has a Counselor's Corner Newsletter: <https://www.smores.com/3eipjv>. JH Volleyball ended. Black team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place at tournament. HS Volleyball heading to end of season tournaments. Making plans and arrangements for Senior graduation with Mrs. Burkhart and Mrs. Gearhart. Senior Lunch with Principal for end of year celebration April 28, 2021. HS STUCO elections for next year officers April 29, 2021. Friday School opportunity: Labyrinth/Maze building April, 30, May 7, and May 14<sup>th</sup>. History Fair regional event April 30-May 1, 2021. HS Academic Awards in auditorium May 13, 2021 at 1:20PM. Seniors last week May 17-20, 2021 (finals held this week also). May 20, 2021 Senior's last day- Senior Activities will occur. JH Academic Awards May 20, 2021 from 9-11 AM.

Celebrations for HS Art Awards Awards: Corbyn Wright 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Ceramics. Jaylyn Gomez 1<sup>st</sup> place, Sadie Mitchell 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Giovanni Aguilar 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Copy Work. Gabby Jones 2<sup>nd</sup> place in painting. Gracie Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Sculpture.

Celebrations for JH Awards Art: Jacey Matt 1<sup>st</sup> place, and Emma Sewell 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Ceramics. Emma Sewell 1<sup>st</sup> place in drawing. Corbin Castillo 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Zoey Newcomb 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Other category. Jessica Buser 1<sup>st</sup> place, Mia Stickens 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Dietrich Smith 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Print. MaKayla Brown 1<sup>st</sup> place, Seth Waggoner 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Tyler Chapman 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and Liam Ellithorpe 4<sup>th</sup> place in Photography. Silas Lopez 1<sup>st</sup> place, and Josiah Yocom 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Sculpture. Addison Roepke got Juror's Choice. Silas Lopez got Best Overall Middle School.

2021 Colorado Science and Engineering Fair Winners: Emma Sewell, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Chemistry got 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Makayla Brown, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Medicine and Health got 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Ellaree Rockey, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Plant and Sciences got 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Ashlyn Rockey, 11<sup>th</sup> grade Plant Sciences got 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Chinmay Jayanty, 11<sup>th</sup> grade Energy got Honorable Mention.

March Students of the Month: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Addison Roepke, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Emma Sewell, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Azmarae Lister, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Mitchell Plane, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Katherine Sewell, and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Caleb Rabon

### **Elementary Principal Updates**

Joni Hemmerling spoke on the Kindergarten Round Up which was held April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and had a different set up this year with Jen Kimberling giving a readiness assessment while Mrs. Burkhart and Mrs. Hemmerling discussed the protocols and procedures with parents. It's looking like 27-28 possible kindergarteners. Kinder-2<sup>nd</sup> grade swimming finished the week of the 20<sup>th</sup> of April. 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade CMAS finished April 12-14<sup>th</sup>, and makeups are finishing up this week. Hunter Safety Course was held March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> with 16 students in grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> receiving their hunter safety certification. Program was very successful, plan to have on annual basis because of high interest level. Summer School option for all students for "learning loss" due to COVID. There will be a session in June and one in August before school starts which includes Reading and Math. The Annual Father/Daughter Dance will be held April 22, at 6:30-8 at the Bus Barn. Bike-A-Thon will be held May 6<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Durre and some of her STUCO students collected donations in the amount of \$3,680 from local business. 6<sup>th</sup> grade promotion will be held May 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 and Kindergarten Graduation will be held May 26<sup>th</sup> at 2PM. Parker Mitchell got overall Science and Kari Christoferson won Teacher of the Year award. For more info the smore newsletter is available.

### **Superintendent Updates**

Mr. Crowder discussed how busy the end of the year is. Sargent was fortunate to have in-class learning all year long when so many other schools had online school because of COVID. He praised the community and the kids in Sargent. He emphasized the opportunities in Sargent that other Valley Schools don't offer such as Work Ready programs/CTE (Current Tech. Education) including Business/FBLA, Aviation, Health and Sciences/Phlebotomy, and Ag/FFA. Sargent hopes for Junior High to be able to participate in CTE also. Trish Rue, the CTE Business teacher spoke on the benefits of these programs being on student's resumes for college and work force. If the Work Ready programs were lost many students would leave Sargent.

### **2020-21 Budget Update**

Mr. Crowder was hopeful the education budget would make it through legislature. Governor Polis has been promoting the Education Funding Bill. Colorado needs to restore the Budget Stabilization/B.S. Factor prior to COVID. We can't approve budget till this gets passed. But Mr. Crowder was encouraged. Teacher's insurance increased. They froze teacher's salary. There is a 4<sup>th</sup> quarter supplemental to repay employees. They hope to raise salary next year. Openings of teacher positions for next year may not be filled so school will have extra money to improve

pay scale and benefits for teachers. Budget priority was teacher pay and expense and benefits; utilities and expenditures cannot change.

### **New Business 2020-21 Board Directives -Lower Priority**

Performance evaluation-develop and modify plan: The CDE would not allow performance base or student assessment.

Marketing ideas for Sargent School: Ideas include: Post Sargent Happenings on Sargent Website. Produce Sargent Happenings brochure for Alumni and ask for donations. Include the CTE programs and Sargent success stories. Mention Tom Haefli donating a plane to Sargent School for Aviation program. Slade will bring down helicopter for students to see. Possibly asking for donors to donate to programs or teachers. Discussed gaining more DAC members: Ideas include: Ask other committee members (Booster, PTO, Academic, etc.) to be assigned to be on DAC for a period of time, send out personal invitations, emails, brochures to encourage DAC attendance, add DAC information to parent's registration packet including five statements of what DAC is, have DAC information on Sargent website.

The next DAC will be Tuesday September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6PM at Dos Rios Restaurant.

At 7:42 Christa Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Michelle Roepke seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.