



# Mancos School District Advisory Accountability Committee

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2/9/17

*In attendance: Katie Volpe, Emily Brown, Adam Priestly,*

*Melody Mitchell, Ed Whritner*

- **BOE Agenda**
  - **Presentation from Mancos Conservation District re: school to farm. Ben Wolcott.**
  - **Budgets passed, all balanced, moving forward.**
  - **Still waiting on final signatures for Dave Nowack's house; follow up with Title Company done.**
  - **Policy changes pending – will be discussed at board meeting**
  - **Hired Heather McKee to move into Theresa Titone's position and currently interviewing for middle school position.**
    - **Moved Adam's secretary to Middle School for now**
    - **Adam working on 6-12 Counselor grant – would move Tiffany Aspermonte back to Secretary / HR position if received.**
    - **Adam will bring in a sub occasionally as needed due to Heather moving over and will just get through end of year.**
  - **The Daniels Foundation Scholarship – MHS has 4 students, of 7 total that are in the finals.**
  - **World Language Position – still trying to come up with options to replace this position or find a solution.**
    - **Keep same ½ Spanish ½ English teacher**
    - **Hire FT Spanish and for K-12 – but would need English teacher / Social Studies at the High school level.**
    - **Change Graduation requirements to not require foreign language but recommend this to be done online or senior year to Ft. Lewis etc. (Concurrent enrollment).**
    - **Mr. Jacoby went on Spanish speaking mission and is interest in supporting Spanish position on campus. He does not desire to become full time Spanish – but willing to support as mentor teacher online.**
- **Elementary Update – PTA Update:**
  - **Snuggle Up & Read – Cathy Epps appearance**
  - **Drew Pearson is capable and working towards his final hours to serve in capacity of Elementary principal on an ongoing interim basis.**
- **Adam Priestly Update:**
  - **Added a Full Time Ag teacher to schedule and The Perkins Fund is paying 40% of that salary.**

- Quality of this program and potentially a mechanic/welding/carpentry shop addition, would fill that need on campus.
  - May be a grant for start up costs as well, after 1-year in.
- Writing a grant now for another counselor as well – will cover PreK-5 Counselor position with a grant (see additional notes above).
  - 4-year grant & will not decline. Up to 80K per year.
  - Grant due march 17 and will know by end of May for following year placement.
- Open house and educational fair was excellent 27 student projects moved to Durango March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Ski Club – Katie Volpe attended, Kate Kearns coordinated. A lot of parent turn out. Was a seamless day with 40 kids.

Next Meeting scheduled for March 9th