

COLORADO MILITARY ACADEMY
SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

The CMA SAC meeting was called to order on September 19, 2024, at 5:10 pm by Diana Starkus, SAC Co-Chairperson (Interim).

Roll Call

Present:

Tiffany Brookes
James Larson
Kimberly Barnett
Audreanna Cristo
Lt Col Nicole Roberts
Edward Van Norman
Fred Crofford
Diana Lopez Starkus

Absent:

Amelia Pate

The Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment

Topic: SAC Resources

Notes: The following resources were provided both in person and via online links through Google Meet chat:

Colorado Department of Education (CDE) SAC Responsibilities Inventory

CDE SAC Timelines

CMA SAC Bylaws

Action: Diana will provide these resources, as well as the meeting minutes, community-wide along with the next meeting date announcement. Vacant SAC officers will be elected at the next meeting, 10/3. This notification provides any interested parent sufficient time for review.

Topic: SAC member time commitment

Notes: Current SAC bylaws (Article VII, Meetings, A. Regular meetings) that SAC meetings should be "held at least monthly" which differs from the advertised time commitment. This is offered as a clarification for anyone considering a vacant position.

Approval of Minutes

This is the first SAC meeting for SY24-25, therefore there were no minutes for approval.

Approval of Agenda

Meeting agenda was presented. No vote was taken.

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Old Business

There were no old business to address at this time.

Topic:

Notes:

Action:

New Business

Topic: CMA Board Meeting report

Notes: Col. Roberts and Mr. Van Norman provided a synopsis of the 9/17/24 CMA board meeting.

- CMA released its School Performance Framework (SPF) for public review. The next SAC meeting (October 3, 2024) is open for feedback/comment from the parent community.
- Enrollment is at the highest it's been for several years without signs of attrition.
- The City of Colorado Springs has secured funding and approval to move forward with the "Gateway to Peterson", a plan to build roundabout intersections at the north and south entrances/exits located at E Platte Ave and Peterson Rd. The goal is to provide this area with greater degrees of safety, capacity, and beautification. Col Roberts and Diana met with the City to discuss provision for pedestrian crosswalks and safety considerations for CMA students either walking to school or riding bikes. The City will provide CMA at least 6-months notice before the beginning of construction. Construction will take place one roundabout at a time. More information to come as the project nears.

Topic: SAC Officer Vacancies

Notes: SAC will nominate and elect the following positions on 10/3/24:

- Co-Chair (parent)
- Secretary
- Parent Advisor (2 vacancies)

Position descriptions may be found in the SAC Bylaws (Article VI). All parents are invited to participate. No experience necessary, just a heart for CMA!

Topic: Upcoming School Events

Notes: Oct. 1 - Count Day / CO Proud (locally grown lunch)

Oct. 4 - CAP Promotion

Oct. 5 - CMA Campus Clean Up + BBQ

Oct. 11 - End of Q1 / National Guard Red Ribbon Drug-Free Event

Oct. 17 - Q1 Honor Roll Award Ceremony (Elementary)

Oct. 19 - Trunk or Treat

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Oct. 24-25 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Oct. 28-Nov. 1 - Spirit Week

Topic: Open Discussion

Notes: Mrs. Cristo asked about CMA's Peterson school liaison and the school's relationship with Peterson for volunteers. CMA has a strong relationship with Peterson with plans to advertise CMA community events on base.

Mr. Van Norman shared that a career day fair is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 16th.

Discussion had about bringing JROTC to CMA. The Army has a STEM truck. Space Force has an ROTC detachment. Discussion of USAF/CAP at CMA and development of CAP program.

Mr. Larson offered to introduce a colleague working in missile defense to come to CMA as a guest speaker.

Discussion regarding the Army Corps of Engineers as guest speakers or community partner.

Adjournment

Meeting was called to adjourn on September 19, 2024 at 5:56pm.

Motion to approve: Fred Crofford

Second: Audreanna Cristo

Vote: 8 Yay, 0 Nay