

VAIL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Cottonwood Elementary School
Site Base Council Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2017, 4:30 PM

The meeting of the Cottonwood Site Base Council was called to order by Mrs. Tracy Kurz. Members present were: Mrs. Mary-Helen Douglas, Mrs. Amanda Jensen, Mr. Tom Kruszewski, Mrs. Chrissy Debono, Mrs. Anabelle Pearson and Carol Saldaña. Also present included, Mrs. Bobbi Mayeux, Mrs. Brittany Camden and Ms. Lisa Cervantez.

Mrs. Pearson moved to approve the Minutes of November 1, 2016, Mrs. Saldaña seconded, the motion carried.

Member Reports:

Mrs. Douglas brought attention via email to the Site Council members that in the minutes from the last meeting, we gave recognition to the DJ for donating his time for the Fall Festival. When she was helping prepare the Treasurer's Report for the last PTSA meeting, she noticed that a check was written to the DJ and questioned it. The DJ did not donate his time for the Fall Festival and was paid for his time during the event.

Administrative Report: Mrs. Mayeux reported on the following:

- Current Enrollment: 618
- Grade Level Winners for Spelling Bee:
 - Kinder-Avery Dickey
 - 1st- Ezekiel Deglo
 - 2nd-Amalia Gomez
 - 3rd-Rachel Blair (made it to 3rd-8th grade round!)
 - 4th-Arianna Cox
 - 5th-Jesse Nichols
- Resignations – Laureena Morgan, Amy Lambert-Knoll & Donald Elliott
- Transfer – Amy Gonzalez to Copper Ridge Elementary
- New Hires – Niki Cannito-Health Aide, Jing Sun & Austin Hilkemeyer-Special Needs Para

January Activities:

- Science Fair Set Up and Judging (1/18)
- Science Fair Showcase (1/19)
- 1st Grade Open House/Music Performance (1/24)
- Governing Board Meeting (1/24)
- Teacher Inservice, Half Day (1/25)
- Student Council Skate Night (1/27)

February Activities:

- PTSA Coffee w/Mrs. Mayeux (2/3)
- Scholastic Book Fair (2/6-2/10)
- Student Council Valentine Gram Sales (2/8-2/10)
- Family Reading Time (2/8)
- Parent/Teacher Conferences, Early Dismissal (2/9 & 2/10)
- Governing Board Meeting (2/14)
- Spring Picture Day (2/15)
- Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon (2/16)
- Vail Pride Day Staff Appreciation Luncheon, Early Dismissal (2/17)
- Vail Pride Day at Pima County Fairgrounds (2/18)
- Benchmark Testing (2/20, 2/21 & 2/28)

- 3rd Grade Open House/Music Performance (2/21)
- Rodeo Break-No School (2/23 & 2/24)
- Governing Board Meeting (2/28)

Recognitions:

Tracy Kurz recognized Jackie Malm and Ashley Sutton for a successful first Heat & Sole Holiday Fun Run. It was very organized, there were prizes for each participant at every lap and lots of parent support during the entire event!

Carol Saldaña recognized PTSA and all of the other hard working volunteers for organizing an amazing PTSA Father/Daughter Dance! The decorations, set-up and snacks were all amazing! Mrs. Saldaña also recognized everyone that helped set-up and ran the Holiday Gift shop. She also recognized Brittany Camden and all of our community members and parents who made our Angel Tree a huge success with all of their donations to ensure the families had an extraordinary number of donations!

Mrs. Mayeux recognized the following individuals:

Ami Bunch for organizing a successful CWE Spelling Bee. Tasha Blum, Dawn Schmidt and Dawn Ball for helping judge the Spelling Bee.

Jennifer Morris for a successful Winter Concert showcasing the Guitar Club!

Bonnie Bordner & Jackie Malm for a successful first Art Club Open House!

The PTSA Board for the purchase of \$9,000 worth of chromebooks for our school!

Chrissy DeBono and her continued representation as an Ambassador of Excellence with her attendance at all of the Fiesta Bowl activities! She has many more functions she will be attending throughout the course of the year and it is a true honor having her as a representative at each function!

Consent Agenda:

ACTION

A. Field trips: (Approve)

3rd Grade ELP Students to Mildred & Dilred's Toy Shop (1/27)

Sped Students to Tucson Bowl (1/27)

4th Grade ELP Students to Cienega Creek Bridge Site (3/7)

3rd Grade ELP Students to U of A Flandrau Planetarium (3/28)

B. Fundraisers: (None)

Mrs. DeBono moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Douglas seconded, the motion carried.

Old Business: (None)

New Business:

INFORM & DISCUSS

Classified Wage Increase-

Ms. Cervantez provided the following information about the recent classified wage increase. The Arizona minimum wage increase was approved by voters in November. The law requires employers to pay at least \$10.00/hr. The law does not require employers to make pay adjustments to employees making more than \$10/hr. The Governing Board made the best decision possible given the budget constraints involved. The District had 509 employees earning below \$10/hr. The District could have just moved the 509 employees to the new minimum wage and left everyone else at the pay rate they were, regardless of the position or pay level. Instead, the board voted for an option that would keep our pay guide structure basically intact, and would allow each employee in the level that was changing to receiving something. More than 1,000 employees received a wage adjustment instead of just the 509 the District had to address. To the employees who are currently earning more than the new level's base rate: we understand that 35 cents may not seem like much, but it is over and above what the district was obligated to offer, it's more than hourly employees in levels 12, 13, and 14 received, and it's on top of a very generous pay increase the Board approved last July. The annual cost for the January 1st wage changes is \$1.4 million, which the district has to find a way to sustain without creating negative scenarios like future pay cuts or reductions in staffing.

Board Approved 17/18 School Year Calendars-

Mrs. Mayeux presented the Kindergarten through Twelfth 17/18 school year calendars that the Governing Board recently approved at the last Governing Board meeting. One of the differences from the school year prior is that staff and students would not be returning from winter break mid-week, they will return on a Monday.

Kinder Round-Up-

Mrs. Mayeux shared that we have a date scheduled for Kindergarten Round-Up! We will hold the event in our MPR on Monday, March 6th at 8:30am. Mrs. Mayeux will speak as well as our Kindergarten teachers, our PTSA president, Health Aide and Community Services. There will be tables displayed with information about the YMCA program, Girl Scouts, PTSA program and Community Services. Holding this event is a great way for us to project the numbers of our future Kindergarten class and help prepare for the upcoming school year!

Mrs. Pearson moved to hold the next meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2017, Mrs. Saldaña seconded, the motion carried. Mrs. DeBono moved to adjourn, Mrs. Douglas seconded, the motion carried.

Submitted by: Dawn Ball, Acting Clerk

Date

SITE COUNCIL APPROVAL:

Tracy Kurz, President

Chrissy DeBono, Teacher Member

Mary-Helen Douglas, Clerk

Anabelle Pearson, Teacher Member

Amanda Jensen, Parent Member

Carol Saldaña, Classified Member

Tom Kruszewski, Parent Member