

VAIL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Cottonwood Elementary School
Site Base Council Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2016, 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. Anabelle Pearson, Mrs. Chrissy DeBono and Mrs. Carol Saldaña. Also present included, Mrs. Stacy Winstryg, Mrs. Brittany Camden and Mrs. Bobbi Mayeux.

Mrs. Pearson moved to approve the Minutes of September 20, 2016, Mrs. Douglas seconded, the motion carried.

Member Reports:

Mrs. Jensen shared information from the parking lot committee meeting held on October 26, 2016. There have been several changes put into place for traffic flow in the front parking lot. The Instructional Support paras now take the first grade students to their parent's cars instead of the teachers. Staff now park in the middle area of the front parking lot to help free up space near the front office. The committee will also look into repainting the stripes in the middle area of the parking lot to allow a smoother flow during pick up and drop off times. There were concerns about paras not being here after school to answer questions about the release of a first grade student and the teacher not being able to help in answering the questions should the front office need to know where the first grade students went after school. It was shared to Mrs. Jensen that the drop off and pick up time frame did seem to be flowing better. The committee will meet again in November to discuss how the changes might have impacted pick up and drop off times.

Administrative Report: Mrs. Mayeux reported on the following:

- Current Enrollment: 615
- Resignations: Kayli Barter, Deborah Thompson & Ashley Crosby
- New Hire: Nicole Dayton, Amy Lambert-Knoll, Alejandra Galvan-Special Needs Paras & Haydee Pereyra-Student Data Coordinator

November Activities:

- Bus Evacuation Drill (11/1)
- Teacher Inservice, Early Dismissal (11/2)
- 2nd Grade Music Performance & Open House (11/3)
- Boosterthon Fun Run (11/4)
- PTSA Meeting (11/7)
- Voting in Library-Library Closed (11/8)
- Veterans Day-No School (11/11)
- ELP StoryShare Performance (11/16)
- Ben's Bells Mural Installation (11/17 & 11/18)
- Annual Kinder Thanksgiving Play (11/22)
- 2nd Grade Annual Charlie Brown Thanksgiving (11/22)
- Band/Orchestra/Choir Concert at VTOTA (11/22)
- First Grade Friendship Feast (11/22)
- Thanksgiving Break-NO SCHOOL! (11/23-11/25)
- Family Reading Time (11/30)

December Activities:

- Spelling Bee-K-5th (12/2)
- Benchmark #2-Math, Reading and Writing (12/6-12/8)
- PTSA Social –Location TBD (12/6)
- Heart and Souls Running Club Fun Run (12/8)
- Student Council Skate Night (12/9)
- Advanced Math Competition (12/9)
- Family Reading Night (12/8)
- Benchmark #2-Math and Reading Part 2 (12/9)
- PTSA Holiday Shop (12/12-12/16)
- Student Council Holiday Gram Sale (9th-11th)
- Benchmark #2-Science, K, 1, 3-5 grades (12/13)
- Winter Choir Concert (12/13)
- Benchmark #2-Science, 2nd grade (12/14)
- PTSA Daddy/Daughter Dance (12/16)
- End of 2nd Quarter, Half Day, Early Dismissal (12/21)
- Winter Break (12/22-1/3), Return (1/4)

Recognitions:

Tracy Kurz wanted to recognize the PTSA and all volunteers for all of their hard work in organizing the Boosterthon Fun Run! Mrs. Kurz also recognized Chrissy DeBono for being selected as the Ambassador for Excellence from the Arizona Education Foundation. Out of 70 applications, Chrissy has been selected to be one of the top 5! Congrats to Chrissy and her amazing work she does with our students!

Anabelle Pearson recognized the PTSA for the amazing Fall Festival! The door decorations were awesome and everyone had a wonderful time!

Brittany Camden recognized the DJ from the Fall Festival, Chris P, he donated his time to the event and everyone enjoyed the great music and commentating throughout the night! Mrs. Camden also recognized the Sheriff's department for their engaging and very appropriate presentation for our students during their Red Ribbon Week visit. The students had a great time interacting with them!

Mrs. Mayeux recognized the following individuals:

The Empire Chemistry Club for volunteering their time with the Fall Festival and doing a great job working with our students and engaging them with their creative experiments!

Truly Nolen also had a big display and engaged the students with their "friends". They gave out "bug" spray and had a great time interacting with our families!

Our Instructional Team Leaders; Ami Bunch, Krista Hooper, Lexi Catalan, Sandra Cornejo, Kristin Salerno, Lorena Sutton, Stephanie Magnuson, Jennifer Morris and Sharon Dobbins for supporting new hires.

Brittany Camden, Chrissy DeBono, Stephanie Magnuson and Ashley Sutton for organizing activities that promoted making healthy choices to celebrate Red Ribbon Week.

Jill VanAsdlan, Lexi Catalan, Stephanie Magnuson and Brittany Camden for being presenters at the Beyond Textbooks Super Conference.

Stephanie Magnuson, Andrea Brobeck, Lexi Catalan, Sandra Cornejo, Kristin Salerno, Lorena Sutton, Sarah Vickery and Dawn Ball for working during Fall Intersession.

Consent Agenda:

ACTION

- A. Field trips:
 - Art Club to U of A Museum of Art on 11/8/16
 - Band and Orchestra to Vail Theater of the Arts on 11/22/16
 - Sped Students to Reid Park Zoo on 12/8/16

- B. Fundraisers: **(None):**

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

Old Business:

A) Mission Statement

INFORM & DISCUSS

The Mission Statement was tabled from last month's meeting and was discussed by Mrs. Mayeux and Mrs. Camden at this meeting. Mrs. Mayeux shared that all staff members, members of the PTSA, our Student Council members and families from our 1st annual Spaghetti Night participated with helping create a new mission statement by sharing words or phrases that best describes our school. Mrs. Mayeux and Mrs. Camden having been taking the words and phrases that have been used and will find language to create a new Mission Statement that highlights what we are and what we do for our community, families and students at Cottonwood.

New Business:

INFORM & DISCUSS

A) Vail Parent Network Meeting

Mrs. Stacy Winstryg from the Vail Parent Network, a group of parents in Vail that have come together for the purpose of advocating for Vail's children, shared information regarding proposition 449. The Vail Governing Board called for a 12.5% renewal on an override in the upcoming election. The proposition is a renewal from 5 years ago so it can provide an opportunity for local voters to increase school funding and can only be used for maintenance and operations, ie, staff and their salaries that is funded by local property taxes. There seems to be a bit of confusion with voters due to the wording of it being a 12.5% increase but in actuality the original override was 10% and this would just be a 2.5% increase in addition to the 10%. Mrs. DeBono also mentioned that there seemed to be confusion with voters on what a bond and what an override is. Mrs. Winstryg shared that there will be a watch party on election night at the Chuy's location near Rita Ranch.

***Mrs. Ball sent an email on November 4, 2016 to all Cottonwood Site Council members requesting they vote on a fundraiser that was submitted after the Site Council met and would happen before the Site Council would meet again. It is a school fundraiser that would take place at Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers on November 15, 2016 to help raise money for our Ben's Bells mural. The following Council members responded with a yay vote, Mrs. Tracy Kurz, Mrs. Amanda Jensen, Mrs. Mary-Helen Douglas, Mr. Tom Kruszewski, Mrs. Carol Saldaña, Mrs. Chrissy DeBono and Mrs. Anabelle Pearson, the item has been approved.

Mrs. Pearson moved to hold the next meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, Mrs. Saldaña seconded, the motion carried. Mrs. Douglas moved to adjourn, Mrs. DeBono seconded, the motion carried.

Submitted by: Dawn Ball, Acting Clerk

Date

SITE COUNCIL APPROVAL:

Tracey Kurz, President

Pam Maguire, Teacher Member

Mary-Helen Douglas, Clerk

Anabelle Pearson, Teacher Member

Amanda Jensen, Parent Member

Carol Saldaña, Classified Member

Tom Kruszewski, Parent Member