

VAIL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Cottonwood Elementary School
Site Base Council Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2017, 4:00 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.

Mr. Kruszewski moved to approve the Minutes of January 17, 2017, Mrs. DeBono seconded, the motion carried.

Member Reports:

Mrs. Douglas shared information regarding the upcoming Mother/Son event scheduled for March 31, 2017. Activities will kick off at 5:30pm with lots of food and fun along with a movie to wrap up the evening!

Administrative Report: Mrs. Mayeux reported on the following:

- Current Enrollment: 618
- Resignations: Jackie Malm, Ami Bunch, Karen Cross, Rhiannon Chavez, Anabelle Pearson
- New Hire: Nicolae Burns-Sped Para

February Activities:

- 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)
- Love of Reading Week (2/27-3/3)
- Governing Board Meeting (2/28)

March:

- Benchmark #3-Science (4th Grade Only-3/1)
- Advanced Math Benchmark (3/1-3/2)
- Kinder Round-Up (3/6)
- PTSA Meeting (3/6)
- Family Reading Time (3/9)
- End of 3rd Quarter/Report Cards Due (3/10)
- Girls on the Run Practice 5K (3/10)
- Spring Break (3/13-3/26)
- Intersession (3/13-3/16)
- Bus Evacuation Drill (3/31)
- AzMerit Awards Assembly (3/31)
- PTSA Mom/Son Event (3/31)

Recognitions:

Anabelle Pearson recognized Stephanie Magnuson and Brittany Camden for organizing a fun and successful McTeacher Night!

Chrissy DeBono recognized Jill VanAsdlan and all of her hard work on the behind the scenes for Vail Pride Day. She also collected and help organize the book drive!

Tracy Kurz recognized Natalia Skillicorn with helping organize the Volunteer luncheon!

Mary-Helen Douglas recognized Debby Gunderson and all of the volunteers who helped organize and work the Scholastic Book Fair!

Mrs. Mayeux recognized the following individuals:

PTSA for catering a dinner for our teachers during the Parent/Teacher Conferences and teachers for their hard work in ensuring the conferences went smoothly.

McTeacher night was a hit! We made \$1,243.92.

Debby Gunderson, STC, and Bobbie Christensen, library paraprofessional, for organizing and facilitating our annual book fair. A special thank you to the wonderful parent volunteers who made the event successful and for logging over 100 volunteer hours, Chris Smith, Jamie Mapp, Shelly Newsome, Caroline Pate, Elisha Robison, Lisa Hierstein, and Tina Mendoza. Their efforts allowed us to gross over \$8400 sales – profiting about \$3000.

Lorena Sutton, 5th grade teacher, and Karen Cross, STEM Teacher, for organizing our annual science fair showcase and for ensuring clear communication of the rules and regulations. A special thank you to CHS students, Chase Williams and Courtney Coffman, and to Keleigh Crane, Paul Boynton, Tom Kruszewski, Delina Martin, Kendra Lewis for volunteering their time to judge over 250 projects, and to Jeff Ivey, University of Arizona faculty, for providing hands on demonstrations and science lessons to our students and community throughout the showcase.

Consent Agenda:

A. Field trips: (Approve)

Art Club to Tucson Museum of Art 4/25/17

2nd Grade to Reid Park Zoo 5/5/17

ACTION

B. Fundraisers: (Approve)

Native Wings & Grill-Ben's Bells Mural 3/7/17

Jump Rope for Heart 3/7/17-3/10/17

ACTION

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

Old Business:

INFORM & DISCUSS

A) Mission Statement:

Mrs. Mayeux shared the mission statement that was created by a committee consisting of two classified staff, two certified staff and six parents. 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. The committee took the words and phrases that have been used and found language to create a new Mission Statement that highlights what we are and what we do for our community, families and students at Cottonwood. Here is what was created:

It is the mission of the Cottonwood family to provide a safe and supportive foundation built on kindness and respect. We strive to inspire every student and promote academic excellence.

We believe in:

- *An inclusive environment, where each student uncovers their ultimate potential.
- *A collaborative community that supports student success and encourages individuality.
- *Challenging our students with a rich curriculum through high-quality instruction.

B) 2017/2018 Updated High School Calendar:

The approved 2017/2018 school calendars were presented to Site Council last month. After the Site Council met, the Governing Board had to update and reapprove the High School calendars. The only difference were different graduation days.

New Business:

INFORM & DISCUSS

A) On-Line Registration:

The Vail School District will be implementing on-line registration for all new students enrolling into any elementary, middle or high school within the district. There are a few schools piloting the new registration process, Cottonwood being one of them. With Kinder Round-Up and freshman orientation and enrollment happening soon, the new process should make enrollments quicker and easier for parents and staff! Looking ahead to next school year, the District is hoping to use the same system for existing students to update any of their information so we may have the most current information on file for all students.

Mrs. Douglas moved to hold the next meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, Mrs. Pearson seconded, the motion carried. Mrs. Pearson moved to adjourn, Mrs. DeBono 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