

VAIL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Cottonwood Elementary School
Site Base Council Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2016, 4:30 PM

The meeting of the Cottonwood Site Base Council was called to order by Mrs. Tracy Kurz. Members present were: Mrs. Stacy DeMarco, Mrs. Dawn Schmidt, Mr. Tom Kruszewski Mrs. Pam Maguire, Mrs. Anabelle Pearson and Mrs. Carol Saldaña. Also present included, Mrs. Bobbi Mayeux.

Mrs. DeMarco moved to approve the Minutes of February 16, 2016, Mrs. Maguire seconded, the motion carried.

Member Reports:

Mrs. Schmidt shared information about the upcoming PTSA carnival. Wristbands are on sale now in the front office for \$6.00 until the day of the carnival. The price of the wristband will go up to \$8.00 at the door. The cost of the wristband covers your entry to the carnival, the inflatables and all games. There will be food available for purchase from food trucks and a silent auction in the library. Instead of prizes, each child will receive a Cottonwood cup as they leave!

Administrative Report: Mrs. Mayeux reported on the following:

- Current Enrollment: 564
- Resignations- Lynn Maietto and Julie Bradford

April Activities:

- AZMerit Testing (4/4-4/29)
- 4th Grade to ASARCO Mines, Salerno & Stevens (4/21)
- 4th Grade to ASARCO Mines, Beebe & Sutton (4/22)
- 1st Grade to Desert Museum (4/22)
- Volunteer Appreciation Week (4/25-4/29)
- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (4/27)
- Kindergarten Graduation Pictures (4/28)
- 2nd Grade PHX Zoo Mobile (4/28)
- 4th Grade Music Performance (4/28)
- PTSA Spring Carnival (4/29)

May Activities:

- Teacher Appreciation Week (5/2-5/6)
- Benchmark #4-Reading and Math, 2nd Grade Only (5/3 & 5/4)
- ELP-3rd Grade to U of A Entomology (5/4)
- Family Reading Night (5/3)
- RVMS Visit to Cottonwood (5/4)
- RVMS Parent Night (5/4)
- Benchmark #4-Science, K-3, 5th (5/5)
- Family Math Night (5/5)
- Coyotes Caught ACTing Assembly (5/6)
- Relay for Life Kick-Off Assembly (5/9)
- School Wide Screening (5/10)
- 5th Grade visit to DSMS & Parent Night (5/11)
- 4th Grade Recorder Performance (5/11)
- PTSA Meeting (5/12)

- 5th Grade to U of A Flandrau (5/13)
- Relay For Life at Empire (5/13)
- Title 1 Parent Night in Classroom (5/16)
- Voting in Library –Library Closed (5/17)
- Band/Choir/ Strings Performance in MPR (5/19)
- CWE Talent Show (5/20)
- 2nd Grade Wienerfest (5/20)
- 3rd Grade Luau (5/24)
- Kinder Graduation (5/24)
- Last Day of School! 5th Grade Promotion (5/22)

Recognitions:

Mrs. Kurz recognized the entire staff for doing an amazing job! Her son loves coming to school and never wants to leave at the end of the day. She shared that he really enjoys being a part of the after school clubs too!

Mrs. Saldana recognized the teachers and all of their hard work during testing!

Mrs. Maguire recognized Stephanie Magnuson for her hard work organizing an amazing AZMerit assembly to get the students motivated for testing!

Mrs. Mayeux recognized the following individuals:

- Debby Gunderson and Stephanie Magnuson for countless hours and dedication in ensuring that AzMerit ran smoothly. To the younger grades being “buddies” to the upper grades while they test.

- Parents, Dawn Schmidt, Courtney Wilhelm, John Popp, and Elisha Robison for volunteering their time to ensure Girls on the Run continued to inspire girls another season. They provided lessons and training that encouraged positive emotional, social, mental, and physical development. They also recently completed a very successful 5K run at the Sporting Chance center!

- Dan Lyons for all of his extra duties he has taken on within his Sped role. His calm, effective, thoughtful and creative ways are an asset with his new, unique role with Sped.

- Sarah Vickery for her hard work with the students that have to come to the front office for various reasons.

-The Sped team for organizing a successful walk and Change 4 Change fundraiser to raise awareness for Autism. Over \$1000.00 was raised by our students for the organization!

Consent Agenda:

ACTION

A. Field trips: (Approve)

3rd Grade to TCC Music Hall on 5/4/16

5th Grade to U of A Flandrau Science Center on 5/13/16

B. Fundraisers: (Approve)

ACTION

Mrs. DeMarco moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Schmidt seconded, the motion carried.

Old Business:

INFORM & DISCUSS

A) Proposition 123

The Site Council discussed a few details regarding Proposition 123. Mr. Baker had shared information with the Site Council at a joint council meeting in March. One of Cottonwood Site Council members, Mr. Kruszewski, is one amongst a panel of parents that meets to discuss the propositions. It was shared that there are many discussions happening on social media in the Rita Ranch forum about the proposition.

New Business:

INFORM & DISCUSS

A) Tentative Teacher Assignments for 16/17

Mrs. Mayeux shared the tentative teacher list for the 16/17 school year. There will be a few shifts within the school, Mrs. Kampelman is moving from 2nd grade to 1st grade, Mrs. Brobeck is moving from 1st grade to 2nd grade, Mrs. Maguire is moving from 2nd grade to 3rd grade, Mrs. John is moving from the Computer Lab Tech role to 4th grade and Mrs. Rollin is moving from Sped teacher to 5th grade. Sam Morris is transitioning from the Speech Language Support Specialist role to Speech Pathologist. We are adding a new STEM special and are filling that position with a new teacher. We are also adding a Dean of Students position for the 16/17 school year as well.

B) Parent Survey

Mrs. Mayeux shared results of the Parent Survey that was given to parents in March. Our staff talked about how we could better communicate with parents by sending more emails versus newsletters. The teacher websites are a great source of information for parents. The Site Council shared ideas also. Mrs. DeMarco brought up the point of fundraising and possible ideas about how we do fundraising. The council spoke about school fundraisers versus the charitable fundraisers throughout the year. It was shared that maybe we should suggest a parent “buy out” option for PTSA fundraisers.

Mr. Kruszewski moved to hold the next meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, Mrs. Pearson seconded, the motion carried. Mrs. Pearson moved to adjourn, Mrs. DeMarco seconded, the motion carried.

Submitted by: Dawn Ball, Acting Clerk

Date

SITE COUNCIL APPROVAL:

Tracy Kurz, President

Pam Maguire, Teacher Member

Stacy DeMarco, Clerk

Anabelle Perason, Teacher Member

Dawn Schmidt, Parent Member

Carol Saldaña, Classified Member

Tom Kruszewski, Parent Member