

VAIL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Cottonwood Elementary School
Site Base Council Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2019, 4:00 PM

The meeting of the Cottonwood Site Base Council was called to order by Mrs. Sarah Bates. Members present were: Mrs. Meridy Twilling, Mrs. Tasha Blum, Mr. Tom Kruszewski and Mrs. Tricia Ferguson. Also, present included, Mrs. Linda Reusch. Mrs. Sharon Hodges-Owen, Mrs. Carol Saldaña and Mrs. Kristy Joyce were absent.

Mr. Kruszewski moved to approve the Minutes of August 13, 2019, Mrs. Twilling seconded, the motion carried.

Member Reports:

Mrs. Blum reported that everything seems to be running so much smoother with the beginning of year activities.

Administrative Report: Mrs. Bates reported on the following:

- Current Enrollment: 597
- Due to enrollment numbers, Kari Joanides will be moving from classroom paraprofessional to a special education paraprofessional position.

September Activities:

- Parent/Teacher Conferences (9/12 & 9/13)
- PTSA Meeting (9/18)
- Lockdown Drill (9/18)

October:

- PTSA Dinosaur Live (10/10)
- Return from Fall Break (10/14)
- Bus Evacuation Drill (10/21)
- PTSA Math-A-Thon Kick-off Assembly (10/23)
- PTSA Fall Festival (10/25)
- Picture Retakes & Class Pictures (10/25)
- Make a Difference Day (10/26)
- PTSA Meeting (10/30)
- Costume Parade (10/31)

November:

- Teacher Inservice, Half Day for Students (11/6)
- Veterans Day-No School (11/11)
- First Grade Friendship Feast (11/26)
- Thanksgiving Break-No School (11/27, 11/28 & 11/29)

Recognitions:

No member recognition's given at this meeting.

Mrs. Bates recognized the following individuals/groups:

Pam Maguire for submitting multiple grants for different grade levels.

Brittnee Davis for doing a wonderful job transitioning into her new role as Behavior Specialist

Special Education team for all of their hard work with the high load of new students at CWE and getting their services in place quickly.

Consent Agenda:

A. Field trips: **(None)** **ACTION**
5th Grade Students to Pima Air & Space Museum (5/6/20 & 5/7/20)

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

Mr. Kruszewski moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mrs. Ferguson seconded, the motion carried.

Old Business:

INFORM & DISCUSS

A) Korean Exchange Program-Mrs. Reusch shared that Cottonwood will be possibly participating in a Korean Exchange program again this school year. They are working on the details of how many students and also if it will be for 2 weeks instead of a 4 week visit. More details will be following soon.

New Business:

Discussions took place on the following topics:

A) **Make a Difference Day/Community Picnic** – Saturday, October 26th, Cottonwood will partner with our Community and Staff for a Make a Difference Day and Community Picnic event. Mrs. Bates shared that we will have several projects that the volunteers will be working on. Mrs. Warren, our Volunteer Coordinator, is working very hard to get our community involved in this event.

B) **CWE Site Goals** - Mrs. Bates presented the Cottonwood Elementary School Goals for the 2019/2020 school year. There are two goals this year, one instructional Goal and one Beyond Textbooks Goal. The Instructional Goals are as follows; Eighty percent (80%) of Kindergarten students will master the Letter Sound Fluency Assessment (40 sounds) by April 2020, Eighty percent (80%) of First grade students will master the Word Identification Fluency assessment (50 words) by April 2020, Kindergarten and First grade students will score eighty-five percent (85%) or higher on each Performance Objective through weekly Math and Reading Formatives after re-teach and retest opportunities as measured by District Formative Assessments by April 2020 and Second through Fifth grade students will score eighty (80%) or higher on each Performance Objective through quarterly benchmarks 2, and 3 after re-teach and retest opportunities as measured by District Benchmark Assessments. The Beyond Textbook Goal consists of 90% of eligible Cottonwood teachers will upload a fully packaged lesson plan typed lesson plan in EEI format and all accompanying materials from their formal observation.

Mrs. Ferguson approved the Cottonwood School Goals for 2019/2020 as presented. Mrs. Twilling, seconded, the motion carried.

C) Niche.com– Mrs. Bates shared information regarding a fairly new up and coming website called Niche.com. This website provides community and public school information for parents when looking at moving into new neighborhoods and/or school boundaries. People come to the website to share personal experiences with schools and communities, then Niche combines rigorous analysis with the reviews to highlight the best schools, companies and neighborhoods. CWE is rated #23rd best elementary school in Tucson. Mrs. Bates would like to have our community to start leaving reviews to solidify the strength of more positive reviews about our amazing school.

The next meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, was approved at the first Site Council meeting in August. Mrs. Ferguson moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Kruszewski seconded, the motion carried.

Submitted by: Dawn Ball, Acting Clerk

Date

SITE COUNCIL APPROVAL:

Tasha Blum, Chair

Sharon Hodges-Owen, Teacher Member

Meridy Twilling, Clerk

Tricia Ferguson, Teacher Member

Kristy Joyce, Parent Member

Carol Saldaña, Classified Member

Tom Kruszewski, Community Member