

VAIL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**Cottonwood Elementary School**  
Site Base Council Meeting Minutes  
**January 14, 2020, 4:00 PM**

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

Mrs. Joyce moved to approve the Minutes of September 10, 2019, Mrs. Saldaña seconded, the motion carried.

**Member Reports:**

No Member Reports shared

**Administrative Report:** Mrs. Bates reported on the following:

- Current Enrollment: 600
- Grade Level Winners for Spelling Bee:
  - Kinder: Briella Silva, Ms. Hooper AM
  - 1st- Cadence Berry, Ms. Moore
  - 2nd- Max Millos, Mrs. Catalan
  - 3rd- Easton Harp, Mrs. Conger
  - 4th- Kenjiro Pascual, Mrs. Fagan
  - 5th- Devyn Doyle, Mrs. Craver
- New Hires – Marta Crawford-5<sup>th</sup> grade, Alexis Chambers & Ashley Cross-spel paras
- Resignation – Scott Baumann, Carmen Brooks, Robin LeSieur & Natalie Varela
- New Position-Carmen Dettmer to Inclusion Teacher

**January Activities:**

- Martin Luther King-No School (1/20)
- PTSA Sock Hop Dance (1/24)
- National School Nutrition and Meal Cost Study (week of 1/27)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Music Performance (1/28)
- Teacher Inservice, Half Day (1/29)

**February Activities:**

- Scholastic Book Fair (2/3-2/7)
- Student Council Valentine Gram Sales (2/3-2/7)
- Parent/Teacher Conferences, Early Dismissal (2/6 & 2/7)
- Science Fair Showcase (2/6)
- Spring Picture Day (2/12)
- Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon (2/13)
- Vail Pride Day Staff Appreciation Luncheon, Early Dismissal (2/14)
- Vail Pride Day at Pima County Fairgrounds (2/15)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Music Performance (2/19)
- Rodeo Break-No School (2/20 & 2/21)
- Benchmark Testing & Wellness Week (2/24)
- Kindergarten Round-Up (2/26)

**Mrs. Reusch recognized the following individuals:**

Meridy Twilling and Tasha Blum for organizing an amazing Math-a-thon raising over \$20,000!

Kelly Campbell and Sonya Kampelman, Kindness Club sponsors for organizing the diaper drive & canned food

Kristin Salerno and Lorena Sutton, Student Council sponsors, for organizing the treats for troops and shoe drive

Our PTSA board for the following successful events, Fall Festival, Holiday Shop, North Pole Experience, Sock Hop

Tom Kruszewski for generously donating our food for our annual Friendsgiving and suppling the PTSA lunches

Tricia Ferguson on being recognized as Teacher Values Teachers Award Recipient

Sarah Bates on being recognized as a 40 Under 40 Award Recipient

Kristin Salerno who coordinated a successful Angel Tree where 36 students received food and presents for Christmas. With over 160 tags on the angel tree, our school community really stepped up and took care of each family. She also recognized her for her work on organizing the annual school spelling bee.

Tom Kruszewski, Kristy Joyce, & Dawn Ball for being spelling bee judges

**Consent Agenda:**

**ACTION**

**A. Field trips: (Approve)**

ELP to ELP to Biosphere 2 (3/25/20)

4<sup>th</sup> Grade to Sabino Canyon (4/20/20 & 4/21/20)

**B. Fundraisers: (None)**

Mr. Kruszewski moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Saldaña seconded, the motion carried.

**Old Business: (None)**

**New Business:**

**INFORM & DISCUSS**

**Kinder Round-Up/Kindergarten 20/21 School Year**

Mrs. Bates discussed that the district will continue to offer full day Kindergarten throughout all elementary schools. Mrs. Bates shared the scheduled date for Kindergarten Round-Up. The event will be held on Wednesday, February 26th at 5:30pm in our MPR. Holding this event is a great way to learn about our kindergarten program and help the future kindergartener know what to prepare for the upcoming school year. It is also a great way for us to project the number of kindergarten students we will having coming to our school.

**Parent Surveys and Parent Teacher Conferences**

Mrs. Bates shared that Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. During the annual conferences, parents will be able to take surveys with questions about how our school and district are doing. The feedback helps provide the district superintendents and Mrs. Bates on items that might need to be improved upon around the school district and our campus.

**Vail Pride Day and Volunteer Luncheon**

Mrs. Bates shared the dates of the annual Vail Pride Day event and to also shared that each of our Site Council members were invited to the Volunteer Lunch. There will continue to be childcare provided.

**Certified Job Fair**

The annual certified job fair will take place on Saturday, February, 1st at Desert Sky Middle School, where administrations will interview potential candidates for teachers in all subjects, speech pathologists and also occupational and physical therapists. Mrs. Bates shared that our staff will be given a document sharing what their intentions will be for the upcoming school year. This will give her a better idea of what her numbers will look like and how many certified staff members she might possibly need to hire for the 20/21 school year.

The next meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, was approved at the first Site Council meeting in August. Mrs. Joyce moved to adjourn, Mrs. Twilling seconded, the motion carried.

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Submitted by: Dawn Ball, Acting Clerk

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Date

**SITE COUNCIL APPROVAL:**

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Tasha Blum, Chair

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Sharon Hodges-Owen, Teacher Member

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Meridy Twilling, Clerk

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Tricia Ferguson, Teacher Member

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Kristy Joyce, Parent Member

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Carol Saldaña, Classified Member

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Tom Kruszewski, Community Member