

VAIL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Cottonwood Elementary School
Site Base Council Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2021, 4:00 PM

The meeting of the Cottonwood Site Base Council was called to order by Mrs. Stacie Riley. Members present were: Mr. Jerry Tipton, Mrs. Kristy Joyce, Mrs. Crystel Fuenning, Mrs. Marci Becker and Mrs. Carol Saldaña. Also present included, Mrs. Sarah Bates and Mrs. Linda Reusch. Absent members were, Tricia Ferguson.

Mrs. Joyce moved to approve the Minutes of January 12, 2021, Mrs. Becker seconded, the motion carried.

Member Reports:

No Member Reports shared

Administrative Report: Mrs. Bates reported on the following:

-Current Enrollment: 516

-New Hires – Megan Hubbard, Ashton Spillman & Emma Stonemark-spel paras

-Site Council members whose term expire on 8/21/21- Kristy Joyce, Crystel Fuenning and Tricia Ferguson

March Activities:

-Spring Break (3/15-3/19)

April Activities:

Good Friday-No School (4/2)-PTSA

Recognitions:

Mrs. Saldaña wanted to recognize everyone involved with the Kindergarten Round Up process. Due to Covid, the entire process looked differently this school year and our staff members were up to the task and made the event a success.

Mrs. Bates recognized the following individuals:

-Tricia Ferguson and Sam Elmer for completing training the Near Pod Training and organizing everything to share with staff in the upcoming school year.

- Kristin Salerno for organizing and recalendaring the Q4 Second Steps to help teachers with the process of working through any behavior issues to manage any elevated emotions they may encounter in the coming months.

-Lorena Sutton and Martha Tanner for planning and organizing a fun team builders for the staff Q3 meeting.

Consent Agenda:

A. Field trips: **(None)**

B. Fundraisers: **(None)**

ACTION

Old Business:**INFORM & DISCUSS****Kindergarten Round Up**

Mrs. Bates shared that Cottonwood is slated 92 incoming Kinders for the 21/22 school year. Kinder Round Up looked a bit different since we held it virtually this year. To date we had over 50 families sign in using our google form and had 30 Kindergarten families attend a live question and answer session over zoom.

A+ Application

Mrs. Bates shared at the last meeting that Cottonwood would be completing the A+ Application and wanted to update on how the process was going. The section leaders have met often and are beginning to write the narrative of each of their sections. The application is not due until August, but we would like to complete the process by the end of this school year. Mrs. Bates will present the rough draft to the Site Council members at our next meeting

New Business:**INFORM & DISCUSS****AzMerit Testing**

Mrs. Bates shared about our approaching AzMerit testing in April. This is mandatory testing with 95% participation of all 3rd through 5th grade students. Our student Achievement teacher, Rebekah Valverde, has been working hard to create and organize testing options for our Brick2Click students teachers so they may have a safe environment on campus to complete their tests.

20/21 Staffing Update

Mrs. Bates shared the updates of which staff members who would be resigning or transferring to a different school at the end of the school year.

Staff PSA Results

Mrs. Bates shared the results from our Staff PSA survey that helps identify how the health and school culture, school leadership and vision are on campus. We strive to achieve an 80% or higher, this year's results were amazing with an 83% from certified staff, 91% from the classified staff and an 86% rating overall.

20/21 Science Fair

Mrs. Bates shared that due to Covid, this year's Science Fair was optional for our students. There were 7 submissions with 4 of the submissions receiving awards!

Intersession

Due to Covid and a shorter Spring Break, Intersession will be only be offered ½ day of support for the students virtually for the 2nd, 4th and 5th grade students at no cost.

Kinder/5th Grade Promotion

Discussion was held among the Site Council members to receive thoughts, preferences and ideas of what our Kinder and 5th Grade promotion ceremonies should look like. The majority agreed with in person, outside with a limited amount of family members being able to attend. For family members not able to attend, to maybe offer a Live Stream of the ceremonies.

Teacher Request Policy

ACTION

Mrs. Reusch presented the Teacher Request policy that was voted on and implemented three years ago and shared the outline of how organized the process is and how important the structure of a balanced classroom is needed. Parents submit letters to Mrs. Bates in late April and/or early May only sharing academic concerns, social or emotional needs of their child, or personality or motivational concerns. Unfortunately, friend requests are not accepted. There are pros and cons to the process, pros being you have a voice to work collaboratively with administration and matching the student with the input. The cons are due to us having specialized classrooms with ELP and Special Education co-teach rooms, it limits the possible choices of teachers. A vote was taken to see if Site Council members would like to continue the policy of the teacher requests.

Mrs. Fuenning moved to approve the Teacher Policy for Cottonwood, Mrs. Saldaña seconded, the motion carried.

The next meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, was approved at the first Site Council meeting in August. Mr. Fuenning moved to adjourn, Mrs. Joyce seconded, the motion carried.

Submitted by: Dawn Ball, Acting Clerk

Date

SITE COUNCIL APPROVAL:

Stacie Riley, Chair

Marci Becker, Teacher Member

Kristy Joyce, Clerk

Tricia Ferguson, Teacher Member

Jerry Tipton, Parent Member

Carol Saldaña, Classified Member

Crystal Fuenning, Community Member