

Vail School District
Vail, Arizona
Site Council
Vail Academy and High School



AGENDA
Regular Meeting
Monday, September 12, 2011
In Room 215 at 4:30 PM

Regular Meeting

1. **Call to Order**

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Approval of Minutes
- C. Reports
 - * Member Reports
 - * Administrative Reports

D. **Call to the Public**

Consideration and discussion of comments and concerns from the public. Those wishing to address the council as a result of public comment will be limited to the Chairperson directing members to study the matter or rescheduling the matter for future consideration or decision at a later date. Public comments are limited to 3 minutes. (Acknowledgement of Public Requests to Speak) The Council desires viewpoints of Parents/Staff/Students and considers the responsible presentation of the viewpoints to be viable to the efficient operation of the school. Any individual desiring to address the council shall inform the Council at this time. Comments and questions may deal only with topics on the agenda of the meeting.

E. **Recognitions**

Staff, Students, and/or members of the community may be recognized at this time. Special announcements may be presented at this time.

2. **Consent Agenda**

All items listed below are consent matters and will be considered by one motion at this time. There will be no discussion of consent items. Any council member may remove an item from the consent agenda by request. All items not accepted and approved, as part of the consent agenda will be considered individually.

Field trip Requests

3. **Old Business**

- A. Enrollment Summary
 - B. Computer Insurance
 - C. Valedictorian / Salutatorian Student
 - D. School Uniforms
 - E. "NC" Appeals
- INFORM
ACTION
ACTION
STUDY
STUDY

4. **New Business**

- A. Site Council "Personal Information"
 - B. District Survey
- STUDY
INFORM

4. **Adjournment**

ACTION

*Green Paper Survey
Vote to Study District
Vail Academy*

*4:31
10:30*

10:30

10:30

10:30

5:30

Vails Site Council



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ANNOTATED AGENDA
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- E. Recognitions**

2. Consent Agenda

ACTION

3. Old Business

A. Enrollment Summary

INFORM

Background:

Mr. Barger will present the council with enrollment summary.

Recommendation:

None at this time, this is an informational item only.

B. Computer Insurance Policy

ACTION

Background:

Mr. Barger will update the council on the change in the Computer Insurance Policy.

Recommendation:

That the VAHS Site Council approve policy change as presented.

C. Valedictorian/Salutatorian Student

ACTION

Background:

Mr. Barger will present the council with updated language for the handbook.

Recommendation:

That the VAHS Site Council approve the change in language as presented.

D. School Uniforms

STUDY

Background:

Mr. Barger will present to the council information on school uniforms.

Recommendation:

None at this time, this is a study item only.

E. 'NC' Appeals policy

STUDY

Background:

Mr. Barger will present to the council the policy on 'NC' for students.

Recommendation:

None at this time, this is a study item only.

4. New Business

A. Site Council "Personal Information"

STUDY

Background:

Mr. Barger will discuss with the council how to share the Site Council's personal information.

Recommendation:

None at this time, this is a study item only.

B. District Survey Results

INFORM

Background:

Mr. Barger will present the council feedback from the district survey.

Recommendation:

None at this time, this is an inform item only.

5. Adjournment

Minutes

Regular Meeting
Monday, August 8, 2011

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Gundry called the meeting to order at 4:40 pm

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge was led by Mrs. Gundry

B. Members Present

Mrs. Gundry
Mr. Frausel
Mrs. Smith
Mr. Hill
Mrs. Whitlow
Ms. Creasy
Mrs. Justen
Mrs. Gately

C. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. Hill second by Mr. Frausel all were in favor. Minutes were approved

D. Reports

Member Reports
No member reports

Administrative Reports

Mr. Barger shared with the council we are two weeks into the new school year and everything is going great. We have a bunch of new students in all grades and seem to mix well. Also, Mr. Barger shared with the council the relationship with the VAHS PTSA and they bought our new badge machine and poured two 4 sq. courts on the elementary side.

E. Call to the Public

F. Recognitions

Mr. Barger recognized Jen Holt a former teacher here at VAHS. Mrs. Holt was an important part of the Boxer Expo and is now the new Principal at Ocotillo Ridge Elementary School. Also, Mr. Barger recognized Chelsea Yager who was our SAT and is now at the District Office working for Beyond Text Books.

Mrs. Smith recognized our new SAT Erika Irby for teaching Public Speaking to the middle school students and how much they like it.

2. Old Business

A. Enrollment Summary

In the site council packet you will have an enrollment summary as of date. Mr. Barger shared with the council the summary and the breakdown of students per grade, the gender and ethnicity.

B. Computer Insurance Policy

Mr. Barger shared with the council the policy we had from last year and talked a little about the refund policy. Mr. Barger also discussed the depreciation of the computers year after year and should we still be charging the same amount each year for a computer that has depreciated in cost. He did receive a call from a parent that was able to find an insurance policy cheaper than here. The issue as Mr. Barger explained is that the computer is gone while getting fixed here we will give a student a loaner until his/her's is fixed. It was brought up about an incentive for student's that have not had to use their insurance and giving them a break on the policy. May look at Empire and what they are doing as far as letting the student's purchase their computers over the course of the 4 years in high school. If a student was to leave they opt to either buy the computer or return it. With purchasing the computer they can take it home over the summer. We will get feedback from Empire to see how this program works and if all is good we may adopt the same program. An explanation of the program is attached in the site council packet.

C. Parking Fees

2. New Business

A. Site Council Responsibilities

Mr. Barger shares with the council the duties of each individual. Also, there is attached to the site council packet information on the bylaws.

B. 2011 Vail School District Override

Mr. Barger shared with the council information on the district override and what it will mean. The Vail School District has tried two other times to pass an override. This will be the third attempt. If this override does not pass we will really start feeling the impact of the budget cuts. One thing Mr. Barger did share with the council is the school labels and how people will feel the ratings and passing the override. If they see a school is given an "A" people will assume we do not need the money we are working just fine with what we have. This year the ballots will be all mail in vote. This will help retired people that cannot get out and vote.

C. Consent Agenda

Field Trips: All consent agenda items were approved.

D. Graduation Materials

Mr. Barger shared with the council senior's are not required to purchase high school materials for graduation. We have used Herff Jones for the past 7 years for cap and gown, class rings, and announcements. This summer Mr. Barger was approached by Josten to meet with the senior class. It was asked if both could come to a meeting to present and the council will pick. Mr. Hill asked site council that maybe a few seniors be invited to this meeting to get their opinion. Mr. Barger will arrange this for the next meeting.

E. Valedictorian/Salutatorian requirements

Mr. Barger shared with the council how the Valedictorian and Salutatorian are chosen. This is based on their weighted GPA. Students get distinction points for taking Honors, AP and Pima classes. Mr. Barger shared with the council that in the past the council voted in that the senior must have the past 4 semesters here at VAHS. The concern is what if we have a student that does both VAHS and VDLP would they be considered Valedictorian/Salutatorian. The answer would be no. Mrs. Gatley brought up the point that at some high schools the class president is the one that spoke there were not Valedictorian or Salutatorian. The question is: If a student attends VAHS for 4 years and has a weighted gpa of 3.8 and a student that is only taking one class at VAHS and taking on line classes has a weighted gpa of 3.9 who should be the Valedictorian. Some discussion was about seat time and if a student needs to have the same amount of time in the school compared to those taking classes on line. Student's taking online classes are not known to their peers. There needs to be a clearer picture on this. Mr. Barger would like the council to take this information and look over it than come back for more discussion.

F. 2011-2012 Site Council Meeting Dates

Mr. Barger mention that Monday's seem to be a good meeting date and has put down all the Monday meetings for approval of the council. Mr. Hill motioned to accept the dates as presented. Mrs. Whitlow seconded the motion all were in favor. Meetings will be as followed:

Monday, August 8, 2011

Monday, September 12, 2011

Monday, October 17, 2011 (3rd Monday)

Monday, November 14, 2011

Monday, December 12, 2011

Monday, January 23, 2012 (4th Monday)

Monday, February 13, 2012

Monday, March 5, 2012

Monday, April 9, 2012

Monday, May 14, 2012

Adjournment: Mrs. Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Ms. Creasy meeting was adjourned 5:47pm.

Consent Agenda

FIELD TRIP TRANSPORTATION REQUEST

Requests must be received in the Transportation Office at least 2 weeks prior to trip date. Non A.I.A. Field trips are only scheduled from 9:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Eating/drinking on the bus is prohibited.

Teacher/ Sponsor Please Complete the Information Below

Pick-up location/school AMS Date 12/15/11

Teacher/Sponsor Ed Kestler Grade 16 # of Passengers 5

Telephone # (202) 579-1921 Number of Wheelchair Restraints if Needed _____

Destination ST CYRIL SCHOOL

Address 4725 E PENNA ST

Purpose of Trip MIDDLE SCHOOL CHESS TOURNAMENT

Lunch _____

Date of Trip 12/15/11

Departure Time 8:00 AM

Arrival Time 5:30 PM

Return to Bus Time _____

Return to School Time 5:00 PM

| Driver Use Only | |
|-------------------|-------|
| Ending Mileage | _____ |
| Beginning Mileage | _____ |
| Total Miles | _____ |
| Vehicle # | _____ |
| # of Hours | _____ |
| Driver Signature | _____ |

Trip Approval Receipt

| Teacher / Sponsor | |
|--|-------|
| Complete this section for prompt reply | |
| School | _____ |
| Teacher | _____ |
| Date of Trip | _____ |
| Destination | _____ |
| Departure/Return Time | _____ |

| School Administrator complete this Section | |
|--|------------|
| Administrator Approval | Date _____ |
| Signature | _____ |
| Site Council Approval | Date _____ |
| Transportation Approval | Date _____ |
| Signature | _____ |

FIELD TRIP TRANSPORTATION REQUEST

Requests must be received in the Transportation Office at least 2 weeks prior to trip date. Non A.I.A. Field trips are only scheduled from 9:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.
Eating/drinking on the bus is prohibited.

Teacher/ Sponsor Please Complete the Information Below

Pick-up location/school CHMS Date September 15th
 Teacher/Sponsor John Smith Grade 9-12 # of Passengers 10
 Telephone # 202-924-1127 Number of Wheelchair Restraints if Needed —
 Destination Chimney Rock Summit
125007 Mountain
 Address _____
 Purpose of Trip Field Trip
 Lunch —

Date of Trip September 15th
 Departure Time 10:00
 Arrival Time _____
 Return to Bus Time _____
 Return to School Time September 15th

| Driver Use Only |
|-------------------------|
| Ending Mileage _____ |
| Beginning Mileage _____ |
| Total Miles _____ |
| Vehicle # _____ |
| # of Hours _____ |
| Driver Signature _____ |

Trip Approval Receipt

| <u>Teacher / Sponsor</u> <u>Complete this section for prompt reply</u> |
|---|
| School _____ |
| Teacher _____ |
| Date of Trip _____ |
| Destination _____ |
| Departure/Return Time _____ |

| <u>School Administrator complete this Section</u> | |
|---|------------|
| Administrator Approval _____ | Date _____ |
| Signature _____ | |
| Site Council Approval _____ | Date _____ |

Transportation Approval _____ Date _____
 Signature _____

FIELD TRIP TRANSPORTATION REQUEST

Requests must be received in the Transportation Office at least 2 weeks prior to trip date. Non A.I.A. Field trips are only scheduled from 9:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Eating/drinking on the bus is prohibited.

Teacher/ Sponsor Please Complete the Information Below

Pick-up location/school W. J. ... Date 8-25-11
 Teacher/Sponsor Link ... Grade 5 # of Passengers 15
 Telephone # 518-123 Number of Wheelchair Restraints if Needed 0
 Destination
 Address
 Purpose of Trip
 Lunch

Date of Trip 8-25-11
 Departure Time 11:00 AM
 Arrival Time 1:00 PM
 Return to Bus Time 12:00 PM
 Return to School Time 1:00 PM

| <u>Driver Use Only</u> | |
|------------------------|-------|
| Ending Mileage | _____ |
| Beginning Mileage | _____ |
| Total Miles | _____ |
| Vehicle # | _____ |
| # of Hours | _____ |
| Driver Signature | _____ |

Trip Approval Receipt

| <u>Teacher / Sponsor</u> | |
|---|-------|
| <i>Complete this section for promotor reply</i> | |
| School | _____ |
| Teacher | _____ |
| Date of Trip | _____ |
| Destination | _____ |
| Departure/Return Time | _____ |

| <u>School Administrator complete this Section</u> | |
|---|------------|
| Administrator Approval | Date _____ |
| Signature | _____ |
| Site Council Approval | Date _____ |
| Transportation Approval | Date _____ |
| Signature | _____ |

Old Business

PowerSchool

Enrollment Summary as of 09/09/2011 (A) Vail Academy & High School

Grade
Level

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------|------|----|----|----|-----|----|------|----|
| 22-25 | 127 | 12 | 07 | 07 | 27 | 07 | 107 | 07 |
| 24-27 | 157 | - | 17 | 07 | 37 | 07 | 117 | 07 |
| 24-27 | 157 | - | 07 | 07 | 17 | 07 | 107 | 07 |
| 24-27 | 117 | +3 | 27 | 17 | 27 | 07 | 67 | 07 |
| 26-29 | 107 | +2 | 07 | 27 | 37 | 07 | 37 | 07 |
| 2-29 | 167 | -1 | 17 | 17 | 27 | 17 | 117 | 07 |
| 20-29 | 127 | +3 | 07 | 07 | 17 | 07 | 117 | 07 |
| 54-60 | 327 | +1 | 07 | 17 | 97 | 07 | 227 | 07 |
| 27-30 | 157 | +3 | 07 | 07 | 17 | 07 | 147 | 07 |
| 55 | 167 | +3 | 17 | 07 | 37 | 07 | 327 | 07 |
| 60 | 327 | -4 | 07 | 17 | 67 | 17 | 217 | 07 |
| 58 | 217 | -5 | 07 | 17 | 47 | 07 | 137 | 07 |
| 50 | 267 | -7 | 17 | 27 | 17 | 07 | 227 | 07 |
| | 2567 | | 67 | 97 | 427 | 27 | 1577 | 07 |

VAHS Site Council
September 12, 2011

OLD BUSINESS

ITEM B. Computer Insurance Policy

Background: As our computers age, they depreciate in value. A \$50 deductible may be fair to repair damaged parts, but a \$50 policy may be excessive on a device that is valued at \$275. We are also in a position that over four years a family may pay \$200 for a device that is worth \$165 after depreciation. How can we reward students and parents who take care of their devices? What 'good driver' discounts do we offer? The answer:

STUDENTS WHO HAVE PAID FOR THE INSURANCE POLICY FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS AND HAVE NOT MADE A CLAIM ON THEIR POLICY, WILL NOT BE CHARGED TO RENEW THEIR POLICY IN THE THIRD YEAR. IF A CLAIM IS NEEDED DURING THE YEAR, THE DEDUCTIBLE WILL BE COLLECTED, BUT THE FEE FOR THE POLICY WILL NOT BE CHARGED. IF THE STUDENT IS HERE FOR A FOURTH YEAR THEIR PREMIUM CHARGE WILL BE WAIVED ONLY IF NO CLAIM WAS FILED DURING YEAR THREE.

ITEM C. Valedictorian/Salutatorian

Background: Current policy reads: "Distinction Points will be used to determine the Valedictorian and Salutatorian, as well as the determination of the Standard of Excellence, High Honors and Honors distinction. This will be determined at the end of the eighth semester. Students must have completed at least 4 semesters (including the final two) of their high school credits from Vail Academy & High School to be considered for Valedictorian and/or Salutatorian." With the recent addition of on-line education, including hybrid students, the policy needs to be clarified.

BEGINNING WITH THE CLASS OF 2013, STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE COMPLETED AT LEAST 4 SEMESTERS (INCLUDING THEIR FINAL TWO) OF HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS WHILE ENROLLED AT VAIL ACADEMY AND HIGH SCHOOL AS FULL-TIME STUDENTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR VALEDICTORIAN AND/OR SALUTATORIAN. FULL-TIME MEANS THAT STUDENTS ARE TAKING A MINIMUM OF FOUR CLASSES AT VAHS, NOT INCLUDING ON-LINE COURSES.

ITEM E. "NC" Appeals policy

Background: Current policy reads: "**Appeal Process** A parent may appeal loss of credit. If there are extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the student. An appeal committee composed of one administrator, one site council member and one teacher will hear the appeal. If the committee has verified that extenuating circumstances exist, the credit may be granted. Documents will be supplied to the administration which will contain an explanation of the circumstances. Students must begin the process by acquiring a "Support or Decline Credit" form from the front office."

The problem: Neither the principal nor the site council have the authority to overturn the teacher of record. State law grants the authority for grades, and therefore the awarding of credit, to the classroom teacher (or teacher of record).

New Business

Vail School District
2010-2011
Parent Survey Results

Number of Responses: 767 (down from 1,684 last year)

Note: Not everyone answered every question. The GPA is based on a 4.0 basis.

1. Your level of satisfaction with the following:

| | A | B | C | D | F | GPA |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|------|
| Your child's teacher | 70% | 19% | 7% | 3% | 1% | 3.55 |
| Principal/Asst. Principal | 69% | 16% | 8% | 4% | 4% | 3.42 |
| Superintendent | 53% | 26% | 11% | 6% | 5% | 3.17 |
| Vail Governing Board | 46% | 33% | 14% | 5% | 3% | 3.14 |
| School Cleanliness | 73% | 22% | 4% | 0% | 0% | 3.67 |
| Facility Maintenance | 71% | 23% | 4% | 1% | 1% | 3.64 |
| Safety & Security | 63% | 25% | 8% | 2% | 2% | 3.45 |
| Transportation | 58% | 25% | 11% | 2% | 4% | 3.30 |
| Community Services | 62% | 24% | 7% | 3% | 3% | 3.38 |

2. Overall effectiveness of the following types of school communication:

| | A | B | C | D | F | GPA |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|------|
| School/class newsletters | 67% | 20% | 7% | 3% | 2% | 3.49 |
| Personal notes/phone calls | 62% | 20% | 11% | 5% | 3% | 3.33 |
| Vail Vistas District Newsletter | 58% | 31% | 8% | 2% | 1% | 3.43 |
| School/District website | 55% | 30% | 9% | 4% | 1% | 3.34 |
| Powerschool | 52% | 28% | 13% | 5% | 4% | 3.19 |

3. Quality of programs in the following areas:

| | A | B | C | D | F | GPA |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|------|
| Reading | 71% | 20% | 6% | 1% | 1% | 3.60 |
| Writing | 67% | 23% | 7% | 2% | 1% | 3.53 |
| Math | 68% | 22% | 6% | 2% | 2% | 3.54 |
| Social Studies | 63% | 26% | 8% | 1% | 1% | 3.48 |
| Science | 63% | 25% | 9% | 2% | 1% | 3.47 |
| Technology | 60% | 24% | 10% | 4% | 2% | 3.37 |
| Art | 67% | 21% | 8% | 2% | 2% | 3.49 |
| P.E. | 72% | 19% | 7% | 1% | 1% | 3.59 |
| Music | 67% | 22% | 9% | 2% | 1% | 3.51 |
| Electives | 59% | 22% | 12% | 3% | 3% | 3.50 |

4. Overall level of satisfaction with Vail Schools:

| | A | B | C | D | F | GPA |
|----------------------|-----|-----|----|----|----|------|
| Overall satisfaction | 64% | 24% | 8% | 3% | 1% | 3.48 |

| Category | Dist Ave | VAHS Ave | Difference |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Child's Teacher | 3.55 | 3.24 | -0.31 |
| Prin/AP | 3.42 | 3.18 | -0.24 |
| Supt. | 3.17 | 2.53 | -0.64 |
| Board | 3.14 | 2.65 | -0.49 |
| Cleanliness | 3.67 | 3.88 | 0.21 |
| Maintenance | 3.64 | 3.76 | 0.12 |
| Safety/Security | 3.45 | 3.41 | -0.04 |
| Transportation | 3.30 | 3.00 | -0.30 |
| Comm. Serv | 3.38 | 1.75 | -1.63 |
| School newsletter | 3.49 | 3.38 | -0.11 |
| Phone Calls | 3.33 | 3.13 | -0.20 |
| Dist. Website | 3.43 | 3.12 | -0.31 |
| School Website | 3.34 | 3.00 | -0.34 |
| PowerSchool | 3.19 | 2.79 | -0.40 |
| Reading | 3.60 | 3.13 | -0.47 |
| Writing | 3.53 | 3.31 | -0.22 |
| Math | 3.54 | 3.18 | -0.36 |
| Soc. Stud. | 3.48 | 3.06 | -0.42 |
| Science | 3.47 | 3.18 | -0.29 |
| Technology | 3.37 | 3.06 | -0.31 |
| Art | 3.49 | 2.46 | -1.03 |
| PE | 3.59 | 3.21 | -0.38 |
| Music | 3.51 | 2.35 | -1.16 |
| Electives | 3.50 | 2.33 | -1.17 |
| Overall | 3.48 | 3.00 | -0.48 |
| Respondants | 767 | 17 | |
| District Wide Categories | 3.25 | 2.82 | -0.43 |