



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



ANNOTATED AGENDA
Monday, November 19, 2012
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 Report**
- D. Call to the Public**
- E. Recognitions**

2. Old Business

A. Enrollment Summary

INFORM

Background:

Mr. Barger will present the council with an enrollment summary.

Recommendation:

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

B. K-8 Planning Update

INFORM

Background:

Mr. Barger will update the council on the K-8 Planning.

Recommendation:

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

C. Transfer Fee

ACTION

Background:

Mr. Barger will present to the council information regarding transfer fees.

Recommendation:

That the VAHS site council approves the transfer fees as presented.

3. New Business

A. Enrollment Packets

STUDY

Background:

Mr. Barger will share with the council the enrollment packets.

Recommendation:

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

B. Staffing Update

INFORM

Background:

Mr. Barger will share with the council the staffing update.

Recommendation:

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

C. Parent Meetings

STUDY

Background:

Mr. Barger will share with the council information on parent meetings.

Recommendation:

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

D. Valedictorian/Salutatorian Language

STUDY

Background:

Mr. Barger will share with the council information on Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

Recommendation:

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

4. Adjournment

ACTION

MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Monday, September 10, 2012

1. Call to Order

Mr. John Roberts called the meeting to order at 4:51 pm

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge was led by Mr. Roberts

B. Members Present

Mr. Roberts
Mr. Thomas
Ms. Early
Ms. Carruth
Mrs. Rojo
Mrs. Wilson
Ms. Creasy
Mrs. Gately
Mr. Russo

C. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Mrs. Gately second by Mr. Thomas all were in favor. Minutes were approved

D. Reports

No member reports

Administrative Reports

Mr. Barger shared with the council middle school sports are now playing. Volleyball won their first match today. School labels are out we received an "A" rating and rank 20th in the state. In Pima County we are only behind Basis and University High. Book fair is open and will run till Friday, September 14th. We will have the book fair open during parent teacher conferences.

E. Call to the Public

F. Recognitions

Mr. Roberts recognized Mrs. Ferrell, Mrs. Rojo, the PTSA and Mrs. Kaparoff for movie night. It went off without a hitch. Very well done. Mr. Roberts encouraged the PTSA to continue doing family movie night. Over 100 people came to watch "The Lorax" and "The Hunger Games".

Mr. Barger recognized Mrs. Paula Hoekstra for getting the sports program up and running. Getting all the transportation organized, referees for the games, fields taken care of. It takes a lot to get the sports going. Mrs. Murray our Student Achievement Teacher for all the hard work getting the AIMS data and the benchmark data all together. And re-teach for our students.

Mrs. Gately for helping with the book fair.

2. Consent Agenda-

Motion was made by Mrs. Gately to approve consent agenda, seconded by Ms. Carruth.

3. Old Business

A. Enrollment Summary

Mr. Barger shared with the council the summary and the breakdown of students per grade, the gender and ethnicity. Grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 are at their plus size. This means we were able to add students that are siblings. Could add to high school.

B. Vendors

Mr. Barger shared with the council that it is their duty to pick a vendor for school pictures, and graduation items. When another vendor approaches Mr. Barger about VAHS using them it is than brought to the Site Council. There will be 4 vendors that will present. After the presentation Mr. Barger will make a recommendation for the council to approve a vendor for school pictures and one for graduation items. Interstate Studios and LifeTouch will present for school pictures. Jostens and Herff Jones will present for graduation items. During the presentation site council members asked questions and voiced their concerns. Mr. Thomas thought LifeTouch was very organized. Much more impressed with them Interstate didn't address the concerns that they haven't offered the school any of the pieces they presented on. Is the school happy with Interstate? Mrs. Rojo mentioned as working in the front office I take the phone calls and hear the complaints from parents. Group pictures did not come back until the summer. Parents had checks cashed and never received their pictures. Mr. Barger "to answer your question, no we haven't since we moved here. Mrs. Carruth-I was impressed with LifeTouch. I love the yearbook." Mr. Barger shared with the council that LifeTouch has been on campus three times. LifeTouch came up to our leadership event and took a class picture. They will work with Mrs. Campanile on the yearbook issue. There is a difference in personal connection.

Mr. Barger shared with the council Joe Grossi from Jostens has been here 4 times this year. Bill has been here 3 times total. Mr. Barger will not be recommending an official senior portrait company. Kids have their own connections and will bring them in for the yearbook.

C. Vendors

Mr. Roberts moved to use LifeTouch for school photos and Jostens for graduation items. Ms Early motion to go with the recommendation seconded by Ms. Carruth all were in favor. LifeTouch and Josten will be the new vendors for VAHS.

2. New Business

A. K-8 Planning

Mr. Barger shared with the council the state is reimbursing us for Rincon Vista Middle School. The district will be building a new K-8 school which will be located between Empire and Cienega. The new school must be completed by October 2013. Ms. Kaiser reported on the new middle school choice. Needs a draw to get kids there. Will open with 475 students.

B. 301 Goals

Mr. Barger provided history on 301 money. The 301 money is back after 4 years with none. District says we have to have two goals, one academic and one on communication. Mr. Barger recommends approving goals as read. Mr. Thomas motion to approve goals as read. Ms. Creasy seconded the motion. Discussion: Mr. Barger shared with the council we have done the observations in the past and it helps to build an appreciation for what other teachers do on campus. This point of observing in another area of the campus. You see good teaching and gain knowledge to help you learn something. Mr. Roberts

having done it at this school last year it is very worthwhile. Ms. Creasy asked if we are going to make re-teach mandatory. Mr. Barger: yes they would be required to go to intersession or after school tutoring. Mr. Thomas would be nice is once it is instituted it would be nice to come together as a team and come up with some normalized data from the feedback. This would allow you to compare more cleanly the next year after that. This would allow the comment categories to get smarter as the years go on. Mr. Roberts motioned all approved.

Adjournment: Ms. Creasy motioned to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Mrs. Wilson meeting was adjourned 6:39pm.

CONSENT

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 VA HS Date Dec 10th 2012 (Monday)
Teacher/Sponsor Kelly Thompson Grade K-5 # of Passengers 175
Telephone # 520-840-0260 cell Number of Wheelchair Restraints if Needed 0
Destination Vail Theater of the Arts
Address Empire H.S. campus
Purpose of Trip dress rehearsal for musical
Lunch _____

Date of Trip 12.10.12
Departure Time ~~8:00~~ 8:00
Arrival Time ~~8:15~~ 8:15
Return to Bus Time 11:00
Return to School Time 11:15

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

Trip Approval Receipt 11/2/12 05937

Teacher / Sponsor	
Complete this section for prompt reply	
School	<u>VA HS</u>
Teacher	<u>Kelly Thompson</u>
Date of Trip	<u>12.10.12</u>
Destination	<u>Vail Theater of the Arts</u>
Departure/Return Time	<u>8:00 / 11:15</u>

School Administrator complete this Section	
Administrator Approval	Date _____
Signature	_____
Site Council Approval	Date _____

Transportation Approval Date _____
Signature _____

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Teacher/ Sponsor Please Complete the Information Below

Pick-up location/school VAHS Date 12.10.12
Teacher/Sponsor Kelly Thompson Grade MS # of Passengers 27
Telephone # 520-840-0260 cell Number of Wheelchair Restraints if Needed 0
Destination Vail Theater of the Arts

Address Empire High School Campus
Purpose of Trip dress rehearsal

Lunch ✓
Date of Trip 12.10.12
Departure Time 11:30
Arrival Time 11:45
Return to Bus Time 1:15
Return to School Time 1:30

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

Trip Approval Receipt

05938 12/10

Teacher / Sponsor	
Complete this section for prompt reply	
School	<u>VAHS</u>
Teacher	<u>Kelly Thompson</u>
Date of Trip	<u>12.10.12</u>
Destination	<u>VTO TA</u>
Departure/Return Time	<u>11:30/1:30</u>

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

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Teacher/ Sponsor Please Complete the Information Below

Pick-up location/school PHS Date 11/19/12

Teacher/Sponsor TRIC ELLIS Grade 7-12 # of Passengers _____

Telephone # (505) 479 1927 Number of Wheelchair Restraints if Needed -

Destination FBI/IA LEX CONFERENCE

PHOENIX ARIZONA

Address _____

Purpose of Trip FBI/IA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

US Airway Area

Lunch _____

Date of Trip January 21, 13

Departure Time 8:00 AM

Arrival Time _____

Return to Bus Time 12 am

Return to School Time _____

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	_____

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Teacher/ Sponsor Please Complete the Information Below

Pick-up location/school Vail Academy High School / Date Oct 26, 2010
 Teacher/Sponsor Tricia Kaporoff Grade 10 # of Passengers 25 = 28
 Telephone # 879-1905 Number of Wheelchair Restraints if Needed 0
 Destination Anaheim California + San Diego

Address _____

Purpose of Trip Sponsor trip

Lunch _____

Date of Trip 3/17/13

Departure Time 7:00 AM

Arrival Time _____

return
3/23/12

Return to Bus Time 8:00 PM

Return to School Time 8:00 PM

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

Trip Approval Receipt

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<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 _____

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Teacher/ Sponsor Please Complete the Information Below

Pick-up location/school Walt Academy/and H S Date Nov. 30, 2012
Teacher/Sponsor MR. FRAUSCH Grade 11 # of Passengers 12
Telephone # 760-5978 Number of Wheelchair Restraints if Needed 0
Destination PARK PLACE Century 20 Cinema

Address 5870 East Broadway Boulevard TUCSON AZ
Purpose of Trip STUDENT will view the Movie Lincoln

Lunch _____

Date of Trip Nov. 30, 2012

Departure Time 10:00 AM

Arrival Time 10:30 AM

Return to Bus Time 1:30

Return to School Time 2:00

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: _____

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Teacher/ Sponsor Please Complete the Information Below

Pick-up location/school _____ Date _____
Teacher/Sponsor _____ Grade _____ # of Passengers _____
Telephone # _____ Number of Wheelchair Restraints if Needed _____
Destination _____
Address _____
Purpose of Trip _____
Lunch _____

Date of Trip _____
Departure Time _____
Arrival Time _____
Return to Bus Time _____
Return to School Time _____

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 _____

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Teacher/ Sponsor Please Complete the Information Below

Pick-up location/school VAMS Date 12/2/10

Teacher/Sponsor Bryan Frankel Grade HS # of Passengers 13

Telephone # 819-1923 Number of Wheelchair Restraints if Needed 1

Destination Field Trip

Address 222nd St.

Purpose of Trip Cancer Run

Lunch _____

Date of Trip 12/2/10

Departure Time 7:00

Arrival Time 7:30

Return to Bus Time 5:00pm

Return to School Time 5:30pm

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

Trip Approval Receipt 05985

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	_____

OLD BUSINESS

PowerSchool

Enrollment Summary: Vail Academy & High School Scheduling/Reporting Ethnicity as of 11/19/2012 (A)

View: Scheduling/Reporting Ethnicity Students: All Active Enrollments Current Selection Date: 11/19/2012 (MM/DD/YYYY)

Scheduling/Reporting Ethnicity as of 11/19/2012 (A)

Grade Level	Total in Grade	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black or African-American	Hispanic or Latino	American Indian	White (Not Hispanic)	Unclassified
0	22 12/	24 9/	0 0/	4 2/	0 0/	18 12/	0 0/
1	27 13/	27 1/	0 0/	4 2/	0 0/	21 1/	0 0/
2	27 29/	27 1/	0 0/	3 3/	0 0/	23 16/	0 0/
3	27 15/	27 1/	1 1/	10 5/	0 0/	15 7/	0 0/
4	28 13/	28 2/	1 0/	5 2/	0 0/	19 9/	0 0/
5	28 5/	28 1/	1 1/	2 2/	0 0/	22 11/	0 0/
6	50 4/	56 3/	2 1/	9 4/	0 0/	35 20/	0 0/
7	56 27/	58 0/	2 1/	7 4/	0 0/	46 22/	0 0/
8	53 32/	58 0/	3 0/	13 9/	0 0/	36 23/	0 0/
9	46 25/	4 1/	0 0/	9 6/	1 1/	32 15/	0 0/
10	43 22/	1 0/	1 0/	8 3/	0 0/	33 19/	0 0/
11	34 23/	2 1/	1 0/	6 5/	1 1/	24 15/	0 0/
12	34 13/	0 0/	2 0/	7 4/	0 0/	25 12/	0 0/
Total	475 267/	23 11/	14 4/	87 53/	2 2/	349 177/	0 0/

The Scheduling/Reporting Ethnicity view displays student ethnicity data that is used in scheduling and preconfigured reporting. See the help for more information.

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TRANSFER APPLICATION

I, _____, am requesting a transfer for my child(ren):

Name _____ Grade _____ Next School _____

Name _____ Grade _____ Next School _____

Name _____ Grade _____ Next School _____

Name _____ Grade _____ Next School _____

Transfer requests shall be completed by the end of March to afford Vail families the opportunity to select the best school site for their children. With the school district providing families the opportunity to ~~pick between~~ schools, families are expected to support the district and comply with all deadlines. When families miss the deadline or change their mind and wish to leave Vail Academy and High School after the deadline for another school in the Vail School District, they will be subject to a ~~processing~~ fee for each student of \$25.00.
in Administrative

Transfers will be handled on a first come first serve basis, provided ~~that~~ the receiving school has room for the transferring student.
X

Reason for transfer: _____

parent signature _____ *Date* _____

Application received: Date _____ Time _____ Staff member _____

Counselor Notes: _____

Administrator Notes: _____

APPROVED or DENIED Date _____ Signature _____

Late Transfer Requests

Students and parents are expected to comply with the transfer deadline established by the Vail School District for students wishing to transfer between district schools. This deadline will occur several weeks after the high school enrollment deadline in the first half of March. Parents will be notified of this date at the time they are offered an enrollment spot at Vail Academy and High School (VAHS). Once students have been notified of which schools they may enroll the next year, they are expected to make a decision and honor that decision for the first semester of the next school year.

Students who miss the deadline, who change their mind after identifying Vail Academy and High School as their school of choice, or who wish to make a mid-semester transfer during their first semester at VAHS will be charged at \$25 processing fee and be required to fill out a transfer application. **Transfers** will be addressed with an effort to balance numbers at each of the district's schools and **may or may not be granted** based on the grade level of the student and the number of students enrolled in those grades at both VAHS and the potential receiving school.

The transfer request fee will not be refunded.

NEW BUSINESS

DISTINCTION POINTS

For the purpose of determining the grade point average of students attending VAHS, the following scale will be issued: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, and F=0.

Vail High School recognizes that some courses are designed to be more challenging; however, we will not have a traditional weighted grade formula. Through Honors, Advanced Placement, and Dual Enrollment, students can have accelerated opportunities with a chance to benefit their GPA. Students enrolled in accelerated courses will have their GPAs calculated as all students' grades are done. However, students who are enrolled in these courses will be given "Distinction Points" if they earned an A, B, or C in the class. The 'Distinction Points' are as follows:

Honors/Dual Enrollment	.03
Advanced Placement	.05

Below find two sample students enrolled in the same courses. Student #1 has weighted grades and student #2 has regular grades with distinction points.

Student # 1	Student # 2
Math (H) 4.03	Math (H) 4.0 + .03
English (H) 4.03	English (H) 4.0 + .03
PE 4.00	PE 4.0
Art 4.00	Art 4.0
History (AP) 4.05	History (AP) 4.0 + .05
Biology (AP) 4.05	Biology (AP) 4.0 + .05
24.16 / 6 = 4.026	24 / 6 + .16 = 4.16

Students who transfer from another school will have their GPA determined using VAHS guidelines. The sending school also must list on the transcript, in the course name, designations such as Advanced Placement or Honors to receive consideration for distinction points.

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. **Beginning with the class of 2013, students are expected to have completed at least 4 semesters (including their final 2) of high school credits while enrolled at Vail Academy and High School to be considered for Valedictorian and/or Salutatorian. Full-time means that students are taking a minimum of 4 classes at VAHS, not including on-line courses.**

All requests for class rankings will be determined using distinction points unless a college specifically asks for an un-weighted ranking. Official transcripts will display both un-weighted and distinction GPAs and rankings.

18 YEAR OLD STATEMENT

The Vail School District's Mission Statement is to provide parents with safe and nurturing environments for their children. This does not end when a student reaches the age of 18. The school will continue to communicate with parents until such time as an adult student provides evidence that they are living independently on their own. At such time the school will notify parents of its intent to work solely with the student, if the student has made such a request in writing.

Books to Board Fall 2012

The Power of One, Bryce Courtenay (940L)

Summary: When his mother suffers from a nervous breakdown, five-year-old Peekay is sent to a tiny rural Afrikaans boarding school. He is severely bullied and teased for being English (anti-English sentiment was widespread amongst Afrikaners because of atrocities committed by the English against Boer women and children). Peekay is especially bullied by "the Judge", a cruel, avid Nazi supporter and the oldest student. At the end of the year, traumatized from his experiences, Peekay is informed that he will not be returning to the farm, rather, he will be going to the East Transvaal town of Barberton, where his grandfather lives after the outbreak of Newcastle disease on his previous home.

On the train to Barberton, Peekay befriends Hoppie Groenewald, a guard. During Peekay's short train trip Groenewald shares his love of boxing with Peekay. After Hoppie Groenewald wins a boxing match, Peekay is mesmerized with the sport and vows to become the welterweight champion of the world. Over the course of his childhood and young adulthood in Barberton, Peekay encounters numerous friends. The first being a German professor of music, Prof. Karl von Vollesteen, who instills in him a love of knowledge. Part of the way through the professor is imprisoned for being an unregistered foreigner. While spending time with Doc in prison Peekay meets and befriends Geel Piet, a coloured South African whom starts Peekay's formal boxing training. Through his friendship with Geel Piet, and with the incite of the Professor, Peekay begins to see the injustice of apartheid South Africa. During the years the Professor is in prison Peekay enlist the aid of the local librarian and his teacher and they begin to provide aid for the prisoners and prisoner's families, including writing letters for the prisoners. One night Peekay discovers Geel Piet has been murdered in the boxing gym by the warden.

Book Two of the novel describes Peekay's experiences at the Prince of Wales school. He quickly partners up with the son of a Jewish multimillionaire, Morrie Levy. Peekay and Morrie take the school by storm - Peekay's boxing talent reforms the pathetic Prince of Wales boxing team, and Hymie becomes Peekay's manager. Soon the two boys have a lucrative gambling business set up, as well as all kinds of other "scams" which bring in enough money for Peekay to begin boxing lessons with South Africa's top coach, Solly Goldman. Peekay becomes a stranger to failure, excelling at boxing, rugby, and academics. However, he must face Doc's death towards the end of his school career as well as the disappointment of not winning a Rhodes scholarship to attend Oxford University.

Book Three traces Peekay's life in Northern Rhodesia (present-day Zambia) where he takes on a dangerous (but lucrative) job as a "grizzly man" in the mines in order to build up his body for his boxing, and to earn enough money to pay his way through three years at Oxford. He forms a close friendship with a Russian miner, named Rasputin, who eventually saves Peekay during a mining catastrophe, dying in the process. Peekay recovers but, before leaving the mines, he discovers that he has been working for his old nemesis, Jaapie Botha, previously known as "the Judge" when he encounters his diamond-driller at the local crud bar. He then brutally beats "the Judge" and exacts his revenge. The novel concludes with Peekay leaving Northern Rhodesia no longer lonely and empowered within himself.

Hotspots: Violence, Language

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, Rebecca Skloot (1140L)

In 1951 a poor young black woman, Henrietta Lacks, was diagnosed with cervical cancer