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September 14, 2015
VAHS Site Council Minutes

Members Present:

Mrs. Betty Biswell
Ms. Christine Creasy
Mr. Mike Melton
Mrs. Kathy Gately
Mrs. Linda Feehs
Mrs. Mea Santiesteban
Mrs. Gina De La Ossa
Mr. Austin LeBlanc

Members Absent:

Mr. Ed Kestler

Also in Attendance:

Mr. Dennis Barger
Mr. Michael Fester

Mr. Melton called the meeting of the VAHS Site Council to order at 4:48 pm.

Minutes Motion made by Ms. Creasy, seconded by Mrs. Santiesteban. Minutes were approved.

Administrative Reports: Mr. Barger reported: that PTSA was working with the school to make sure the book fair was successful and that Friday night would be movie night; that benchmarks were in full swing for the first quarter; that for the first time ever the district was making an effort to unite and connect members from the districts many parent organizations (PTSA and boosters); and finally that Mary Anne Cleveland was present to speak with the council regarding issues on the upcoming bond.

Call to the Public: Mary Anne Cleveland asked to address the council regarding the upcoming county bond election. She provided information handouts and answered questions. If all of the bonds passed the average Pima County homeowner would pay approximately \$1.50 more in taxes per month.

Recognitions: Mr. Barger made the following recognitions:

The Middle School football team for persevering through their early years (in their first three seasons they were 3-23, they are currently 4-1); and the PTSA for their efforts in supporting staff and being involved in making VAHS a better place (library, bleachers, mascot, Gaslight Theatre, book fair, etc.). Mrs. Santiesteban recognized Ms. Parker, our SAT, for her organization and planning on the first round of benchmarks.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Mrs. Gately, seconded by Mrs. Biswell, all items were approved.

Old Business:

- A. Enrollment Summary** - Mr. Barger presented a copy of the enrollment summary to site council and explained target numbers and enrollment caps. No action taken as this was an inform item.
- B. 20301 Goals**– Mr. Barger presented 301 goals for the 2015-2016 school year to the council. Motion to approve by Mrs. Creasy, seconded by Mrs. Santiesteban. During discussion the council decided to amend Mr. Barger’s recommendation and the motion was withdrawn. A new motion with the amended language was made by Mrs. Creasy and seconded by Mrs. Gately, new motion was approved unanimously. Goal one focused on Benchmark and Formative scores for some teachers and reading goals for the rest, and the second goal was about ‘good news’ cards.
- A. Book Review Committee** – Mr. Barger presented a copy of the books be considered by the Vail School District Governing Board to approve for the high school reading list and the process was explained. No action taken as this was an inform item.
- B. 2016-2017 Calendar** – Mr. Barger presented the site council the current versions of the different Vail School District calendars focusing the primary difference on the fall break (2 weeks vs. 3 weeks). The council discussed the pros and cons of each. No vote was taken but consensus was for us to keep a two-week fall break. No action taken as this was an inform item.
- C. Vendors** – Mr. Barger reminded the council that they had the authority to approve vendors for items like photography, caps and gowns, yearbooks, etc. Current practice has been only to look for new vendors when either we are dissatisfied or when new vendors request to become our sole partner. At this time neither is the case so no action was taken. This was a study item.

Adjournment – Mrs. Gately moved, seconded by Mrs. Creasy. Meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm.