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November 16, 2015
VAHS Site Council Minutes

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mrs. Mea Santiesteban

Also in Attendance:

Mr. Dennis Barger
Mr. Michael Fester

Mr. Melton called the meeting of the VAHS Site Council to order at 4:51 pm.

Minutes Motion to approve made by Mr. Kestler, seconded by Mrs. Gately. Minutes were approved.

Administrative Reports: Mr. Barger reported: on the outcome of the chess season, with VAHS finishing 2nd in the region, which is the highest result so far; AzMerit score are in and will become public at the end of November; and the girls' high school basketball team finished with their second consecutive title including a playoff run that avenged all three of their season defeats and beating a team that was 14-0 in the finals!

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:

PTSA's read-a-thon exceeded their goal of \$2,500 by bringing in well over \$3,000 and perhaps more may trickle in; that the state of Arizona has recently nominated five US Presidential Scholars in Career and Technical Education, and VAHS has two of them: Remy Knauer and Courtney Barger; and finally the VAHS MS football team for an excellent season, making it all the way to the championship game this season after a combine 3-23 record the previous three seasons.

Mr. Fester recognized Mr. Michael Cannon for planning a family field trip on the Veteran's Day holiday to Pima Air and Space Museum. A group of over 40 people came out and were lead on a tour by Mr. Cannon.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Mr. Kestler, seconded by Mrs. Gately, 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. **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). He indicated the Board will be asked to vote in favor of retaining a K-8 and HS calendar. No action taken as this was an inform item.

New Business:

- A. **Vail Parent Network** – Mr. Barger informed the council of the formation of the Vail Parent Network. He informed them that the VPN was presenting at all of the schools with the intent of gaining parent interest in the funding of public schools in the state of Arizona and the need for teacher retention. No action taken as this was an inform item.
- B. **VAHS 2016-17 Enrollment** – Mr. Barger reminded the site council that each year they are responsible for setting the enrollment number for the next school year. A discussion was had about the districts ending of open enrollment for regular high schools in Vail, and what that might mean for VAHS in the future. No action was taken as this was a study item.
- C. **VAHS Charter Amendment** – A copy of the enrollment rules in the VAHS Charter was distributed. A discussion occurred about adding a category to the priority enrollment list that would give preference to current in district 8th graders who would not be remaining in the district with open enrollment ending for high school students. The group identified would have their own lottery group after the Vail residents, but before the first come first serve out of district students. No action was taken as this was a study item.
- D. **VAHS Charter Amendment** - Mr. Barger recommended that the VAHS Site Council approve a change to its charter, which would be forwarded on to the Vail School District Governing Board for final approval. The change would add a category to the priority enrollment list in the charter, that would give preference to out of district students who are currently enrolled in another Vail school's 8th grade. A motion was made by Mrs. Creasy, seconded by Mr. Kestler. The motion passed.

Adjournment – Mrs. Feehs moved, seconded by Mr. Kestler. Meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm.