



MOUNTAIN SKY SITE COUNCIL

Site Council Meeting Agenda – April 3, 2018 5:30 p.m., Library

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Attending: Perry Mason, Karen Huttenmeyer, Ellen Kreamer, Brianne Roth, Bob Shockley, and John Mospan. Absent: Mary Ashley, Amy Mehr, Christie Parker, Erica Smith, and Kelly White.

1.0 Opening Comments

1.1 Review of Program – Journalism, Anna Davis

Mr. Mason gave us a history of the Journalism program, specifically that interest in the class has grown tremendously over the last 2 years. Journalism has received a lot of grant support, e.g., Kia Motors and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Ms. Davis talked about the class content. For example, she trains students how to interview and write articles. The newspaper has branched out to work with the Moon Valley Tattler; there is an article from Journalism students in each edition of the Tattler. Students have also created a webpage (“The Wingspan”). One example is a student’s article – “Mountain Sky Goes Full STEAM Ahead!” was highlighted by the state’s CSforAZ Newsletter and later published by the Tattler as well. The class has also worked with KTAR and ASU on broadcast journalism (e.g., podcasts). Ms. Huttenmeyer suggested collaborating with Mr. Pemberton’s art class to further support this goal. Ms. Davis then previewed the Mountain Sky yearbook. There were over 9,000 pictures for the yearbook and there were many tough cuts. Thankfully, the yearbook will utilize a digital portfolio that students will be able to access after purchasing (so that students can access all 9,000 pictures as well as videos from throughout the year).

2.0 Review minutes from meeting: Typo noticed regarding 8th grade promotion – for item 5.0, Bob discussed the celebration before promotion (not after).

Karen Huttenmeyer moved to accept the minutes from the last meeting, with the above noted change. Brianne Roth seconded, all agreed.

3.0 Old business

3.1 Cell Tower considerations:

3.1.1 None at this time

Mr. Mason updated us on the “Hall of History” and how he is looking to finally find a carpenter to build this “Hall”. The Cell Tower is actually moving, as Verizon wants to put a newer tower up in the back fields (one tower and one real palm tree) to provide upgraded service and encourage more customers to use that specific tower. Verizon is allowing us to keep the existing cell tower (i.e., the flagpole). There should be no change, financially, with this new tower.

3.2 Undesignated Tax Credit

3.3 EAGLE Award – No nominations at this time.

Earns respect by respecting others first

Acts on initiative

Goes the extra mile

Leads when a leader is needed, follows when others need to lead

Encourages others to fly

Governing Board: Bill Adams, President ● Larry Herrera, Vice President
Aaron Jahneke, Member ● Tee Lambert, Member ● Nikkie Whaley, Member

Dr. Paul Stanton, Superintendent

4.0 *New business*

4.1 *Staffing – Mountain Sky will have a few new teachers next year. Dr. Hobbs is retiring and a former Mountain Sky student, Morgan Kerley, will be the new Advanced Science teacher next year. Two more new teachers – Nicole Gorman will be teaching 7th grade math and Maldi Terry will be teaching 8th grade Language Arts. The school is still looking for a part-time special education teacher.*

4.2 *Bond Work – The bathrooms were renovated last summer as part of the bond work. Everything came out great except for the floor; the epoxy grout has not looked right ever since it was applied. It is a relatively new product and seems to have been installed incorrectly. The company has come in over Fall Break, Winter Break, and Spring Break to try to fix it. There are still coloration issues and it is not clear how the company plans on further addressing the concerns. Further bond work includes replacing the portable classrooms and securing the campus. The district is beginning the process of planning this work.*

4.3 *Summer School – All summer school is fee-based as a result of the 21st Century grant being completed last year. Summer school will be in June.*

5.0 *Parent/member/visitors comments:*

Karen Huttenmeyer asked about the planned lockdown. It was done in the morning earlier in the month, between 1st and 2nd periods. It largely went well, but there was a group of boys that were loud in the bathrooms and were a concern. Most students got into class within the first 20 seconds. Students primarily went to bathrooms or classrooms (no surprising locations). The intercom system was hard to hear so options to address this are being considered (e.g., using the fire alarms).

Mr. Mason mentioned the National Walk Out from March 14. Students did a very good job; they were respectful and dead silent for 17 minutes. They returned to class then and went right back to work.

Karen Huttenmeyer asked about the “RedForEd” movement. Teachers at Mountain Sky seem to be supporting the movement but also being respectful of district guidelines and expectations.

Ellen Kreamer asked about whether a new bond would be voted upon in November. The district request voters to approve a bond last November (2017) and thus no new requests for this upcoming November (2018). The previous bond will cover many technology requests (e.g., buying Chromebooks to be at a 1:3 ratio).

6.0 *Meeting adjourn:*

Karen Huttenmeyer moved to adjourn, Brianne Roth seconded.