



MOUNTAIN SKY SITE COUNCIL

Site Council Meeting Agenda – February 6, 2018 5:30 p.m., Library

Mountain Sky Site Council Meetings are open to the public. This meeting is authorized and consistent with A.R.S. Sec. 38-431.02. Notices as required have been appropriately posted. Comments from visitors are welcome and can be shared during the parent/visitor portion of the agenda.

Attending: Perry Mason, Mary Ashley, Bob Shockley, Christie Parker, John Mospan, Erica Smith (Scribe) Karen Huttenmeyer, Ellen Kreamer, Amy Mehr, and Brianne Roth. **Absent:** Kelly White, due to Wizard of Oz Practice. **Guest:** Elizabeth Coleman, 8th grade Math Teacher

1.0 Opening Comments

1.1 *Review of Process – Math Department: Elizabeth Coleman gave inductive math lesson CMDP, discussing and building trusses, as an example. Adding extensions, predictions and other solving strategies. The purpose of the inquiry is to have a solid foundation of solving numbers.*

2.0 Review minutes from meeting

Mary Ashley moved to accept the minutes from the last meeting, Christie Parker seconded, all agreed.

3.0 Old business

3.1 Cell Tower considerations:

3.1.1 *None at this time*

3.2 Undesignated Tax Credit

3.3 **EAGLE Award** – Carmen Jimenez, nominated by Mary Ashley. Office Technician. Community of Caring, sewing, cards, set up for events, fixes copies, trims rose bushes, curtains, baby blankets. Seconded by Bob Shockley, all agreed.

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

4.0 New business

4.1 *Staffing: Music rumors: Perry discussed WESD financial position and impact on staffing. Example: 1.0 FTE for general (exploratory type) music, 0.5 staff for band/strings, etc. between schools. Hard to get staffing for the 0.5 staff members. Elementary may move to a Gen Music model and then others as after school opportunities. May create less need at the Middle School level. Would the programs stay viable, and need for staffing. Mountain Sky kids that are fed in are experienced from feeder schools. Just not very many kids to join a performance group. Recruiting happens once they are here, just not a high interest coming in. The goal is to give kids the rotating music/instrument experience to explore, keeping within the confines of the budget. Discussed personal experiences with council members' own children - the pros and cons of music education, and strings/band. There will be impact, just unsure what that will look like.*

4.2 *Staffing for schools: How staffing is determined: Handout. Collected student enrollment on 45th and 100th day of school in attempts to predict for next year. ELA 32:1 (Elementary model) student to teacher ratio. Mountain Sky for staffing will be a “no change” school. May gain 0.2 staffing. Prediction is 34:1. Discussion of inclusion classes and READ180 change to intervention for next year. We have a blended model now. May have to recruit an ELA staff member to change the model. Tough to use an elementary model, when we have teams and block scheduling. Discussed 70 new houses coming to the area, but how many kids will Mountain Sky*

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pull? Demographer predicts 3-4 kids as an average. Currently have 70-80 open enrollment kids at this moment. May have classified reductions, but not certified staff. Will discuss later.

4.3 Upcoming Events –

4.3.1 *Battle Eagle: Flyer handed out: This Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon, for canned food drive. 2nd annual obstacle course, well received by the students last year, Katie Piehl was able to get many gift card donations. Work as a team. Cost is \$20 per person or 15 cans of food.*

4.3.2 *Assembly for Feb 15: Several students went to a GCU conference recently, Stand Up Speak Up, Save A Life. The kids would like to now initiate the creation of a new “Rachel’s Challenge” type program for Mountain Sky. They have invited the same speaker to come and speak to students and staff on this day.*

4.4 *Assessment Testing Day format Testing Schedule Feb. 22: Thanks for last year’s success. Will try again until AZMerit. Any feedback: One student did not have a headache after testing. Another student did not seem to respect the testing environment due to testing in another classroom for testing. Mary Ashley indicated that some of her 7th graders are comfortable with the testing dynamics, as she is an 8th grade teacher.*

4.5 *Capital Expenses to date. Handout: “Capitol 2017-2018 Budget” Items like necessary desks, document cams in rooms that cannot have smartboards, tables, literature, white boards, and a projector. One more request: Hot plates for science department. Process is that staff will send requests to Principal <\$1,000 and >\$1,000 go to site council/planning and steering. School marquee is not working today, but has been working okay. \$35,000 to replace the marquee...will be hard to justify the dollars.*

5.0 *Parent/member/visitors comments: Brianne Roth discussed dangers of dismissal traffic in the intersection where busses come into the bus parking lot, parents trying to get into the parent pickup area and cars who are going north on 7th avenue. Minor collisions of cars, worried that kids will be hit. Perry discussed that we have used staff in the pass to direct traffic, city stopped that – they can only stop traffic in crosswalks. Perry has talked with the HOA to discuss solutions or new ideas. Indicated when we get closer to the bond, we can possibly change the flow of bus traffic. This month’s newsletter addressed parents and safety thoughts going forward. Increase in pick up traffic the last couple of years. Busses leave at 4:06 p.m. each normal release day. 15 minute window of heavy traffic. Perry addressed the bussing fleet and how they rotate through schools in three tiers. SpEd runs, Mckinney-Vento kids, etc. Ms. Roth would like a call made to the district transportation. No other comments.*

6.0 *Meeting adjourn: Bob Shockley moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mary Ashley. Adjourned.*