



MOUNTAIN SKY SITE COUNCIL

Site Council Meeting Agenda – October 4, 2016, 5:30 p.m., Library

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In attendance: Ellen Kreamer, Jolene Madrid, Melanie Hull, Erica Smith, Chris Beams, Bob Shockley, Mary Ashley (for Megan Zak), Jodie Goodwin, John Mospan, and Perry Mason.

1.0 *Opening Comments*

1.1 *Comments from the facilitator: Opening Comments, introductions* It was noted that Mr. Murphy was at the Soccer game and Christie Parker had personal business as noted prior to the meeting.

1.2 *Departmental/Programmatic Review: None this week*

1.3 *Special Guest: David Velasquez, WESD Director of Budget and Finance*

Each district is provided capital funds based on a state formula. Since 2009 the WESD has not received \$50 million dollars from the state, which should have been allocated by that formula. Currently the WESD operates on 15% of what is prescribed in state law. What should be \$450.00 per student has been reduced to \$67.00 per students. The state reasons that it is doing this to “balance the budget”.

As a response the district has two options: 1. Wait for better days when the State allocations are better and put off needed improvements, repairs, and needs. 2. Go to the local tax payers to approve a bond to meet the needed expenditures. The WESD hired a consultant group to assess the district facilitates and infrastructure needs. It was determined that there were \$150 million which would be needed over the next 5 years. They came up with a 7 year plan based on selling bonds for \$12 million a year.

Mountain Sky would be receiving new classroom technology and infrastructure, stage and sound equipment, new construction to replace portables, and roofing. As a district, all students will benefit from replacing old buses, A/C units, and surveillance systems.

The district works to space out the selling of bonds, so that the tax rate never exceeds current levels and may even decrease.

2.0 *Review minutes from meeting*

Minutes were approved as presented.

3.0 *Old business*

3.1 *Changes to handbook*

There were no proposed changes to the handbook. The handbook was approved unanimously.

3.2 *School Structures*

Mr. Mason presented an item left over from the previous meeting which shows the priorities of the school and how we structure our work and priorities. It was noted that all parts flow from the Site Council and that we are a public entity, which serves our community.

3.3 *Cell Tower considerations:*

3.3.1 *Signs*

An quote for new school signs was presented. The quote was almost \$2000.00 less than another company but was better quality. We are currently waiting on adjusting the size of a few large school signs, which will increase the amount. It was proposed, seconded, and approved that \$3000.00 be allocated towards the

signs. If the amount was to be more than that, it was agreed that it would go out the council for approval.

3.3.2 *Counter for office*

Previously allocated cell tower money for the addition of a new office counter was reviewed. The counter will be installed on Tuesday during Fall Break.

3.4 *Undesignated Tax Credit*

There were no requests for undesignated tax credit dollars, but there was a discussion about the Junior Achievement field trip and curriculum which is being planned and paid for through Washington Education Foundation grant money, field trip fees, and possibly undesignated tax credit. Once we know if there is a needs to pay any remaining balance for the program, Site Council will be asked to consider allocating undesignated tax credit.

3.5 *EAGLE Award – For their efforts on the Love Our Schools Day, it was moved, seconded, and approved that the North Hills Church receive the EAGLE award.*

Earns respect by respecting others fist

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:* **We have a resignation of an evening custodian Arturo Felix. We will be posting the position. We are also still short a crossing guard.**

4.2 *Love Our Schools:* **On Saturday, October 1, volunteers from over 300 faith based organizations volunteered in schools across the valley. Mountain Sky was joined by North Hills Church members who came to paint the Greenway Block Fence, the courtyard railings, and 5 carpenters who built an outdoor movie screen which doubles and a picture backdrop. All told there were about 70 students, teachers, and community members at the event.**

4.3 *Kiwanis Walk-A-Thon* **On October 22, the WESD will be joining the Kiwanis walk-a-thon at Metro Center as a culminating event after the change drive. The funds go to afterschool classes.**

4.4 *Parent Teacher Conferences* **October 26-27 A reminder was made about Parent teacher Conferences and how they are structured.**

5.0 *Parent/member comments:*

There were no comments, except an offering of good luck to Mr. Shockley's volleyball team in the District Championship.

6.0 *Meeting adjourn:*

6:37 p.m.