

VAIL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #20
Vail, Arizona

School Site Council
Esmond Station School

Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 26th, 2020 – 3:45 pm
Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Lainie Kitzmiller, Herbert Yee, Marcia Johnson, Kara Talley, Jen Anderson, Kelly Nieto, Rebecca Carrier, Adrienne Ordaz, and Linda Slade.

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Yee called the meeting to order at 3:47 p.m.
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Approval of Minutes: Ms. Slade motioned to approve, Ms. Anderson seconded the motion, the minutes were approved.
 - C. Member Reports
 - Member Reports- none
 - Administrative Report- none
 - D. Call to the Public- none
 - E. Acknowledgement of Public Requests to Speak- none
 - F. Staff, Student, and Community Recognition

Mrs. Ordaz recognized Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Kitzmiller because they are making things as easy as possible for the teachers during this unexpected transition due to the school closure. Not knowing how to plan is hard for teachers, so she appreciates the guidance and support on how to plan for this.

Mrs. Carrier recognized all of the teachers for reaching out to families, both educationally and socially. She talked about how Mrs. Robert's class held a Zoom meeting and spent time just letting the kids play and have fun interacting.

Mr. Yee seconded Mrs. Carrier's comment, and mentioned that Mrs. Morrison held a meeting that was scheduled for an hour and let the students stay on for an hour and a half because they were having so much fun.

Mrs. Kitzmiller recognized all of the teachers and staff at Esmond Station. They jumped right into planning for virtual schooling before their Spring Break even ended. Their ability to jump in with effective team planning, parent and family communication in addition to learning new technology skills in a seamless fashion is what makes Esmond Station such a special place. I appreciate all of our staff for their ability to continue to do what is best for kids, even in unimaginable an situation. The positivity that they have spread, even through a

very tough situation, is inspiring. She also recognized Mrs. Brazzell specifically for her work with making sure the technology is there for teachers and students to use.

Mrs. Nieto recognized Mrs. Bullington and Mrs. Frericks for taking time to talk to students, and all teachers for reaching out to the students to help them feel confident and connected.

2. Consent Agenda

A. Tax Credit Usage

ACTION

Mrs. Kitzmiller will seek approval from the site council to use Greatest Needs tax credit dollars to purchase tables for the kindergarten classrooms, and chrome books for middle school students.

Mrs. Nieto motioned to approve the chrome book purchase, Ms. Johnson seconded the motion, the chrome books and cart for chrome books were approved.

Mrs. Nieto motioned to approve the purchase of 6 kinder tables, Ms. Slade seconded the motion, the kindergarten table purchase was approved.

3. Old Business

A. Staff & Enrollment

INFORM

Mrs. Kitzmiller will update the Council on current staff and student enrollment at Esmond.

We have had a couple of families move in over the break.

Ms. Diane from the front office has accepted a position as the office manager at VIP. She will be greatly missed at Esmond. Kristine Knox is the new office clerk at Esmond, and we are excited to have her join us. Kristine is doing training with Diane during the school closure.

Staffing for next year-

Mr. Bever accepted a teaching position at CHS. A candidate has been interviewed, and is awaiting final board approval before officially being placed in the 7th grade science position.

B. 20/21 Kinder Enrollment

INFORM

Mrs. Kitzmiller will update the council on our kindergarten enrollment for next school year.

During Kinder Express, we took a survey of the families who attended to give us an idea of who we have coming to Esmond next school year. With all of our in bounds students, children of staff members, siblings of current students here

under open enrollment, and current kindergarteners who may be retained, we may potentially have too many students for our 3 classes. We are working to decide the best way to address this situation. Our in boundary students are already enrolling, as well as the children of our staff members. If we don't have any more families move in over the summer, we would be able to accept all of the siblings, as well. If we end up having limited space for siblings, students will be accepted according to the order of when they submitted their open enrollment application. Mrs. Kitzmiller will be reaching out to other administrators within the district to determine the best way to move forward. We will not be taking any in-district transfer students or out of district open enrollments in kindergarten for the 20/21 school year. We do not have space on campus to create another kindergarten classroom.

C. Open Enrollment Policy

INFORM

Mrs. Kitzmiller will clarify information regarding open enrollment that was previously shared with the site council.

After gaining more clarification from the district regarding open enrollment priority, children of staff members have priority over siblings of students who are here under open enrollment.

4. New Business:

A. COVID-19

INFORM

Mrs. Kitzmiller will share the information regarding school closures and the impacts on our school due to COVID-19.

Mrs. Kitzmiller shared the working document that the district is using to guide our district through the different aspects of our unprecedented circumstance. We are currently planning on school resuming after April 10th, but we are also tentatively planning for the event that schools remain closed past that time. Community Programs is still open for parents who continue to need childcare. All of our staff are "on call" and are doing their best to work from home and work at the school as needed and taking the proper precautions while on campus. The district offered guidelines on content and format for students so that the curriculum is consistent across the district. For now, the content is required to be review material for the students. Teachers will not be able to begin teaching new standards until Arizona state laws are revised to allow for that. The middle school format is a little different than K-5.

Right now the district is only cancelling activities that happen between now and April 10th. Our middle school trip was scheduled in a location that is now closed, so that trip will likely need to be cancelled. Mrs. Carson will work with families on that. Money paid into tax credits cannot be refunded, but it can be held at the school for next year or re-designated to other tax credit funds. Any money paid by cash or check (not into tax credits) can be refunded. The 4th grade trip has not been officially cancelled yet; we are pressing pause on making that decision right

now. Our 8th grade team is beginning to make some alternate plans in the event that some of the 8th grade activities get cancelled at the end of the school year.

The district has put a temporary freeze on hiring, as well as rentals at school sites.

5. Agenda Items **INFORM**

Mrs. Kitzmiller would like to talk about advanced math at the next meeting.

6. Next Meeting **ACTION**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 16th at 3:45 p.m.

7. Adjournment **ACTION**

Mrs. Carrier motioned to adjourn, Ms. Slade seconded the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.