

VAIL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #20
Vail, Arizona

School Site Council
Esmond Station School

Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 14, 2020 – 3:45 pm
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Regular Meeting

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

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Yee called the meeting to order at 3:49 p.m.
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Approval of Minutes: Ms. Slade motioned to approve, Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion, the minutes were approved as presented.
 - C. Member Reports
 - Member Reports
 - Administrative Report-

Mrs. Kitzmiller reported that we are in that final stretch of the school year. She wanted to say thank you to the **8th Grade Planning Committee**, Mikel Greene, Tara Finn, Anna Jacobs, Christina Aguiar, Tracie Livingston and Marica Johnson, for having spent the first three quarters of the year developing plan A and then quickly shifting to immersing themselves in creating a best possible plan B for our eighth graders that are promoting. Today they spent hours delivering a gift bag full of surprises and yard signs to each of our 8th graders. I am grateful to them for their passion, commitment and drive to make things special for Esmond 8th graders.

Thank you to the **Kindergarten Team**, Karma Lewis, Kathy King, Debi Wood, Daun Pruett, Cindy Curtis, Liz Maurer, Selina Fontes, Keira Vasey, Gigi Jacobson, Shameema Sayeed for finding ways to celebrate our kinders' successful completion of their first year at Esmond Station. Each class has created an end of the year movie as a celebration, a promotion hat craft and other special treats for their kids.

Mrs. Kitzmiller also recognized all of our Esmond staff for organizing all of our student things, cleaning out desks, taking in chromebooks, and helping out around campus.

- D. Call to the Public- none
- E. Acknowledgement of Public Requests to Speak- none
- F. Staff, Student, and Community Recognition

Mrs. Ordaz recognized the 8th grade committee for working really hard and for taking the time to deliver all of the 8th grade signs and packages to them. Mrs. Ordaz also recognized Cindi Carson and Suzanne Brazzell for making the award videos. Her kids were excited to see their names on there. In addition, Mrs. Ordaz recognized Ms. Maria, our day custodian, for helping her with moving her classroom. No matter what Maria is always there helping everyone without being asked. Finally, Mrs. Ordaz recognized all of the sped paraprofessionals for helping everyone and having zoom meetings with their students.

Ms. Johnson thanked Lainie and all of our Esmond teachers for the communication from Esmond. They've kept everyone in the loop with what's going on.

Mrs. Anderson expressed gratitude for everyone at Esmond and especially for everyone who has served on the site council with her. Mrs. Kitzmiller also thanked everyone for serving on the site council.

2. Consent Agenda

A. 20/21 Fee Schedule

ACTION

Mrs. Kitzmiller will present the 20/21 fee schedule for site council approval.

These are fees that we assume will be happening, depending on how the school year goes. There may be other fees added in August or September as the school year gets going. Ms. Johnson motioned to approve the fee schedule, Ms. Slade and Mrs. Nieto seconded the motion, the fee schedule was approved as presented.

B. EEPs

ACTION

Mrs. Kitzmiller will seek approval from the site council for the 20/21 school year EEPs.

Mrs. Anderson motioned to approve the EEPs, Ms. Johnson seconded the motion, the EEPs were approved as presented.

3. Old Business

A. Staff & Enrollment

INFORM

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

Our student enrollment has stayed pretty much the same. We've had a couple of families moving out. We are fully staffed on teachers for next school year.

Jason Schlauderaff was a 5th grade teacher this year. He had planned to move to Arkansas over the summer, but the pandemic changed his plans. He came back and asked for a job, but we didn't have any at the time. After going over our budget for next year, we had a part time teacher position left, and received approval from the district to add a Technology Teacher position, which will be filled by Mr. Schlauderaff. His class will be for 3rd-8th graders and will be part of the specialist rotation.

We have been doing interviews for the Student Services Coordinator, and have narrowed it down to one candidate after doing two rounds of interviews. The interview panel felt really good about the candidate they chose. The candidate has a background in teaching, but also has a degree in counseling.

B. Calendar

INFORM

Mrs. Kitzmiller will go over important dates for the remainder of the school year.

- May 15-
 - Esmond Seniors who are graduating high school will be parading through our parking lot at 9:45 a.m.
- May 18th-
 - 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Kindergarten belonging pick up (portfolios, promotion certificate, program, book?, promotion hat materials, yearbook and other belongings)
 - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.- 8th grade (return Chromebooks and library books and pick up yearbook and other belongings)
 - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.- 5th grade (return Chromebooks and library books and pick up yearbook, dogtags, AZMerit awards, desk stuff and other belongings)
- May 19th-
 - 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.-6th (return Chromebooks and library books and pick up yearbook, dogtags, AZMerit awards and other belongings)
 - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.- 7th (return Chromebooks and library books and pick up yearbook, dogtags, AZMerit awards and other belongings)
 - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.- 4th grade (return Chromebooks and library books and pick up yearbook, dogtags, AZMerit awards, desk stuff and other belongings)
- May 20th-

- 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. 2nd (return library books and pick up yearbook, dogtags, and other belongings)
- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.- 3rd (return library books and pick up yearbook, dogtags, and other belongings)
- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.- 1st grade (return library books and pick up yearbook, dogtags, and other belongings)
- May 21st-
 - Kinder Promotion Video @ 9:00 a.m.
- May 22nd-
 - 8th Grade Promotion Video, 11:00 a.m.
 - Staff caravan through Mountain Vail Neighborhood, 9:00 a.m

C. COVID-19 Update

INFORM

Mrs. Kitzmiller will update the council regarding the potential impact of COVID-19 on the 20/21 school year.

The district is planning to send out a survey to families within the next couple of weeks to find out how families are feeling about sending their children back on campus. So far, we do not have a clear view on what next school year will look like. Once things in Tucson start open up a little more, we might know more. We also want to consider how our staff is feeling about returning to campus. If we send a survey, we would like it to come from Esmond, not the school district, and that way we can follow up and make sure we know what our student enrollment will look like. From a funding standpoint, we need to make sure we have our school filled to our projected enrollment because that number determines our staffing capabilities. There will be committees over the summer to determine if we need to add hand-washing stations, have extra custodial support, etc.

Mr. Yee said that if the school feels comfortable opening back up, then his family would trust the school's decision and he would send his kids back. Seeing what happens in the community as things open back up will be a good gauge to see what might happen with the schools.

Mrs. Nieto said her kids were concerned about parents sending them back before everything is over. She sees that her children are picking up information from the news, and they are worried about it. Mrs. Nieto feels the same way as Mr. Yee; if the school district feels comfortable opening back up, then she will feel okay with sending her children back to school.

Mrs. Anderson said some kids just aren't going to do well if the schools do not reopen. Some kids are not being taught at home, and she's worried kids will get lost because of that. She is feeling positive about going back, and others that she has spoken with are feeling positive about it, too.

Mrs. Ordaz would feel comfortable going back and sending her own kids, too. Our staff kiddos, and kids of parents who work, often get left to the side as they work from home.

4. Agenda Items

INFORM

Mr. Yee asked who is still on site council for next school year? Mrs. Carrier joined this year so she still has another year to serve. Everyone else has served for at least 2 years, and will need to be re-elected if they would like to continue to serve on the site council. At the beginning of next year, we will hold a vote to elect new site council members.

5. Next Meeting

ACTION

The next meeting will be next school year, and our new council members will decide meeting times.

6. Adjournment

ACTION

Ms. Slade motioned to adjourn, Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.