



Vail School District  
 Vail, Arizona  
 Site Council  
 Vail Academy and High School



**AGENDA**  
 Regular Meeting  
 Monday, December 12, 2011  
 In Room 215 at 4:30 PM

**Regular Meeting**

1. **Call to Order** 4:34  
 A. **Pledge of Allegiance**  
 B. **Approval of Minutes**  
 C. **Reports**  
 \* **Member Reports**  
 \* **Administrative Reports**

**D. Call to the Public**

Consideration and discussion of comments and concerns from the public. Those wishing to address the council as a result of public comment will be limited to the Chairperson directing members to study the matter or rescheduling the matter for future consideration or decision at a later date. Public comments are limited to 3 minutes. (Acknowledgement of Public Requests to Speak) The Council desires viewpoints of Parents/Staff/Students and considers the responsible presentation of the viewpoints to be viable to the efficient operation of the school. Any individual desiring to address the council shall inform the Council at this time. Comments and questions may deal only with topics on the agenda of the meeting.

**E. Recognitions**

Staff, Students, and/or members of the community may be recognized at this time. Special announcements may be presented at this time.

2. **Old Business**

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| A. Enrollment Summary          | INFORM |
| B. 2012 - 2013 School Calendar | INFORM |
| C. 2012-2013 Enrollment        | ACTION |

3. **New Business**

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| A. VAHS Charter Revisions | STUDY |
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4. **Adjournment**

**ACTION**

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 (Date: 12/12/11)



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**ANNOTATED AGENDA**  
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**2. Old Business**

**A. Enrollment Summary**

**INFORM**

**Background:**

**Mr. Barger will present the council with enrollment summary.**

**Recommendation:**

**None at this time, this is an informational item only.**

**B. 2012-2013 Calendar**

**INFORM**

**Background:**

**Mr. Barger will present to the council the approved calendar for the 2012-2013 school year.**

**Recommendation:**

**None at this time, this is a inform item only.**

**C. 2012-2013 Enrollment**

**ACTION**

**Background:**

**Mr. Barger will present to the council a recommendation for enrollment numbers for the 2012-2013 school year.**

**Recommendation:**

**That the council approve the numbers as presented.**

**3. New Business**

**A. VAHS Charter Revisions**

**STUDY**

**Background:**

**Mr. Barger will present to the council the revision for the VAHS Charter.**

**Recommendation:**

**None at this time, this is a study item only.**

**4. Adjournment**

Regular Meeting  
Monday, November 14, 2011pm

**1. Call to Order**

Mrs. Gundry called the meeting to order at 4:37 pm

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge was led by Mrs. Gundry

**B. Members Present**

Mrs. Gundry  
Mrs. Smith  
Mrs. Whitlow  
Ms. Creasy  
Mrs. Justen  
Mrs. Gately  
Ms Witzen

**C. Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Mrs. Gately second by Mrs. Justen all were in favor. Minutes were approved with correction on line 6 of Administrative Reports to add "for students for the quarter" and under recognitions line 1 to read "her" and not "here".

**D. Reports**

Member Reports  
No member reports

**Administrative Reports**

Mr. Barger shared with the council that VAHS has the opportunity to work the Book Fair this year at Vail Pride Day. In the past Cottonwood has ran the book fair and this year they have given it to VAHS. This is a great way to earn money for VAHS. Also, Mr. Barger shared that we are bringing back Field Day for the high school students. In the past Vail High School would have a field day the day before Thanksgiving break. The student's would be bused out to the rec. center where we would bar-b-que, play games and then the students would be bused back to school at the end of the day to gather their things and head home. This year we will be having the field day out on the soccer field along with a Turkey Trot for the little kids. Kinder to 2<sup>nd</sup> will run 2 laps around the soccer field, 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> will run 4 laps. Middle school and High school will run 2K or 5K which ever they prefer. Mr. Barger will be running the 5K. There will be prizes for the winners. All the fun activities will start around 9:30 am. After the little kids are done the high school kids will stay out on the field.

Mr. Barger also informed the council of the new hire. Mrs. Amy Granatowski is the office secretary taking Mrs. Denise Paral's place. Also, Mrs. Ivy Bonhorst a part time Special Ed teacher, Mrs. Cara Garcia a monitor and Ms. Brittany Manny taking the place of Mrs. Teece 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher.

**E. Call to the Public**

## **F. Recognitions**

Mr. Barger recognized the VAHS Boxer Run Club for their participating in the Breast Cancer run starting at Cienega High School and ending at Empire High School. Toby Peine took first place and Brynne Peters took second for the school.

Mr. Ed Kestler for 2 students from the Chess team making it to state. Both students are freshman Andre Ferrara and Nicholas Mercurio-Sakwa.

Michael Barger was selected among 16 other students for the Governor's Youth Commission.

## **2. Old Business**

### **A. Enrollment Summary**

In the site council packet you will have an enrollment summary as of date. Mr. Barger shared with the council the summary and the breakdown of students per grade, the number the council voted on last year, and where we are today and the number with siblings.

### **B. 2012-2013 Enrollment**

Mr. Barger gave all council members a handout showing data of year to year comparison starting with the 2009-2010 school year. We have the 2012-2013 school year to consider with the down fall of the high school side. Question is do we up the middle school to offset the high school. With Andrada opening this may affect VAHS for 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. With opening middle school to more students this will help with the numbers. Question was asked to Mr. Barger about how to stop the overcrowding at the other high schools. Mr. Barger shared with the council the only way would be to set boundaries and kids in that boundary would need to go the school in that boundary. Mr. Barger also gave the council a handout 12-13 Issues to consider on pro's and con's keeping high school spots at 230 and try to recruit and double the middle school grades and lower the high school numbers. Mr. Barger will speak to 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade students on what will be going on. Also middle school will be given a chance to voice their opinion.

## **2. New Business**

**Mr. Barger asked the council to move to item B before going over item A.**

### **A. School Vision**

Mr. Barger spoke to the council that VAHS needs to have an identity. Some people consider us a STEM school because we have more technology than other schools. We are a small school, a community, nurturing. What do we do that is so much better than the other schools, why would parents want to send their children to us? Mr. Barger asked the council to think about what their vision for VAHS is and bring it back to the council.

### **B. 2012-2013 School Calendar**

Mr. Barger shared with the council the 2012-2013 school calendars and that VAHS will be on the Empire calendar. There was also talk about all schools in the district going to one calendar and if so it would be the elementary calendar so all schools would have the 3 week break in the fall. A few concerns were with high school sports during the 3 week break along with intersession. Going on one calendar would give high school teachers an opportunity to teach during intersession and still have time off before returning to school. Mr. Barger did share that this was not a done deal, the governing board was looking at the idea.

Adjournment: Mrs. Gately motioned to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Mrs. Whitlow meeting was adjourned 5:55pm.

# PowerSchool

## Enrollment Summary as of 12/09/2011 (A) Vail Academy & High School

Grade  
Level

✓ 22	107	07	27	27	57	57	57	07
21	117	17	27	37	97	67	37	
✓ 24	117	17	97	17	37	107	57	
21	117	27	17	27	07	87	17	
25	127	97	27	27	67	87	07	
25	177	17	17	27	17	127	97	
25	177	67	17	17	07	197	07	
✓ 26	317	97	17	177	57	237	7	
26	157	97	97	17	27	147	7	
60	137	17	17	27	17	287	7	
66	377	37	17	7	57	257	07	
65	247	07	17	47	07	177	7	
60	177	17	17	7	0	277	7	
	27	67	17	177	7	177	07	

# VAIL PRIDE ACADEMY AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT 2012-2013 CALENDAR

**July**

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**August**

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**September**

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**October**

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**November**

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**February**

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**April**

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**May**

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**June**

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- B/E = Beginning/End of school
- C = Conferences (Parent/Teacher) - 1/2 day for Students
- Y = In-service for Teachers - 1/2 day for Students
- G = Graduation @ 6:30 p.m.
- F = Finals Weeks
- VPI = Vail Pride Day
- Holidays/Vacation (for School for Students)

2012 -13 PROPOSED ENROLLMENT NUMBERS

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	12-13 MAX
K	20	22	22	24
1	22	24	24	27
2	22	24	24	27
3	22	24	24	27
4	24	26	25	28
5	24	26	25	28
6	48	26	50	56
7	25	54	52	58
8	25	27	52	58
9	70	65	48	50
10	60	60	48	50
11	60	55	40	42
12	40	50	40	42
Total	462	483	474	517



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*Approved by Board  
On 4 1 97  
Revised 5 6 97  
Renewed 6 22 99  
Revised 2 4 03  
Revised 11 2009  
Revised 1 2012*

## **District Sponsored Charter School**

(This document was submitted in accordance with Vail School District Governing Board Policy LBD regarding charter schools.)

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Vail Academy and High School is a school of choice. A fundamental precept of the School is that it should be a reflection of the parents, students, staff and community members who choose to participate in the school. This charter provides a solid foundation and framework upon which participants can build.

### **PURPOSE AND NEED**

**Purpose.** The purpose of Vail Academy and High School is to improve student achievement by providing an option for parents who would like to send their children to a smaller educational environment with a focus on Science and Technology.

**Need.** In a global, technology driven world, students need individual help in transitioning directly to the workplace or into higher education. Some students will only achieve their potential in a smaller, more personalized environment.

**Support.** Vail Academy and High School was created and continues to operate under the Vail School District.

### **MISSION AND GOALS**

**Mission Statement.** The mission of the Vail School District is to provide parents with safe and nurturing school communities where their children can obtain a quality education.

#### **Goals of the School.**

1. Create an environment where education is treated as a shared responsibility of the school, the parents, the community and the individual learner.

2. Promote partnerships that will increase parental involvement and participation in developing the social, emotional and academic growth of children.
3. Provide a learning environment that reflects a high standard for academic excellence, a strong belief in personal responsibility and a commitment to community service and business partnerships.
4. Place an emphasis on authentic activities that will result in the ability to perform in the world outside of school.
5. Take advantage of the increased opportunities to access information, instruction, and job opportunities made available through technology use and school location.

### **POPULATION SERVED**

**Student Population.** The student population of the school consists of children residing in the Vail School District whose parents choose to send them to the school. When space is available, a second level of preference is given to students whose non-resident parents are employed within the District's boundaries. The school is then open to other students.

**Number of Students to be Served.** ~~The school is designed to serve 225 students in grades K-8 and 225 in 9-12. Actual enrollment caps will be set annually by the school's site council.~~

*The school is designed to serve a K-12 population with enrollment numbers to be determined annually by the school's site council.*

**Grades to be served.** The Vail High School serves grades kindergarten through twelve.

### **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND CURRICULUM**

**Program and Performance Standards.** The Vail Academy and High School provides a program that is challenging and rewarding for students. Some features of the program include:

- A challenging academic curriculum as well as an honors program.
- All teachers will be state certified.
- Resource materials available through computer applications and the Internet.
- Real life experiences through business partnerships and community service.
- Instruction supplemented by community experts and business partners.

**Effective Measures.** The effectiveness of the Vail Academy and High School is measured through:

- Completion and distribution of the State-mandated school report card.
- Ongoing surveys of parents, students and staff.
- Ongoing evaluation of general student academic performance as well as AIMS, ACT, SAT and District Level Assessments.
- Student presentations of projects and products.
- Portfolios of student work.
- Active participation in the North Central Accreditation process.
- Completion of the Arizona Learns Achievement Profile

**Curriculum Offering.** Curriculum in alignment with the Arizona academic standards, will be offered in the areas of:

- Mathematics
- Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Science
- Foreign Language
- Fine Arts
- Business/Computer Technology
- Selected Elective Courses

**Methodology** - Teachers assist students in acquiring knowledge and developing important and appropriate skills. Learning and instruction is performance-based, with student products evaluated for mastery on a continuing basis through:

- Shared inquiry
- Cooperative learning.
- Authentic activities
- Teacher directed instruction
- Student-centered learning

**Reporting Achievement Results** Vail Academy and High School demonstrates academic accountability through:

- Completion and distribution of the State-mandated school report card
- Ongoing student evaluation
- Ongoing scheduled parent conferences
- Issuance of regular student report cards
- Regularly updated grades online
- Periodic presentation of student-generated achievement

## **CRITERIA FOR ENROLLMENT DECISIONS**

**Enrollment Standards.** Students are considered for admission without regard for ethnicity, national origin, gender, disability or achievement level.

Enrollment in the Vail Academy and High School will provide preferential treatment to students whose parents are employed at Vail Academy and High School. ~~Followed by siblings of existing students who are not in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade as of March 1<sup>st</sup>.~~ Vail residents will be given the next level of enrollment opportunity. If a grade level is not at capacity, openings will become available to students whose non-resident parents are employed within the boundaries of the Vail School District, and finally any remaining spots would be available to non resident students.

An enrollment window will be created for all applications to be accepted. Applications will be marked when they are received in the school's front office and placed in order of submission. Applications will be kept by category in the above paragraph.

- Packets will be made available January 1 of each year for the next school year. ~~For the 2010-2011 school year this process will open on December 1, 2009 to provide for the enrollment of nine new grades for the 2010-11 school year.~~
- Vail residents will have until March 1 to submit their application for the next school year.
- All non-district students' packets will be handled on a first come first serve basis, and openings will be filled based on grade level openings after the March 1 resident deadline.
- If any grade level receives more enrollment packets than the site council has approved for the grade level (by Vail residents prior to March 1), a lottery will be held. Students who are siblings of students all ready enrolled in the school ~~(excluding 12<sup>th</sup> grade)~~ will automatically be accepted. ~~be the first students placed on the list.~~ The remaining students' names will be drawn with the first name being drawn to be the first ~~next~~ name on the waiting list, the second name drawn the second ~~next~~ name on the waiting list, etc. Non-resident students will be placed at the end of this list regardless of when they submitted their application.
- Once a family has a student enrolled in the school, any siblings applying for enrollment will move to number one on that grades' waiting list, if no opening exists. ~~If a family gets one student into the school, and subsequently other siblings are enrolled, all siblings must attend VVHS for a period of two weeks before anyone of them may withdraw. If a student chooses to not attend our school, all members of that family will also be dis-enrolled.~~
- Grade levels will be filled starting with the 12<sup>th</sup> grade and working down toward kindergarten following the March 1 enrollment deadline.

## GOVERNANCE AND DECISION MAKING

**Governing body and process.** The Vail Governing Board sponsors Vail Academy and High School. The superintendent and the school staff are responsible for the organization, planning, and day-to-day operation. The Vail School District Governing Board is the governing body of the school and is responsible for the policy making and overall operation of the school.

**Parent/Community Involvement.** The Vail Academy and High School operates in an environment that provides parents the opportunity for participation and input in the decision-making and the learning process.

**Site Council.** – The Site Council operates in accordance with the Vail School District Governing Board policy.

**Parent Roles and Responsibilities.** Parents are required to sign an agreement outlining their commitment to specific roles they will play in the education of their children and the operation of the school.

**Community Partnerships.** Partnerships with the community-at large are aggressively pursued.

**School Accountability.** Vail Academy and High School administration and staff, in coordination with the Site Council, are responsible for the development of an annual school improvement plan and regular reports to the Governing Board and school community, including the School Report Card.

**District/School Relations.** The District under the direction of the Governing Board, is chartering Vail Academy and High School. As such, it is subject to all requirements and conditions as any school in the District.

**Expectations of Sponsoring District.** Vail Academy and High School is subject to, and governed as provided in the policies of the Vail School District Governing Board.

**Requested Rules Exceptions.** Vail Academy and High School does not ask to be exempted from any current Vail School District Governing Board Policies.

## **EMPLOYMENT PLAN AND PRACTICES**

**Policies and Practices.** Vail Academy and High School follows the Vail School District's hiring procedures and standards. The School District oversees salary and benefits structures to ensure compliance with the law. All individuals employed by Vail Academy and High School must possess the personal characteristics, expertise, and qualifications identified in the posted job description. The Vail Academy and High School accepts applications through the personnel department of the Vail School District.

## **FINANCIAL DATA, FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION**

**Cost-benefit Analysis.** Vail Academy and High School is sponsored, planned and monitored by the Vail School District and is in conformance with statutory requirements and is economically sound.

**Budget, Audit and Cash Management.** Vail Academy and High School's budget is formulated by District and site administration. The Governing Board in the same fashion handles financial approval and control as other Vail schools and general operations. Administration is responsible for following all legal requirements. The Budget outlines federal and state revenues and expenditures necessary to operate the school. The site council has input in aspects of the discretionary budget as outlined in District policy.

Vail Academy and High School is entitled to its full share of all county, state and federal funds, including allowance for attendance, special education services and other categorical program services to the extent which any student in the School is eligible to participate as determined by state and federal regulations and the Vail School District's allocation formulae. In addition, Vail Academy and High School is included in the Vail School District's consolidated application for categorical funding.

**Financial Responsibility.** Vail Academy and High School is included in the District's financial assistance calculations pursuant to state statutes.

**Procedures for Accountability.** Vail Academy and High School is subject to the same financial requirements as any school in the Vail School District, including the Uniform System of Financial Records, procurement rules and contractual issues.

**Purchased Services or Property.** Vail Academy and High School operates in accordance with Vail Governing Board policies in all procurement and contractual issues.

**Insurance.** Vail Academy and High School is included in the insurance policy of the Vail School District.

**Facility Analysis.** The Vail Academy and High School is located at the University of Arizona Science and Research Park, the former IBM facility on Rita Road.

**Transportation arrangements.** Students are transported in accordance with Vail School District Governing Board policy and procedures.

## **ASSURANCES**

**Statement of Assurances.** The Vail School District Governing Board, as sponsor of the Vail Academy and High School, monitors the financial state and ensures that all state laws are followed. It is also responsible for administering the named services and supporting activities.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Impact on Existing Vail District K-12 Non-Charter Operations.** Vail Academy and High School is operated without impact on the regular K-12 Non Charter budget of the Vail School District.