



Vail Ski and Snowboard Academy (VSSA)

PTA Meeting Notes

April 13, 2016

4:00 pm, VSSA Room 207

Attendees: Geoff Grimmer, Stacey Birtwhistle, Kara Palamaras, Linda Hall, Susan O., Kate Cocchiarella, and Matt Scherr.

- I. Geoff called the meeting to order in Stacey's absence. Approval of meeting minutes from January 13, 2016 PTA meeting were reviewed and approved.
- II. Geoff introduced Kate Cocchiarella from Eagle County Schools (kate.cocchiarella@eagleschools.net) and Matt Scherr (matts@efec.org) with the Education Foundation of Eagle County who attended the VSSA PTA meeting regarding the possible mil levy override and bond tax questions on the ballot for November 2016. For additional information or to make comments go to efec.org or contact them directly.
- III. G. Grimmer gave a brief headmaster report:
 - a. PARCC Update – low attendance this year but overall good results.
 - b. Special Projects – creating a mural in north hallway of the school will include and inspirational quote.
 - c. Admissions for Fall 2016- 185 total students; highest enrollment to date.
- IV. Stacey gave the Headmaster's Report and PTA discussions:
 - a. Mr. Grimmer informed that group that next year will be the 10th year for VSSA. The school will be hosting a celebration on September 9, 2016. A notice will go out shortly about a meeting seeking volunteers to help out for the celebration.
 - b. Teacher Appreciation Week – May 2-6, 2016. PTA has planned 5 appreciation days during this week to include a breakfast, Yeti wear items, lunch and closing the week off with a drink at a local Minturn restaurant. We love our VSSA faculty and staff!
 - c. VSSA Parent Spring Social is taking place on Thursday, April 14 at the Vail Ale House from 6-9 pm.
 - d. VSSA Tent/banner – New VSSA logo is created and tent is ordered.
 - e. VSSA Yeti Gear – Logo is updated and yeti is being ordered.

- V. Discussion surrounding the low participation of the school community in the yearly PTA dues - \$25 per VSSA student. Looking at next year, it was suggested that we ask parents to add this fee into the academic fee paid each year so that only one check needs to be written. Another thought is to collect the PTA dues at the 10th anniversary celebration of the school.