

# Horizon High School

## *School Council Minutes*

Date: September 22, 2021  
Time: 2:15pm - 2:58pm  
Location: [Virtual Meeting](#)

Members: Linda Ihnat  
Hannah Prawzinsky  
Nichole Woods  
Rafael Saragosa  
Lori Berman  
Rich Tomey  
Brian Issitt  
Jodi Peroutka  
Jayne Pilarski  
Kellie Parten  
Charles O'Connor  
Shelley Strohfus  
Sam Kramer  
Jenny Partin

Absent - Sam Kramer and Brian Issitt

### **1. Covid Update**

(Linda) We use a flow chart to figure out the circumstances based on the rules from the Maricopa County guidelines. We have been in contact tracing daily. We only had 1 positive test today. We send a letter home from Maricopa County if we are quarantining a student and it lists what day they can test and where. If they get a negative test, it says when they can come back to school and they choose not to test, there is a date of when they can come back to school. Some kids are unfortunately on their 2nd and 3rd time quarantining. (Lori) Teachers need to be more specific on Google Classroom. It would be nice for them to tell the kids who are at home exactly what they are responsible for if they miss school. (Linda) we will remind teachers to post and tell them to be more specific. (Jenny) There is a lack of communication. I am hearing that students who get quarantined are reaching out to their teachers and the teachers are not responding. (Linda) I will remind them they need to respond within 24 hours.

### **2. ESSER Funds**

(Linda) We originally used this for labs after schools for the students who are currently quarantined. We had very little participation with this. Therefore we sent a survey out to the staff today to get feedback to see what else we can do. We will have open labs after school, probably starting the 1st week of October to get help. We will offer this to students to come in person or join virtually. (Lori) I am on the ESSER committee and we put a survey on the website. We are looking into getting air purifiers.

### **3. Mission Statement - Changes to match PCR**

(Linda) Most do not know our mission statement and we would like to rewrite it. Linda read us the current mission statement. It really should reflect our every day and match what we want. If we asked anyone what our statement was, they would say, "PCR". Unanimous thumbs up that we should rewrite the mission/vision statement. Unanimous thumbs up to using PCR in our statement. (Lori) We should add 'dogitude' to it as well.

### **4. Parent/Teacher Conference - Virtual - 10/18 from 4:30-6:30**

(Lori) Parents will be getting emails from teachers to sign up for an open slot. Our focus is mainly on kids who received a 70% or lower on their progress grades. If their child did better, they can still contact the teacher and request a conference.

### **5. Homecoming Dance and Assemblies**

(Linda) We are doing our best to follow mitigation strategies. The dance is optional and we will have enough staff to keep kids apart, plus it outside which will be helpful. Our biggest concern was having an assembly. Typically for homecoming assemblies we have all grade levels out in the home football stands. Now we are spreading it out into 2 assemblies, half the school at one and half the school at another so the kids can spread out. In addition, we are making it optional for kids. We will take all the kids that do not want to attend and have them in the quad spread out or spread them between a few classrooms with some staff members. We feel this will be the best way to have a great homecoming assembly while being safe. All unanimous that this is a great way to keep it safe. (Lori) When you do these big assemblies, can we require kids to wear masks? (Linda) No, district guidelines are if they are outside, we can't require masks.

### **6. A+**

(Linda) We have been an A+ school for many years and it was time to reapply. Mr. Palmieri and Ms. Kramer have worked so hard on all of this and Horizon was selected for a school visit. They are coming in January for 2 days and we should know shortly after that if we met the requirements to continue being an A+ school.

### **7. From the Floor**

(Lori) Shout out to attendance and all the people making the phone calls to parents right now for quarantine. If PAWS can help in any way, please let us know.

(Linda) Thank you everyone and if you have anything you need to bring to the next meeting, email Nichole or I.

Ended: 2:58 pm

**Future meetings:** 10/20, 11/17, 12/15, 1/19, 2/16, 3/30, 4/27, & 5/18