

SMHS School Council Meeting Minutes for 11/27/18

Starting Time: 5:00 pm

Ending Time: 6:00 pm

Attendees: David Appleman, Leilani Jacobson, Jami Padgett, Carrie Matteson, Kris Thayer, Garry Cooper, Leza Aroyian

Agenda Items:

1) Calendar – Reviewed upcoming calendar events

Recent Events:

11/28 Native American Day (SMHS now has a Native American Teacher: James Fabian is the teacher sponsor)

12/3 Comprehensive Needs Assessment (Mr. Appleman)

12/4 PTC Sponsored Holiday Faculty/Staff Lunch

12/5 Choir Concert 7:30 pm

12/6 Governing Board Meeting 7:00

12/12 PPC

12/13 Band Concert

12/18 SMHS Site Council Meeting

2) Target Support and Improvement - Sub-group Data

- a. The state targeted Special Education students as a sub-group that is not passing the state standardized tests.
- b. The federal program decided to put up to \$20,000 towards helping schools to improve their scores for the targeted sub-groups of students that are failing AZMerits and Alternate State Assessments.
- c. We have to do a comprehensive needs assessment and a root cause analysis as a school that the state will use to determine where to allocate the money.

3) PVUSD Mental Health Weekend

- a. When students from the district meet with the Governing Board they communicated to the board that they could really use a break from homework.
- b. February 8-11, 2018, No homework will be given during this weekend.

4) AP vs. College

- a. Mr. Appleman met with Rio Salado the other day. We are underutilizing the opportunities that are available through this college.
- b. SMHS students have the ability to take AP classes through Rio Salado.
- c. Students have the ability to take college classes while they are in high school to get credit for high school and college credits.
- d. Mr. Appleman would like to be able to add more dual enrollments classes through SMHS.
- e. Having more students that are taking college level classes in high school helps the school letter grade.

5) Rotary Holiday Baskets

- a. The Rotary Club reached out to us and JROTC will be helping to distribute holiday baskets to families in needs 12/7 evening & 12/8 morning. Talk to Janice Coy if you know a family in need.

6) Basketball Season

- a. We are trying to keep the basketball game culture more positive. We want to decrease heckling, negative comments against the visiting team, etc. We want to encourage the students to cheer for our school team and not boo the visiting team.
- b. The Girls Basketball team is awesome. If you have not been to a girls basketball game, it is a great experience!
- c. If you have any ideas for basketball games to improve the climate, please send them to Mr. Appleman.

7) Thank You!

- a. Appleman thanked the council for their time and support.