



School Council Minutes

September 28, 2022

Conference Room

3:30 pm

I. Welcome and Agenda Review

Dr. Jeras, the Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Support - Elementary joined us for our meeting. We briefly introduced ourselves and our role in this committee.

II. Principal Update

Spanish Teacher “Senor V”: Jassiel began teaching Spanish on the 27th and is already a hit! The students like him and are enjoying his class. Jassiel will begin to give EL support to students in lower grade levels.

SERT Committee - Parent Member Added: Amber Lopez will be our first parent member of the SERT committee and will join them for their first meeting September 29th.

PBIS Update: The first training and meeting were held. Data collection was the focus of the meeting. Where do we need to focus our efforts and resources on?

Parent Satisfaction Survey Results: Bullying is a topic that came up on the survey. It has been reported that during morning recess (prior to school starting) older students are bothering younger students. October is bullying prevention month. Maybe Officer Nick could teach students about laws? Buddy Bench training videos are something that teachers could show the students. Our newly adopted SEL Second Step curriculum will also work to build character and address the topic of bullying. Vicky will be hosting Coffee Chats on October 18th to have an open conversation with parents about bullying.

Kindergarten Enrollment: Numbers are significantly down this school year. We want to reach parents before open enrollment begins. Kinder Roundup will be held in November with a new look. We will host parents and incoming kinders one evening from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Kinder age students will go to the classrooms with teachers to work on a IB lesson. Parents will stay in the library with Vicky and Dianna to learn more about our IB program and school. PTA would provide pizza, fruit, and juice boxes to students and siblings. The STEM room would be used for babysitting younger and older siblings. Parents would leave the event with a folder complete with registration information and kindergarten readiness activities to use at home.

Advertising ideas: Parent/Staff testimonials, flyers to preschools in the area, local advertising with Hubbard, Sunrays, Mom Groups, Tot Town at Shiloh, Bender Performing Arts, Burch’s Karate?

Tax Credit Generation Ideas: Field trip costs have increased. What ideas can we come up with? Continue to include information in parent communications, social media, and PTA.

III. **Community Feedback: Feedback Form Submissions**

Basketball Court: We simply do not have the staffing to cover the court. Could we have parent volunteers assist? What liability does this open with someone watching them not being employed by the District? Volunteers would have to learn our rules, policies and procedures. Could students play during their second recess with one teacher watching them while the other grade level teachers are on the field?

Sixth Grade Overnight Trip: A parent has taken the time to research schools around us to see what they do for their 6th graders and feels like our school should be offering an overnight trip. We need to reach out to families and get their input on a reasonable amount to spend on an overnight trip. 25% of our population is free and reduced lunch, Snowman Project assists many families, etc. Our community is not like all the other schools listed and some trips are very expensive. 6th grade teachers are open to a one-night overnight trip, something close. Maybe a camp in Prescott? Camp Tontozona in Payson? We will begin researching options.

Sixth Grade Departmentalization

The International Baccalaureate programme does not support the departmentalization of subjects. As an IB school, we teach transdisciplinary concepts and many of our lessons extend into other content areas. Our sixth-graders spend time working collaboratively and have the advantage of learning self-regulation, intrinsic motivation, and how to be an inquirer while wondering about the world around them from a viewpoint of taking action to become a positive part of their community. Could we prep our 6th grade to ease the transition to Middle School after Exhibition?

Logistically, we could give them timed bathroom breaks or spend a couple of days switching classes after exhibition. Should we have students move from class to class within a specific timeframe? Could we invite 8th graders to come speak to our current 6th graders to answer questions? Many middle schools offer camps to ease the anxiety of students.

IV. **Tax Credit Approvals**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm. The next meeting will be November 16th at 3:30 pm.