

Sweetwater Community School

Date: August 14, 2023

Time: 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Location: Virtual

Facilitator: Mr. Marc Danner, Principal

Committee Members Present:

- **Administrator Representative** – Mr. Gary Callahan, Assistant Principal
- **Community Member Representative** – Ms. Laurie Smith
- **Teaching Staff Representative** – Ms. Suzanne Block, Ms. Ronni Milburn and Mr. Jon Reed
- **Principal Representative** – Mr. Marc Danner, Principal
- **Support Staff Representative** – Ms. Darlene Saucier and Ms. Marianne Totman
- **Parent Representative** – Ms. Gail Gold and Mr. Keith Krause

Minutes

I. Welcome

Mr. Danner thanked everyone for coming and introductions were made around the panel.

II. Updates

Student Enrollment

Included in Mr. Danner's accounting is PVOnline as they are part of Sweetwater.

of students enrolled st PVOnline - 137 K-12 full time students

of students enrolled at Sweetwater - 199 students as of today

of students enrolled at night HS - 134 students

Extra Support for Students

We are in a good spot this year. Mr. Danner, Mr. Reed and our social worker, Ms. Eisen has started visiting non-attending student's homes to check in on them and to see how we can support them and their families and get them back on track to graduate.

Students are being offered extra help through our Mentoring Support. We are hoping this will support students as they earn the credits they need to graduate.

Our CCRI (College and Career Readiness Indicator) score improved from our previous year and we are encouraged that this year we will get an even higher score.

Staff Count

Sweetwater has 3 administrators, 1 school nurse, 2 counselors, 1 school psychologist, 1 social worker, 1 SRO from the Phoenix Police Department, 2 middle school teachers, 4 special education teachers, 3 math teachers, 3 English teachers, 2 social studies teachers, 2 science teachers, and 2 electives teachers. We also have 3 office staff members, 1 SRO from the Phoenix Police Department, 3 instructional aides, and 1 kitchen manager.

PBIS Program

We rolled out our PBIS program on the first day of school and started handing out blue "You Have Been Knighted" tickets. Students can earn a ticket for being positive on campus and following expectations. There are three boxes they can choose from for a drawing for awards. The first box is for weekly drawings where they can choose from a variety of items. The second box is monthly drawings and the drawn winners from this box will be able to order lunch from a fast food restaurant that Mr. Danner pays for it personally. The third box is for quarterly drawings and this is where they can win earpods, speakers, etc.

Mr. Danner has written and been gifted with two grants from the Mars Corporation's North Star Grant. These grants are for student and staff incentives. The Paradise Valley Schools Education Foundation (PVSEF) also supports our school with \$1500.00 each year for field trips and student incentives.

Mr. Danner will be asking for staff feedback at this Thursday's staff meeting and he will report back to the council as to the findings.

Final graduation count for the Class of 2023 - 53 students

III. Financial Updates and Annual Approvals

Arizona State Tax Credit

A link was provided to the council members providing information about the Arizona State Tax Credit. Marianne Totman gave a brief overview of the program and how the funds have been spent at Sweetwater. A couple of examples of how we have used the funds way by sending students on current course study field trips and the purchasing of new exterior benches for students to wait for their buses at the front of the school.

Update on current budget

M&O which stands for Maintenance and Operations - currently have \$2,600.00 (Ms. Totman always has a contingency, in actuality we actually have \$6,341.39) In October student enrollments are reevaluated and school's budget allocations are adjusted depending on their enrollment counts.

Furniture and Equipment - \$5,281.73

Instructional Aides - \$2,561.05

We recently purchased approximately 300 paperback books as classroom sets of 30 for an English classroom.

Arizona Tax Credit - \$19,09341

Mr. Danner has asked the council for and received unanimously approval to use funds from the Arizona Tax Credit for the following expenditures (in order of priority):

#1 - 2 new security cameras and installations of the cameras - approximately cost is unknown until we our vendor comes out and looks at where we want them installed. We are projecting the expenditure to be around \$6,000.00. Once we have the quote it will be shared with the council for their consideration.

#2 - Mr. Danner is setting up a collaboration classroom and we need 10 more student tables. Cost should be approximately \$6,500 which will include installation and taxes.

#3 - 2 new sofas for our Community Room. Our Community Room is like other high schools student unions or media centers. It's a place they can come and hang out/relax.

Closing

With no more questions or concerns, Mr. Danner thanked everyone for coming and for supporting our school by being on the council.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.