



Paradise Valley Unified School District | Meeting Agenda/Minutes

School Council Meeting

Date: August 29, 2023

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: Liberty Elementary School

Facilitator: Jennifer Penoyer

Committee Members Present:

- **Administrator Representative** – Jennifer Penoyer
- **Community Member Representative** – Bill Burch, Burch's Karate
- **Teaching Staff Representative** – Lisa Etchells, Teacher
- **Teaching Staff Representative** – Monica Kroll, Teacher - Not in attendance
- **Principal Representative** – Jennifer Penoyer, Principal
- **Support Staff Representative** – Michele Siapkarris, Administrative Assistant
- **Parent Representative** – Tim Emory, Parent
- **Parent Representative** – Sindy Diaz-Blanco

Purpose: Monthly School Council Meeting

Outcomes:

Thank you to everyone who is participating on this committee. Your time and input is greatly appreciated. If anything may arise from the community that would like to be discussed, please feel free to add it to the calendar 24 hours prior to the monthly meeting. According to the Bylaws we are happy to announce that we have fulfilled our obligations with all committee representatives.

The District has 4 initiatives: PBIS, PLC, MTSS, STEAM. We are implementing rubrics in our school. This will help implement ideas and show growth through a dashboard. PBIS shows high ratings as we start implementing at the beginning of the school year and have been doing PBIS/STARS for a number of years. PLC (Professional Learning Communities) looks at student data. MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports) supports students at 3 tiered levels. STEAM is now a special area program that was approved for 3 years, that is funded through ESSER and will expire at the end of this school year. We have been able to pay our part-time Reading Specialist with this funding, which has benefited our students at all levels.

We had quite a few upgrades done to the school over summer break. New counters and cabinets throughout the entire school, new playground equipment on the big playground and new swings on the

KG playground, sand was removed from the big playground and replaced with wood chips on both playgrounds, painting was complete on the exterior including the fence, and new asphalt laid.

We have enjoyed seeing all the parent volunteers coming to help with morning recess, thank you for your time and support. Staffing has been going great! Since the start of the school year, we have hired 4 Instructional Assistants, 2 Campus Assistants, and 2 Horizon High School students. Our Campus Assistants have also been helping with our Specialized Program. Dr. Bales spent 3 days with us helping out in our Specialized Program, since we were so shorthanded. It was great having him on campus, his help was greatly appreciated! We also have a paid teacher who supervises breakfast in the cafeteria every morning. Thank you so much to our amazing staff for always being so flexible, willing to help, and such great team players!

Tax Credit Donations can only be spent on certain items. These items are field trips, character education, and homework clubs. Beginning June 30, 2019 through June 30, 2024 contributions made for the following purposes may be claimed for the public school credit: furniture, textbooks, instructional aids. A unanimous vote was taken to spend no more than \$500 on our Science Fair Night. Instructional Materials was voted on and approved for up to \$3500 for curriculum such as decodable books, Really Great Reading for K-3 and Specialized Program, and Heggerty phonemic awareness materials. Also, up to, but not more than \$12,000 was unanimously approved to remodel the lobby and possibly a few items for the staff lounge. Thank you to everyone for your generous Tax Credit Donations!

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I. Welcome

- A. Welcome New Members/Introductions
 - 1. [School Council Registration Form](#)
- B. Discuss purpose of our committee:
 - Talk about what is going around the campus
 - Input and voting on campus decisions
 - Typical school-year examples: approval of after-school tax credit classes, approval of citizenship programs, approval of tax credit purchases (e.g. library)
 - Any member can add topics to the agenda
 - [Bylaws](#)

II. Topic One

- A. District Initiatives
 - 1. PBIS
 - 2. PLC
 - 3. MTSS
 - 4. STEAM

III. Topic Two

- A. Campus Updates
 - 1. Bond Projects - Thank you to everyone who supports our district as these would

not be made possible without you!

- a) Millwork/cabinets
 - b) Playground/ground cover
 - c) Exterior fence/door paint
 - d) Asphalt
2. Fall Book Fair
 - a) 9/11-9/15
 - b) Library Night 9/12 4:30pm-6:30pm
 3. Staffing Shortages - better than last year, flexible hours, campus support, volunteers

IV. Topic Three

- A. Tax Credit for AZ Science Center
 1. Science Fair Night
 2. Date TBD
 3. No more than \$500 (\$400 for 2 hours, \$100 for an additional hour)
- B. Tax Credit for Instructional Materials
 1. Decodable books for the Reading Specialist, primary and intermediate
 2. Heggerty for Reading Specialist
 3. Really Great Reading for Structured, Level 1 Grades K-2 and Really Great Reading Manual for 3rd grade
 4. BrainPop for all students, K-6
- C. Tax Credit for Furniture
 1. Updating lobby with new couches, chairs, tables

Meeting was adjourned at 08:33 a.m.