

# MMES School Council Meeting

**Date:** Sep 18, 2023

**Time:** 3:35 pm

**Location:** Mercury Mine Conference Room

**Facilitator:** Donna Alley, Principal

## **Committee Members Present:**

- **Principal Representative** – Donna Alley, Principal
- **Teaching Staff Representative** – Djin Beaugard, 5th Grade Teacher
- **Teaching Staff Representative** – Elizabeth Stein, Kindergarten Teacher
- **Support Staff Representative** – Sandy Ditsch
- **Parent Representative** – Rachel Guthrie
- **Parent Representative** – Kimberly Simons

**Purpose:** To approve previous minutes, discuss recent additions and activities on the school campus, and talk about the school and our goals moving forward.

**Outcomes:** All members will have an understanding of current activities and initiatives taking place on campus.

## **Minutes**

### **I. Welcome**

- A. Welcome and introduction of members
- B. Minutes of the April 24, 2023, meeting were approved as written.

### **II. By-Laws, Funding, and Initiatives**

- A. Mrs. Alley reported on the district's initiatives for this school year which include PLC (Professional Learning Communities); PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support); MTSS (Multi-Tiered Support Systems); and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math). At MMES, we have added RICH (Respect, Invested, Caring and Honorable) tickets which dovetail with our Social Emotional Learning curriculum to recognize positive behaviors.
- B. Tax Credit Fund Approvals—the Tax Credit fund account balance is \$43,971. Four

requests for tax credit expenditures were considered:

1. Elizabeth Stein made a motion to approve \$4,875 to Guided Discoveries for the 6th Grade field trip to Catalina Island Marine Institute for the deposit and to cover any students who need financial assistance to attend. Student and chaperone payments will cover the deposit. Djin Beauregard seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.
  2. Donna Alley made a motion to purchase sound system equipment from BKW Incorporated not to exceed \$6,500 for the Media Center and Multipurpose Room. Elizabeth Stein seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.
  3. Djin Beauregard made a motion to purchase two contrabass instruments from West Music not to exceed \$1,200 as requested by tax credit donations to benefit the General Music class. Rachel Guthrie seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.
  4. Elizabeth Stein made a motion to use tax credit funds to pay staff to offer before- and after-school tax credit classes during the 2023-2024 school year and assist any students who need financial assistance to attend. Kimberly Simons seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.
- C. School Council members were given a copy of the MMES School Council by-laws and asked to review them prior to the October meeting when they will be reviewed for any needed updates or changes.

### **III. School Improvements and Activities**

- A. Mrs. Alley detailed the summer campus improvement projects. The entire school site interiors were painted. It was a big job to box up every room in all buildings and to replace everything once the painting was complete but the school looks refreshed. The swings on the primary playground received new rubberized ground cover and our PTG hired a mural artist to paint on the concrete area providing students several games and activities to play during recess. The area surrounding the play equipment on the intermediate playground was raised and leveled to make it ADA compliant.
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- C. Artist in Residence—classes are making thumbprint pinch pots that will be glazed and fired to create a unique art piece that will be displayed in the courtyard. A schoolwide

festival will be held on Friday, November 3, around the site and in the desert education area with a western theme and include food, entertainment, activities, and project displays from all grade levels.

- D. Fall before- and after-school clubs and classes will begin October 2 and run through January 25. Spring clubs will run from February through May. There are six clubs which will be open to various grade levels with registration on SignUpGenius beginning Wednesday, September 20. There are eight clubs that are invitation only for math, reading, phonics and homework support.

*Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm*