



Paradise Valley Unified School District | Meeting Agenda/Minutes

School Council Meeting

Date: October 24, 2023

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: Liberty Elementary School

Facilitator: Jennifer Penoyer

Committee Members Present: Jennifer Penoyer, Michele Siapkaris, Tim Emory, Bill Burch

- **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 Siapkaris, Administrative Assistant
- **Parent Representative** – Tim Emory, Parent
- **Parent Representative** – Sindy Diaz-Blanco

Purpose: Monthly School Council Meeting

Outcomes:

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I. Welcome

- A. Welcome

II. Topic One

- A. Tax Credit - Field Trips
 1. Disney Transportation
 2. Disney Chaperones
 3. Disney Grants
- B. Tax credit - continued discussion regarding BrainPop
- C. Tax Credit Drive

III. Topic Two

- A. Campus Updates
 1. Lobby furniture updates
 2. Staff Lounge furniture update
- B. Step It Up Fundraiser
- C. Conference and Spirit Weeks

IV. Topic Three

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Meeting was adjourned at 08:20 a.m.

This morning we discussed and voted unanimously on using Tax Credit money to offset the cost of over \$700 per person for our 6th Grade Disneyland California field trip. As inflation grows, it gets more expensive to take field trips. With our account balance being approximately \$30,000 we voted and approved to spend no more than \$8000 on transportation, and no more than \$3000 on student Grants and no more than \$1900 on teacher Grants. Hopefully this will make it more affordable for all students to participate.

In order to continue to provide extracurricular opportunities for our students, Liberty is holding its first-ever TAX CREDIT DONATION DRIVE starting December 1, 2023! The Arizona Public School Tax Credit program allows taxpayers to make a contribution to a qualified school and receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on their Arizona state income tax return. The community will be informed on the dollars donated with posts on our Marquee, sandwich boards around the school, and possibly a schoolwide presentation. Stay tuned for more information.

New lobby furniture, which was discussed at a previous School Council meeting has been purchased. The furniture will be delivered the week of Thanksgiving, and we are excited for everyone to see the updated look.

Brain-Pop will not be renewed at this time. After a survey was conducted, it was determined that only a few teachers were using this program last year. We will revisit this if more teachers request it.

Step It Up was a HUGE success! Thank you to everyone who participated. Liberty Elementary raised a total of \$18,468.00. Our PTO gets 95% of the total amount, \$17,544.60 and the remaining 5%, \$923.40 goes to STUCO. Thank you for all of your hard work and for making this such a fun time for everyone!

This week is Conference Week, October 23-26. No school on Friday, October 27, 2023. Hopefully everyone was able to schedule a conference time with their student's teacher.

Spirit Week is next week, October 30-November 3. Please look at the Liberty Loop for the daily dress schedule.

It was discussed that we will be looking at our tax credit fund account to purchase new curriculum and furniture for next school year. With this approved governing board money we are looking to purchase textbooks and related printed subject matter materials for the 24/25 school year, as needed. It has been approved that we can spend this money through June 2024.