

Sweetwater School Council Minutes

Date: October 30, 2023

Time: 4:30pm

Location: Virtual meeting

Facilitator: Mr. Marc Danner, Principal

Committee Members Present:

- **Administrator Representative** – Mr. Gary Callahan, Assistant Principal
- **Administrator Representative** - Mr. Jon Reed, Dean of Students
- **Community Member Representative** – Ms. Laurie Smith
- **Teaching Staff Representative** – Ms. Veronica Milburn, HS math teacher
- **Teaching Staff Representative** - Ms. Suzanne Block, middle school teacher
- **Teaching Staff Representative** - Ms. Jhoy Villareal, HS special education teacher
- **Teaching Staff Representative**- Ms. Jonalyn Manun-og, HS math teacher
- **Teaching Staff Representative** - Mr. Kyle Shryock, social studies teacher
- **Principal Representative** – Mr. Marc Danner, Principal
- **Support Staff Representative** – Ms. Darlene Saucier, Assistant Principal’s admin. Assistant
- **Supper Staff Representative** - Ms. Marianne Totman, Principal’s admin. assistant
- **Parent Representative** – Mr. Keither Krause
- **Parent Representative** - Ms. Gail Gold

Purpose: Monthly School Council meeting.

Outcomes: Council members were updated on events.

Agenda/Minutes

I. Welcome

- A. Attendance was taken. Everyone was present with the exception of Mr. Kyle Shryock.
- B. New staff committee members were introduced.

II. Sweetwater Updates

- A. Enrollment counts - currently we have 215 students enrolled which includes high school, middle school, Pathways and Project Search students.
- B. Grad Solutions - Mr. Danner has an upcoming meeting with Grad Solutions to discuss a partnership with Sweetwater. Grad Solutions is a dropout prevention program that allows students to complete their coursework and earn a diploma. It’s based on productive work and not time managed. This program can be offered to those 2nd year

seniors who are not showing progress. We are also looking at this program for our AHP (At Home Placement) students instead of them going onto PVOnline.

- C. A big thank you to Desert Shadows Middle School PTO who has adopted Sweetwater and provided dinner for staff at our Parent/Teacher conferences. We had approximately 10 parents attend.
- D. The first quarter has been exciting to see our students engaging in their coursework. We had an 11.2% increase in credits earned this 1st quarter compared to last year's. Both teachers and staff members are seeing the efforts being made by our students to be successful.

III. Upcoming Events

- A. Calendar Events - There are several days off during the month of November; Veteran's Day on the 10th, early release on the 14th and Thanksgiving Break is November 23rd - 25th.
- B. Bond Election - Please be sure to get the word out that this bond election is not for salaries but instead it is to maintain our schools. Our school is 40 years old and we have recently seen concerns with our plumbing. We are hoping to get carpets replaced, our tile taken up and have the concrete floors polished. We haven't been painted since 2014 and there is a possibility of redoing some of the millwork that is original to the building. The election will be held on November 7, 2023.

IV. Next Steps - Questions and Answers - n/a

- V. Close** - Mr. Danner thanked everyone for coming and participating.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m. with our next scheduled meeting to be on November 20th at 4:30pm and will be held virtually.