



Paradise Valley Unified School District | Meeting Agenda/Minutes

School Council Meeting

Date: November 28, 2023

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: Liberty Elementary School

Facilitator: Jennifer Penoyer

Committee Members Present: Jennifer Penoyer, Michele Siapkaris, Tim Emory, Lisa Etchells

- **Administrator Representative** – Jennifer Penoyer
- **Community Member Representative** – Bill Burch, Burch’s Karate
- **Teaching Staff Representative** – Lisa Etchells, Teacher
- **Teaching Staff Representative** – Monica Kroll, Teacher
- **Principal Representative** – Jennifer Penoyer, Principal
- **Support Staff Representative** – Michele Siapkaris, Administrative Assistant
- **Parent Representative** – Tim Emory, Parent
- **Parent Representative** – Cindy Diaz-Blanco

Purpose: Monthly School Council Meeting

Outcomes:

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- I. **Welcome**
 - A. Welcome

- II. **Topic One**
 - A. Tax Credit
 1. 1st grade reading curriculum
 - B. Tax Credit Drive
 1. Starts Dec. 1st
 2. Location of thermometer

- III. **Topic Two**
 - A. Campus Updates
 1. STEAM - Derby
 2. Egg Drop - Feb. 9th
 3. Annual Sounds of PV at Desert Ridge
 4. Penoyer Out
 5. Furniture - Lobby
 - B. Karate Bill sessions
 - C. Closure and Boundaries Committee

1. Dates and process

IV. Topic Three

Minutes:

This morning we discussed using Tax Credit money to purchase Decodable Books for 1st grade from Benchmark Education who is an approved vendor. We voted unanimously to purchase the books at a cost not to exceed \$400. Also, Liberty Elementary will be holding a Tax Credit Drive starting December 1, 2023, in hopes of gathering as many Tax Credit Donations as possible for the 23/24 school year. We will advertise via the weekly newsletter to families, post on the school marquee, as well as hang a thermometer banner on our fence at Acoma and 52nd Street with the updated success as we try to reach 100% of our goal.

Derby Day was a success! The track turned out beautifully, which was made by a student in the district. 100 cars participated in the race with an outcome of a first, second and third place winner. Congratulations to everyone who participated. Pictures and videos can be found on our district website, as well as our school's Instagram page.

Our 2nd annual Egg Drop will be held on February 9, 2024 with the help of the fire department again this year. This is something that our students are already looking forward to.

Sounds of the Season, the district's chorus program is being held this weekend, Saturday, December 2, 2023 from 9am-4pm at Desert Ridge Marketplace, 21001 N. Tatum Blvd., on the main stage next to Dave & Buster's. Liberty Elementary will be performing at 11:40am.

The ice machine in our staff lounge has been broken since last year. A repair service was out yesterday to diagnose the problem and provide a quote for repair. As soon as the quote is received PTO will determine if it is more cost effective to repair the one we have or purchase a new machine. Ice is something we use often, and our staff members thoroughly enjoy it as well.

Karate Bill was unable to attend the meeting this morning, but we are looking forward to hearing how much money he raised for our school through his after school karate fundraiser. Thank you Karate Bill for all you do for Liberty!

The new lobby furniture has arrived, and what a difference it makes! It is light, bright, and beautiful! We are waiting for a matching bookshelf and area rug to arrive. We are so excited to show it off.

The district is still looking into changing boundaries and possibly closing elementary and/or middle schools. This is a lengthy process, which the Board will be discussing in more detail on Thursday, December 5, 2023 at the Governing Board meeting.

6th Grade students are planning a field trip to CA - Disneyland. We are planning on providing funding to 3 staff members not to exceed \$1900 and offering scholarships to 4 students not to exceed \$5000. Each person including students and chaperones will pay \$609 for a quad room, and \$629 for a double room. A question was asked if staff food will be provided, which would include 3 lunches and 1 dinner? This question will be taken to the finance department for clarification.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21am