



Paradise Valley Unified School District | Meeting Agenda/Minutes

School Council Meeting

Date: January 23, 2024

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: Liberty Elementary School

Facilitator: Jennifer Penoyer

Committee Members Present: Jennifer Penoyer, Michele Siapkaris, Tim Emory, Sindy Diaz-Blanco

- **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** – Sindy Diaz-Blanco

Purpose: Monthly School Council Meeting

Outcomes:

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I. Welcome

- A. Welcome

II. Topic One

- A. Tax Credit Drive
 1. Current donations
 2. Goal is 100
- B. Tax Credit Approval Discussion
 1. 4th Grade Grand Canyon Field Trip
 - a) Scholarships for up to 3 students - not to exceed \$900

III. Topic Two

- A. Campus Updates
 1. Conference Week Jan. 29th
 2. Egg Drop - Feb. 9th
 3. STEAM Night - March 6th

- B. Closure and Boundaries Committee
 - 1. PVUSD Board Meeting - Feb. 8th
 - 2. Planned events to welcome communities, if needed:
 - a) Staff Visits
 - b) School Community Visits (Afternoon and Evening)
 - c) Increase tour dates and availability
 - d) Liberty Welcome/Intake Committee
- C. Staffing
 - 1. Current staff/incoming staff
 - 2. Specials allocations/needs

IV. Topic Three

Minutes:

Liberty is in full swing with its first-ever Tax Credit Donation Drive! The Arizona Public School Tax Credit program allows taxpayers to make contributions to a qualified school and receive a dollar-to-dollar tax credit on their Arizona state income tax return. Our goal is to collect 100 donations by April 15, 2024. We are off to a pretty good start with 17 donations, and we are extremely positive that our goal is doable. It breaks down to approximately 3 donations per classroom. Please consider donating, friends and family are welcome to donate as well. Another flier will be coming home with your student at the end of February.

5th Graders will be going on a field trip to CampWay in Prescott, AZ next month. It was voted on unanimously to scholarship 3 students who are in need of assistants not to exceed \$900.

STEAM Night is being held March 6th. A fun night for all with lots of fun entertainment with Stings, Art, Music, and STEAM. Make sure to mark your calendar for this fun filled night. A flier will be coming home soon as a reminder.

Liberty is planning for an increase of students and staff with the upcoming school closures and boundary changes. We are estimating approximately 100 new students. Our new committee is working on; staff tours, community visits, student/parent tours, and evening visits with a pizza. The committee is also working on new ideas for school procedures such as car pick up and drop off, buddy system for new students, welcoming new staff and students to make the transition seamless and comfortable for all. There is expected to be some staff movement within the school. Current teachers will be placed first, and surplus staff will be able to apply for any open positions at any school.

Another topic that is being discussed is Special Areas. Currently we have 4 Special Areas that our students visit, which include; STEAM, Art, Music, and PE. STEAM is funded through ESSER, and unfortunately this is the last year that this fund is available. Next year things might look a little different, as we are hoping to keep STEAM, as well as determine what is the best fit for our students.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15am