

MMES School Council Meeting

Date: November 20, 2023

Time: 3:30 pm

Location: Mercury Mine Conference Room

Facilitator: Donna Alley, Principal

Committee Members Present:

- **Principal Representative** – Donna Alley, Principal
- **Teaching Staff Representative** – Yvonne Pilling, 6th Grade Teacher
- **Teaching Staff Representative** – Djin Beauregard, 5th Grade Teacher
- **Teaching Staff Representative** – Elizabeth Stein, Kindergarten Teacher
- **Support Staff Representative** – Sandy Ditsch
- **Parent Representative** – Kimberly Simons
- **Parent Representative** – Rebecca Rubens
- **Community Representative** - Jenifer Pang

Purpose: To approve previous minutes, review by-laws, and discuss school happenings.

Outcomes: All members will have an understanding of the school council by-laws and school events and achievements.

Minutes

I. **Welcome**

- A. Welcome and introduction of members
- B. Minutes of the October 20, 2023, meeting were approved as written.

II. **By-Laws**

- A. Members reviewed the School Council By-Laws and there were no suggested changes. Yvonne Pilling moved that the By-Laws be approved; Jenifer Pang seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. **School Achievement**

- A. Mrs. Taueki detailed the School Success Plan which is created at the beginning of the year and reviewed at the beginning and end of the school year by Dr. Steve Jeras. The plan is presented at a staff meeting for their input then reviewed at a school leadership meeting with clarifications if needed. This year's goals include (1) creation of a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) room to allow for accessibility of STEM supplies and materials following the loss of the STEM teacher. Mrs. Taueki will issue a

Principal's Challenge prior to Winter Break to all students including PreK to encourage creation of STEAM projects which will be displayed in the Media Center and some will be submitted for a district STEAM event. The Science Fair will be held in April. Discussion included reviving the Mini Museum program with parent volunteers who could be titled as STEAM Conductors. Goal (2) is increasing ELA (English Language Arts) scores by 10% based on data aligning with Shea MS to create achievable goals. Goal (3) maintaining the school gardens in alignment with Core Knowledge, Social Studies, and Science curriculum. MMES will partner with Hope Bible Church volunteers to develop and maintain the gardens. Elizabeth Stein mentioned the need to contact Lisa Patchett, a previous MMES parent, who could help teach current staff how to operate the watering system.

- B. Mrs. Taueki reported that MMES maintained an "A" letter grade for the past year. She thanked MMES staff for working hard to maintain the designation

IV. School Events

- A. Artist in Residence Festival was held on Friday, November 3, all over campus. Everyone was glad to visit the desert area and glad to see it open again after the water pipeline construction project was completed. A couple of ideas for future events included setting rotating schedules for teachers at booths so they can visit other activities; and including performances from Shea MS and Shadow Mountain HS student groups.
- B. PTG Fun Day was held on Friday, November 17, and funds will continue to be collected until November 27. The goal was \$75,000 and so far \$72,585 has been collected. In February, PTG will meet to determine how next year's budget will be spent. Students loved the Fun Day course; all the feedback was positive. PTG will add a post to the website with information on funds raised and results.
- C. Kindergarten Open House will be held February 6, 2024, from 5-6 p.m. Planning will be underway soon, flyers will distributed, and information posted on the school website.
- D. There were no Tax Credit Expenditures to consider.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:06 pm.