

MMES School Council Meeting

Date: December 18, 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
- **Community Representative** - Jenifer Pang

Guest Present:

Roger Smith

Jake White

Purpose: To approve previous minutes and discuss school updates, improvements, and partnerships.

Outcomes: All members will have an understanding of school staffing and programs.

Minutes

I. Welcome

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

II. School Programs and Partnerships

- A. Desert Area Update: Mrs. Taueki introduced community member Roger Smith who has offered to assist with desert area projects. She reported on a meeting with Mr. Smith and Janet Reed to discuss signage, MMES' relationship with the Desert Botanical Garden, and ways to improve the desert area and encourage broader utilization of it. A watering system was installed during the city's use of the area during the water pipeline project. A committee will be formed, a plan will be created and shared with parents. Discussion followed.
- B. STEAM room: Mrs. Taueki announced that the classroom next to the Art room will be set up to serve as a STEAM classroom available to all classes. Plans include adding a

Makerspace in the current storage area located behind the classroom as well as adding storage to benefit both the STEAM room and the Art classroom. Discussion followed.

- C. Freeport-McMoRan: Mrs. Taueki is looking to build a partnership with the international mining company that is headquartered in Phoenix. She feels it would provide a natural partnership with MMES given our location on old mining facilities and will make contact with the company.
- D. Mrs. Taueki noted that channel Fox 10 will be at MMES on December 19 to film Miss Perdue's class with a firefighter, Rick Beedle, as he reads his book to the class.

III. School Staffing

- A. Open Staff Positions: Mrs. Taueki reported that a half-time Special Education teacher position has been posted as our Special Education needs have increased. Other positions that remain unfilled include a .33 ELL teacher; a .25 Band teacher; and a 1.5 hour per day Campus Support position. All positions are posted on the district HR site.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:03 pm.