

DESERT CANYON



Site council Minutes

September 9, 2021

3:35 PM

Members Present – Kimberly Mills, Colleen Costello, Sharon Webb, Ping Huang, Jamie McCrensky, Shelley Allende, Mary Wynot, Kelly Brown, Elise Adland, Robert Vodicka

Members Absent – Mary Katherine Harris, Sarah Houghton

Celebrations – SUSD District is allowing volunteers on campus for outside events if they are fully vaccinated and wear a mask at all times. Please reach out to Kailey Brown kaileybrown@susd.org if you are interested in becoming a volunteer for future events. Welcoming new Parents to the Site council.

New business - New members voted in – Kelly Brown – Parent at large (year 2), Elise Adland K/1st parent at Large (year 1), Robert Vodicka 2nd/3rd Parent at Large (year 1), Sarah Houghton 4th/5th parent at Large (year 1).

Review Site Council By-Laws – Principal Mills reviewed the Mission statement, Purpose, Resignation and Removal of member sharing.

By-Laws will be sent out to all members and during the next meeting on September 30th members can bring any concerns or amendments to the floor.

Seesaw Platform - All members voted for the purchasing of the Seesaw software program to be purchased for our students to be an addition to the Mandarin program. It is an interactive program where parents can see what their child is learning, and their homework can also be displayed.

Elise Adland – Inquired if the seesaw program had at home access, and wanted to know if we had enough funding to purchase the software. She suggested to the group that ASU can help with the cost if we didn't have enough funding for it.

Principal Kim Mills – quoted the monies that we had in our tax credit account, and it was enough money to purchase the software. 1-year (1,170.00), 2-year (2,110.50), 3-year (3,103.25).

Principal Mills suggested that we try the program out for at least a year.

Mary Wynot – asked can this program be used with other subjects like STEM and specials?

Ms. Huang – Said that she believed that it could be used with other subjects as well.

Mitigation strategies – Principal Mills said that all staff have received PPE like last year. Teachers/staff have received a big bottle of hand sanitizer and wipes plus masks adult/child size. Principal Mills stated that the district has been very good in provided staff PPE.



Principal Mills said that we can fit all students in the cafeteria this year with bench seating – 2 per seat with the seat in the middle X out.

Enrollment Update – Principal Mills clarified a rumor that our enrollment had not decreased. Principal Mills shared that DCES has increased student count from 427 in 2020/21 to 519 2021/22.

For the Good of the Order – Elise Adland asked if we could send out the PTO Survey with Principal Mills Parent Letter on 9/10/21. Principal Mills said that she would add it in.

Principal Mills also said that our Covid numbers are looking better than they did last week. She said that the numbers are down, and we will all just slowly work our way back as things change if the numbers continue to go down.

The meeting then adjourned at 4:13pm.

