

Anasazi Site Council Minutes 5/14/24

Members attending: Michelle Moore, Lincoln Luse, Lori Soble, Sara Armstrong, Kristen Kater, Denise Smith, Diane Schlegelmilch, Jen Waldron

Meeting started at 3:35 PM

Denise made a motion to approve minutes, **Kristen** second, motion passed.

Diane made a motion to pass the following expenditures of tax credit money to pay for the advisor positions. We are seeking approval for next school year. She asked for; \$7,000 for News Crew Advisor, \$1,400 for student council advisor, \$3,000 for rec club advisor, \$3,000 for choir club advisor, \$4,000 for robotics, \$1,400 for ambassador advisor, \$2,000 for social media advisor, \$1,000 for yearbook advisor, \$1,000 for photography advisor.

Diane gave an update on tax credit money. We are in good shape. General tax credit fund is at \$58,749.83, Gifted is \$2,202.74, and fine arts is at \$22,307.39. Tax credit money is difficult to spend due to rules on how to spend tax credit. Jen is waiting to hear about some new legislation. Tax credit reminders have not been in newsletters as it is in other schools, we might want to come together to come up with a graceful approach to tax credit donations, pictures of field trips, use qr code to make it easy. Collectively see how we can advertise to come up with tax credit funds.

Jen stated that the Collecting Bikes and Scooters donation program flyers will be out and about at an event tomorrow at Celebration of Learning.

School will be updated with bond money to strip wallpaper and clean up this summer. All walls need to be stripped before summer.

Denise gave Community updates:

1. McCormick Stillman Railroad Park will be making some additions. They will be adding an indoor play area, 10,000 square feet with 3 floors shaped like a train. They will also be adding a splash pad area

2. On June 30th McCormick Railroad Park will be holding their annual Red, White and Choo-Choo celebration, starts at 4 pm and includes water slides, pie eating contests, unlimited train and carousel rides, live DJ and fireworks

3. June Days in Old Town is being held June 1st-30th. Art exhibits, craft workshops, live performances, and family-oriented outings
4. Arizona Boardwalk will be holding a Foam Frenzy from 10-1 on May 25th
5. Six Flags Water Park season starts May 18th and is open every day from 11-5. The park is located just west of I-17 on Pinnacle Peak Rd
6. Gammage Theater on the ASU campus is performing Peter Pan from June 11-16 and Hamilton from June 25-July 28
7. The Phoenix Theater Company is performing Fiddler on The Roof from May 22-July 7. The theater is located on N Central in Phoenix

Jen refers back to our Continuous improvement plans (CIP plans) update. Many learning strategies took place this year such as Visible Thinking Strategies, toddle, and other enhancements took place this year to boost scores, attendance and building community.

In accordance with the CIP plan PLC's set team goals, we worked through them as a staff and reflected often about how we were aware how we were moving toward those goals. Strategies such as Visible thinking, DBQ, reflective writing, differentiated smart goals as well as typical growth scores were all implemented. Benchmark data was sent yesterday, an example was given by Jen metaphor of a stool with three legs where one leg of the stool is Fastbridge, all forms of learning taking place should represent all the legs equally balanced. Our teachers know where their benchmarks are for k-3. Our third graders and under are on track to be readers. We are aware that if not, Arizona law states they could be detained. We are so on track typically we are making a growth score with gifted kids. Some are coasting through We are looking for 100 percent growth, it is hard with the high flyers to make growth but we need to see what we have control over to help kids grow. We continue to look at various ways to make growth for the high scoring students.

Jen continues about how our school focused on attendance which made a good bit of difference, we had a ton of illness and that dropped us. Today we sit at 94.72 percent. We are higher than we were last year at this time. We are second in most growth for attendance. Laguna is sitting at number one. Our

attendance is growing, we are getting recognition for attendance growth. South Scottsdale schools attendance is huge. It is harder in our area. Number one for absence is illness. Vacation however is just as high. For vacation we are just under 800 calls for vacation for the year. Balance of making parents know there is a law that kids need to be in school. It is a hard balance. We see an uptick of vacations. We didn't make our goal but we grew.

We have set our sights on 2026 when we will have the A+ visit and IB authorization visit. We will get through that. So much to celebrate. We get to these last two weeks and we are all over it but we have so many great things to celebrate. Lincoln was at the new teacher celebration, making through her first year like a superstar! All in all we always have room to grow to make sure we are enriching all. The amount of work we are doing outside of academics is blowing it out of the park. Many of the initiatives are ground breaking. IB day of service, Native American Heritage Month, Guest speakers and authors, Spanish Bingo night, the student built Labyrinth on the 100th day of school, our IB visiting students from South Korea,, live learning lab s, such as Labyrinth, Garden, Desert Habitat, Makerspace, Music productions, and two innovation grants written by teachers.

Diane made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Denise second. Meeting adjourned at 4:14pm.