

Meeting Minutes- SITE Council

Location: Zoom Meeting

Date: 8/14/2023

Time 3:35 PM

Attendance: Jen Waldron, Diane Schlegelmilch, Lori Soble, Sara Armstrong, Lincoln Luse, Michelle Moore, Brehan King, Kristen Kater, Trina Pensabene, Kristina Galuska, Paola Castro, Pat Vassaux

Agenda Items:

Jen Waldron made a motion to start the meeting. Motion was second by Diane. Paola gave updates on robotics club. Materials are needed to get the club started in September. They need approval for: robots, mats, challenge sets, reusable robot kits, and competition costs for December. The total is approximately \$2,000. In addition, a foldable table is needed, possibly two, costs are \$160 each for table. Approval needed for up to \$2,000. Explained that much of it is investment, only the registration fee annually. Student costs will be \$100 per year. Trina asked if there will be a process for selecting students as there will be a 25-student cap. Paola explained we will stress big commitment, team effort where teammates will rely heavily on each other. They will stress on application that it is a yearlong commitment with competitions on Saturday in December. Diane makes a motion to approve \$2500. Trina seconds. Motion passes. Amendment was made to increase from \$2500 to \$4286.27 due to increased quote received. Motion passed. Amendment was made to spend \$1,365.65 to register 4 teams and purchase two tables for \$400. Motion passed.

Michelle Moore explained about the photography club. Materials were already acquired pre -covid. Students would go out and seek out photograph opportunities. Students will learn how to upload and edit photos. We have materials except may need photo paper and color ink. Jen Waldron reminded we need to get ball rolling on Yearbook club, asking Michelle Moore to get together with Jen Waldron to discuss Yearbook and finding a sponsor. Trina asks clarifying questions about money needed for photography club. Students will have a \$100 joining fee for the year. Diane made a motion to spend \$1,000 for the photography club advisor. Motion passes.

IB Update: Sara Armstrong gave updates on field trips for the 2023-2024 year. Site council helped to pay for two field trips per grade level. Sara helps organize field trips that connect to units of inquiry. Sara is requesting approval for the first set of field trips. **Kindergarten** would like to see the Arizona Puppet Theater; cost includes field trip and buses; \$550 is the cost. **First grade** proposing that students go to Science Center, cost is \$1336.70. For **second grade** she is proposing Phoenix Zoo, costs: \$1360. For **third grade** field trip she is proposing a trip to the Arizona Capitol building, cost is \$500. **Fourth grade** to the Heard Museum. This field trip is basically free, only cost is the buses, total cost is \$540 dollars. **Fifth grade:** AZ Science Center planetarium, cost: \$1856.15. A second field trip is proposed for Fifth grade to Taliesin West. It is a one-hour architecture tour of the building and a 45 min STEM activity, cost \$1140. We had a motion to approve, all approve. No oppose. Jen appreciates approval and mentions that all field trips tie into curriculum, they are varied from year to year and and something to look forward to each year for the students.

Community Update Report

1. A "Safe Teens Boot Camp" is being held by Gracia Barra Safe Teens on Hayden Rd at McCormick Ranch. The program runs consecutive Saturdays 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7. Middle School is 11:30 to 12:15, High School is 12:30 to 1:15. The program is limited to 25 spots and is free, register by

September 8th. Hands on Self-Defense Techniques, Situation Awareness Training, Verbal De-escalation, Cyber safety and social media awareness and Building Self-Confidence.

2. Arizona Boardwalk is holding a "Free Foam Frenzy" September 2,3,4 10:00 to 1 pm. Endless Foam parties, Firetruck water play and photo and Water Squirter Zone.
3. September 30th Westworld is holding "Arizona Desert Showdown", a Big Truck Show starting at 7:00 am.
4. Westworld is holding a Quilt, Craft, Sewing Festival August 31st to September 3rd from 10-5. \$12 for 3 days.
5. Arabian National Breeder Finals is being held at Westworld on September 13th thru the 16th.
6. Junk in The Trunk Vintage Market is being held at Westworld September 15, 16, 17th.
7. The Water Parks in Phoenix are still open on the weekends 11-7.
8. McDowell Mountain Ranch Aquatic Park has a waterpark that includes a Lazy River, Tube water slide, zero-depth entry play pool and water play feature spray pad. It is open from 1 to 5 and it costs \$7 adults, \$5 kids.

Brehan added community announcement about a PTO sharing event taking place on 8/23/23 at the Mohave district annex. PTO sharing meeting is where they exchange PTO ideas for various schools. She is the secretary of the Council. It is a great collaborative group. Trina gave Fountain Hills update **Back to School Bash** which is free this Friday the 18th from 6-8 PM There will be yard games, inflatable, and companies and non-profits will have booth and activities. It will be at the Four Peaks Park in Fountain Hills.

IB Update- Sara says it is exciting to start the year with fully authorized school this year. We are continuing to develop our program. She mentioned the excitement of having new staff members who will all attend the IB workshop in September. We have lots of plans around IB special projects and events and we are looking forward to a good year.

Other Business – PTO update from Trina. It has been a good start with membership; family memberships are available instead of just one person. There are now a total of 1,109 members. Already have fundraising from members over \$7,000. She feels there is a lot of good momentum, they are all hoping it will continue. Scottsdale Orthodonture will be the first community level sponsor, the amount to be determined. So far, they are doing well. She asks teachers to please talk to peers, as of now 10 faculty have signed up. With more collaborations, eventually hoping for 100 percent of faculty to join. Trying to make PTO more collaborative and an opportunity to work together. PTO voted to approve a budget for two additional aides. Five hours a day and one added day for Ms. G to be on campus. We now need to raise money. Our next dine-out is this Wednesday at Wildflower, Sonoran Village from 5-8 pm. The first board meeting is this Wednesday in the PTO room. She says we are all learning as we go along, reinventing and rebuilding. PTO is getting established in roles and expectations and responsibilities of each position. The next general meeting is on 8/30. It is an open meeting. Hoping for more memberships. Jen mentioned gratitude for partnership and an overwhelming positive feeling. Sara will remind teachers where to go to sign up to be a member when she meets with teachers tomorrow on team Tuesday. It is encouraging because of the PM meetings for people that can't be there during a business day. Trina says all PM and AM meetings will be recorded and on Zoom and shared on website, everyone has access to meetings. Trina explained how to be a community partnership. Four different levels with benefits. Jen mentions we are growing in all areas: IB, Partnership, Exhibition, Pollinator pathway, students at all levels making growth; student by student, skill by skill. Growing our accolades is something we are trying to achieve. She says we will be chunking away at A+ application. Now IB accreditation is complete we are on to the next challenge. We

may have to meet as a collective on-site council for feedback and community input. It is a rigorous application and totally different than IB application. We will submit interest to have a fall 2024 for an A+ visit. Looking for interest in helping write the A+ application.

Future Items: none

Kris Kater makes a motion to end the meeting, Trina seconds motion. The motion passes. Next meeting is **September 19th**.

Meeting adjourned.