

Site Council Meeting for January 16, 2024

Start Time: 3:33 PM

End Time 3:55 PM

Attendance: Lincoln Luse, Lori Soble, Sara Armstrong, Michelle Moore, Kristina Galuska, Trina Pensabene, Denise Smith, Dijana Schlegelmilch, Jen Waldron.

Meeting called to order at 3:33pm.

Dijana moved to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved from the last meeting.

Sara Armstrong shares some upcoming events:

Tues Jan. 23rd is the 100th day of school. The theme this year is 100 healthy habits. She shares background with the group and explains that each class comes up with five healthy habits to focus on in various categories, therefore equaling 100 total healthy habits. The culmination of that project and a *special treat* will be that we are going to build a labyrinth for our school. Students have been learning about the uses and history of **labyrinths** from all over the world. Mrs. Soble's fifth grade A.M. class will help plan and measure the labyrinth. Once it is all laid out, students from every grade will participate by placing a rock to outline the pathway in the labyrinth.

- Trina asks if there is a theme for the 100th day of school? Sara answers that no there is no theme or dress up day but if PTO would like to do something around 100 healthy habits that would fit nicely. Ideas such as signs on the sidewalk chalk and posters outside the school would be acceptable.

Sara continues that students will learn about Labyrinths all around the world and the idea of labyrinths should tie into healthy habits and our IB learning profile attributes.

Sara continues to talk about **international friendship day; Feb. 14th**. As we did last year, we will start out with an assembly, then students will do an international activity in classes throughout the day. This year we will invite a Native American group called **Yellowbird Productions**. This is a world renown group that presents to many different audiences. They sing and dance, it will be a fabulous part of the assembly.

Sara is requesting money, **\$1,000** in costs for Yellowbird Productions to come and do the performance on international friendship day. It will be during the assembly.

Sara motioned to spend this money for the Yellow Bird Productions to come and present during assembly. Motion passes.

Jen joins the Site council meeting, coming from a principal's meeting. She continues to give an overview of all the various exciting activities coming up such as: the Community hike, The Parada

Del Sol (we will have a float this year in the Parada), Western day, and just a lot of fun things happening in the next few months. The Student Council is planning dress up days and events to take place during Read Across America which is the first week of March. Due to the fact students will be dressing up for Read Across America days and Western day, we really aren't having dress up day for 100th day of school and just focusing on the 100 Healthy Habits.

Regarding the **Community Hike on Jan. 23rd**, this is parents and families joining in the hike after school. The proposed meeting time to walk as a group toward the **Lost Dog Trailhead** would be 3:50PM so to give teachers time to finish their afternoon duties. This hike will begin from Anasazi and move towards the Lost Dog Trailhead. Different ideas were discussed about which of the trails we should hike. Lori contributes information: There is a shorter one; Ringtail Loop is 2.5 miles, Taliesin Overlook is over 4 miles, and the Kovach Family Nature Trail is a figure 8 loop and is only .5 miles. Lori stated that it could be the best option because it is family friendly and has interpretive signs and it is wide. According to the website, *this 0.5-mile two-loop ADA-accessible nature trail provides 13 plaques describing the desert's relationship to its humans and other inhabitants. The trail is made of stabilized decomposed granite created to be accessible to people of all abilities and gear such as strollers, walkers, and wheelchairs. There are three stone benches along the trail for rest stops.* Soble offered to pick up a brochure and help lead the hike.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M8xiCYj4syg>

Denise Smith contributed the following A site Community Report:

1. Phoenix Zoo is hosting "Move and Groove" Lions 5K Run. The date is January 20th from 5:30 to 9:00 pm. Proceeds go to Arizona Center for Nature Conservation/Phoenix Zoo.
2. Salt River Fields is hosting "A Taste of AZ Food and Drink Festival on January 27th, starting at 1:00.
3. Scottsdale Western Week is January 27th to February 4th. Events will be in Old Town including Gold Palette Art Walk, Hash Knife Pony Express Arrival, Trail End Festival, Para Del Sol Parade and the Arizona Indian Festival.
4. Harkin's Theater on Camelback Road is hosting every Friday and Saturday "Cinema Beneath the Stars" – Magic of Rooftop movies. The cost is only \$14.50.
5. West World is hosting Barrett Jackson Car Show January 20th through the 28th.
6. Arizona Boardwalk is hosting a Family Fan Valentine's Festival on February 10th from 10-2. Bounce houses and slides, face painting, live entertainment, games, and crafts including valentines and a coloring contest. That night they are hosting a free family night with games, music and prizes followed by the movie Encanto. The event starts at 5 and the movie starts at 6:30.
7. The Celebration of Arts starts January 13th and runs for 10 weeks. It is located at the Southwest corner of Hayden and the Loop 101. 40,000 sq ft of working studios for 100 renowned and emerging artists.

Meeting adjourned by 3:55 PM