

# School Council Meeting

**Date:** September 9, 2024

**Time:** 3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Desert Shadows Elementary School

**Facilitator:** Bryan Cunningham, Principal

## Committee Members Present:

- **Administrator Representative** – Patricia Noack, Administrative Assistant
- **Community Member Representative** – Julie Simpson
- **Teaching Staff Representative** – April Padilla Gladden, Kindergarten Teacher
- **Teaching Staff Representative** – Morgan Vandenberg, Kindergarten Teacher, Parent
- **Teaching Staff Representative** –
- **Parent Representative** – Jennelle Bartlett, Parent of 4th and 6th Grader
- **Parent Representative** – Arturo De La Cruz, Parent of 1st grader
- **Parent Representative** – Megan Knee, Parent of 2nd and 5th Grader
- **Parent Representative** – Heather Villarruel, Parent of 2nd Grader

**Purpose:** Provide a positive and safe school community, where all students obtain higher level, innovative, and career readiness skills through an integrated curricular approach.

**Outcomes:** All questions and concerns were addressed and positive feedback provided.

## Agenda/Minutes

### I. Welcome

A. Introduce Members

B. District and School Updates

1. Morning Drop Off- New Process - Went over new drop off procedure to hope to eliminate crossing at a crosswalk to keep the flow of traffic moving. Students will follow the sidewalk along in front of the middle school. We will post signs and staff at that spot to educate students. Will send out the new directions in the Thursday Staples and start on 9/16.
2. Library Review: *The PVSchools Fall 2024 Library Title List will be available for review for 60 days starting September 25 - November 30, 2024. Please see the*

*following website to see titles that are being considered by Paradise Valley school libraries and provide feedback. Website:*

<https://www.pvschools.net/community/committees/school-library-book-review-committee>

3. E-Bikes and E-scooters are for riders 18+ now per the Phoenix Police Department. Students and parents were informed about it.
  4. Literacy Night coming - 9/18 from 4:30-6:00. The book fair runs all week. Parents and students accompanied by their parent can shop 1 hour before and 1 hour after school Tuesday and Thursday (9/17 and 9/19)
  5. What do you want the school to fundraise for? Funds are set aside from last year to refresh the library furniture. A small committee will be formed to help pick the furniture and design the space. Material for STEAM bins. Ex: Magnatiles, Legos, Connectors. Will look into running a STEAM drive with PTA for new and used supplies.
  6. Beginning of the year feedback - Lack of things to do on the playground. PTA is supposed to paint the pickleball lines on the basketball courts. A teacher got a donation of nets and rackets. Look into another gaga ball pit. The volleyball net needs to be replaced. Lots of the new students were excited to get involved and run for Student Council positions. Students need to have shoes with backs on them. Slides are not ok. Crocs are ok. Smart watches need to be in airplane mode during school hours. They are a distraction and no different than texting on a cell phone. Students can always come to the front office to call home when needed.
- C. Tax Credit Approval - nothing new to approve. Asked for and received approval to use tax credit funds on all upcoming field trips for families unable to pay. This is for the purpose of creating purchase orders in a timely manner. All future field trips will still be discussed. Field trips are starting to get expensive. We will keep more money in the general tax credit fund to help pay for field trips as opposed to purchasing any more benches or picnic tables.

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- A. School Council Member Statements - Got the tickets from HHS for kindergarten to join the football game.
- B. Public Statements

The next meeting will be October 14, 2024

*Meeting was adjourned at 04:23 p.m.*