

Explorer School Council Meeting

Date: September 10, 2024

Time: 8:00-8:45 a.m.

Location: Virtual

Facilitator: Jenni Jeras, Principal

Committee Members Present:

- **Administrator Representative** – Jenni Jeras, Principal
- **Teaching Staff Representative** – Zachary Bennett, 7th grade teacher
- **Teaching Staff Representative** – Kara Rosales, 8th grade teacher
- **Support Staff Representative** – Lauren Tarr, Administrative Assistant
- **Parent Representative** – Cheryl Chariton-Kirschenbaum, 7th grade parent
- **Parent Representative** – Sabrina Frieberg, 8th grade parent

Purpose: To fulfill the legal requirement of A.R.S. 15-351 and provide an opportunity for local school improvement through teaming with the principal to address meaningful issues.

Outcomes: Welcomed new members, discussed the upcoming school year and what we would like to achieve and approved tax credit expenditures.

Agenda/Minutes

I. Welcome

- A. We welcomed new members to our team. Zachary Bennett as the 7th grade teacher representative, Kara Rosales as the 8th grade teacher representative and Cheryl Chariton-Kirschenbaum as the 7th grade parent representative.

II. State of EMS

- A. We discussed future assemblies to continue our PBIS/PRIDE initiative with our students
- B. We went over some of the upcoming field trips, such as the 8th grade trip to the Herberger theater to see The Diary of Anne Frank, the 7th grade field trip to Castles & Coasters in the Spring, as well as the Washington DC trip right before Spring Break

III. Strategic Plan Initiatives

- A. PBIS - Last year teachers worked on tier one training and support systems for our students to help them succeed. This year's goals are to work on tiers 2 and 3 to further these students and support them in meeting their academic goals.

- B. MTSS - As with PBIS, MTSS will also move into training our staff on tier 2 and tier 3 to help our students be successful. There will be specialized work that teachers will be trained on to help students attain goals while supporting their social, emotional and behavioral needs from a strengths based perspective.

IV. Portrait of a Graduate

- A. This was touched on briefly and will be expanded upon at next month's meeting. It is a chart showing students what goals they should be working towards before graduation. These goals are a road map to set them up for success after graduation.
- B. It shows the layering on of education and formulating tools for success.
- C. Would like to have posters in every classroom for students to have a visual of.

V. Undesignated Tax Credit Expenditures

- A. The Tax Credit Statement says: The Council approves undesignated tax credit expenditures for all items relating to field trips, field trip substitutes, field trip transportation, scholarships for field trips, admission and/or fees, before and after school academic or enrichment clubs, registration for competitions, conferences, etc. for our school groups to represent the school/district. Any other expenditures not listed above will be brought to the Council for consideration.
- B. Approve Use of Arizona school tax credit funds: Annual approval to use Arizona school tax credit funds up to \$60,000.00 for before/after school classes including but not limited to: drama, festival sports, scholarships, Character Education, and intervention tutoring programs.
 - 1. Motion to approve made by Sabrina Freiberg.
 - 2. Second made by Kara Rosales and Sharon Kuehl.
- C. Approval to use Arizona tax credit funds to purchase Instructional Materials for use throughout the school. The program BrainPop is a necessary item for Science and is useful throughout all disciplines. The quoted purchase price will exceed \$3,100.00.
 - 1. Motion to approve made by Sabrina Freiberg.
 - 2. Second made by Kara Rosales and Sharon Kuehl.

VI. Next meeting will be 10/15/24

VII. Future meetings will be: October 15, 2024, Nov 12, 2024 Dec 10, 2024 Jan 14, 2024 Feb 11, 2024 March 18, 2024, Apr 8, 2024 May 13, 2024

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.