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September 17, 2024 - Board Meeting Agenda Questions & Responses

### 6.4 Ratify Payroll and Expense Vouchers

Please explain the following. What do you mean by BRING SELF FUNDED MEMBERS ACCOUNT TO THE MINIMUM REQUIRED BALANCE

KAIROS HEALTH ARIZONA, INC.	1129	8/16/2024 H3	202400555	\$484,838.00	BRING SELF FUNDED MEMBERS ACCOUNT TO THE MINIMUM REQUIRED BALANCE
KAIROS HEALTH ARIZONA, INC.	1129	8/16/2024 H4	202400555	\$550,000.00	BRING SELF FUNDED MEMBERS ACCOUNT TO THE MINIMUM REQUIRED BALANCE

The district incurred a large claims year and since the district is self-insured, we are obligated to pay all claims. This expense represents the amount owed to Kairos for medical claims incurred during FY2024.

Did we ever shut off the library option in BrainPop or were we able to block certain books? As I've said before, the statute includes online instructional material must be available for parental review and permission must be obtained.

BRAINPOP, LLC	1022	8/22/2024 US506391	202500333	\$4,095.00	School-wide subscription to BrainPOP and BrainPOP Jr. gives you full access to over 1,200 topics across the curriculum, including grade-level content, interactive activities, and creative learning tools. Also includes access to BrainPOP Español and BrainPOP Français.
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As previously communicated:

*The only BrainPOP license purchased by the district was for San Tan teachers for the Dual-Language Immersion (DLI) program. San Tan teachers have the single-user plan which is designed for teacher guided/front-of-classroom use. Students do not have their own student accounts. The teachers appreciate this instructional resource as it is the only material provided for teaching science and social studies standards in the target language of Spanish. Additionally, the district has already worked with BrainPOP to disable sensitive content.*

### 7.1 - AP (Advanced Placement) and Dual Enrollment Presentation

Can you elaborate on the challenges students face with credit acceptance from AP exams versus Dual Enrollment courses, especially when applying to out-of-state or private universities?

Credit given for AP tests is determined by the school to which the student is applying. There is not a universal standard. It depends on the school and major that the student is in. The student and parents need to work with the school to which they have applied in order to see how many credits are accepted for AP exam scores.

Dual enrollment credits from CGCC are accepted at our state universities. It is up to private schools and out-of-state schools if they accept the credit or not.

What specific qualifications are required for teachers to teach AP courses compared to Dual Enrollment courses?

AP teachers must attend an AP training to be prepared to teach an AP course. Dual enrollment teachers must be approved by our dual enrollment partner which normally includes the requirement of having an advanced degree in the subject matter that is being taught or a certain number of higher-level graduate courses to meet the requirements.

How do student outcomes differ between those who participate in AP courses versus Dual Enrollment, especially regarding college performance and graduation rates?

The district does not have access to this information.

What are the costs associated with AP exams versus Dual Enrollment courses?

AP exams cost \$99 per exam and DE courses are \$95 per credit hour.

How do AP and Dual Enrollment impact students' eligibility for scholarships, and are there specific advantages of one over the other?

Students have the opportunity to earn AP Scholar recognitions, which looks better for scholarship applications. According to the College Board, students who earn the Capstone Diploma stand out to colleges in the application process for completing this rigorous course of study. Dual Enrollment courses do not impact scholarships.

Obviously, these courses significantly impact a student's GPA. How will the district address situations where a student's learning environment in an AP class is disrupted, such as recent issues with books and the fact that if a student opts out of inappropriate reading material, the student is sent outside of the classroom and unable to fully participate. There is a simple solution, but suggesting an online course or a course the student has already completed cannot be an effective option for the student's success.

AP courses are weighted and can provide a boost to a student's GPA depending on the grade earned in the course. Some Dual Enrollment courses are weighted and provide the same benefit. All AP and Dual Enrollment courses are opt-in courses where students and parents have the choice but are not required to enroll in the course. There are alternative courses both in-person and online through HVA.

I understand that these are college level courses, but majority of the students taking these classes are minors.

## 8.2 FY2025 Classroom Site Fund Plan

So now we are going to determine the 6/5<sup>th</sup> by adding the CSF to the base pay then calculating a percentage based on that total, correct?

Correct and the district will use the proportionate funds.

What is the impact on the budget? Before/after and variance.

Approximately \$56,000 from the Classroom Site Fund.

A 6/5<sup>th</sup> assignment refers to a teaching position where a teacher is taking on an extra class beyond the standard full-time load, which is typically five classes. In a standard full-time position, a teacher usually teaches five classes (5/5<sup>th</sup>). However, in a 6/5<sup>th</sup> assignment, the teacher teaches six classes instead of the usual five, often referred to as an "overload." Teachers with a 6/5<sup>th</sup> load are usually compensated additionally for the extra class, although the pay and specific terms can vary based on the district's policies or the teacher's contract.

What additional duties are School Counselors, School Psychologist, Speech Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, and Certified District Instructional Coaches given to qualify for this 6/5<sup>th</sup>?

Generally, 6/5<sup>th</sup> are relegated to classroom teachers.