



Paradise Valley Unified School District | Meeting Minutes

# Explorer School Council Meeting

**Date:** October 15, 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
- **Community Representative** - Sharon Kuehl

**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:** Discussions were had regarding SWIS, PBIS, MTSS and how these programs are helping to reduce behavior problems and institute the use of consistent standards in the classroom.

## Agenda/Minutes

### I. Welcome

A. The meeting started at 8:05 a.m. Greetings were made and we started our discussion.

### II. Topic One

A. Ms. Jeras discussed the use of SWIS to track discipline numbers corresponding to behavior among students. By using these tracking tools, teachers are able to manage classroom behavior and establish consistent standards that can be put into practice on every level of the education tier. The SWIS Tracking Data will stand as a model for future classroom formats.

### III. Topic Two

A. PBIS was discussed. Ms. Jeras and Mr. Fox draw names weekly and are trying to figure out how to better incentivize students who seem less interested in the aspect of PBIS and the prizes than others. The thought of better prizes was passed around, i.e.:

1. Pizza with Mr. Fox
2. Pickleball with teachers
3. B
4. Basketball with teachers

B. What will make a difference? Will one-on-one time be more beneficial to some and be the catalyst for those students who seem to show less interest.

#### **IV. Topic Three**

A. Cell Phones and dress codes were briefly discussed. The main takeaway was that it needs to come from the parents. This should not be a school issue, primarily. Parents need to be the ones taking the helm and discussing these issues with their children.

#### **V. Topic Four**

A. We would like to look into getting a Signature Program here at Explorer Middle School that would be a draw for parents and students who are interested in various middle schools.

B. We would like to utilize Social Media to promote our school

*Meeting was adjourned at 08:55 a.m.*

Next Meeting will take place on 11/12/24