

MMES School Council Meeting

Date: August 26, 2024

Time: 3:35 pm

Location: Mercury Mine Conference Room

Facilitator: Stephanie Taueki, Principal

Committee Members Present:

- **Principal Representative** – Stephanie Taueki, Principal
- **Teaching Staff Representative** – Yvonne Pilling, 6th Grade Teacher
- **Teaching Staff Representative** – Blaine Beatty, 4th Grade Teacher
- **Teaching Staff Representative** – Erin Linkiewicz, Kindergarten Teacher
- **Support Staff Representative** – Sandy Ditsch
- **Parent Representative** – Amy Pawlowski
- **Parent Representative** – Elizabeth Pickering
- **Community Representative** - Jenifer Pang

Purpose: To approve previous minutes, review school happenings, and discuss goals.

Outcomes: All members will have an understanding of current school events and goals.

Minutes

I. Welcome

- A. Welcome and introduction of members
- B. Minutes of April 29, 2024, meeting were approved as written..

II. First Week Celebrations and Refinement

- A. First week celebrations and refinements–Principal Taueki shared a binder of schedules and collected information from the first week of school including results of a google survey of parents. Comments included needing more shade for students, adding the room number to posted class lists during meet the teacher event, comments on the parking lot at dismissal, some teachers respond to emails faster than others, but overall many positive comments.

III. Summer Facility Projects

- A. MMES is getting a new roof which should be done in about two weeks. The basketball courts are being resurfaced. A new backup generator was installed. We are awaiting word on refreshing and patching up the planter boxes out front. PTG will be replacing the artificial grass in the courtyard this semester.

IV. School News and Goals

- A. Freeport MacMoRan grant—Principal Taueki met with Freeport MacMoRan over the summer and is completing a grant application that is due in September. Working with a timeline of the MMES 50th anniversary in 2026-2027 will be the goal. Alternate areas of request might be asking for guest speakers such as engineers to meet with students or assistance with artifact exhibitions for the desert education area.
- B. Superintendent Goals—Dr. Jason Reynolds, Interim PVUSD Superintendent, has set goals that MMES will work toward including 80% proficiency on ELA. The MMES School Success Plan was approved through the school Leadership Committee.
- C. Assembly ideas—PTG is looking for ideas for school-wide assemblies this year. They added a budget line to financially support assemblies. Ideas were discussed such as the Basketball Guy (SEL themes); a Magician; Science Wizard; Jolly Roger Comedy Magician; Childsplay; NVAA; PVCC; Phoenix Zoo assembly; Phoenix Symphony; Folklorico Mexican Dance Troupe; Phoenix Mercury's literacy assembly.
- D. Tax Credit Expenditures—The tax credit account balance is currently \$64,129.61. Two tax credit expenditures were considered. Amy Pawlowski moved to approve the deposit payment for Guided Discoveries (Catalina Island Marine Institute field trip) not to exceed \$5,250. Student and chaperone payments will cover the cost once collected. Blaine Beatty seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved. Amy Pawlowski moved to approve the use of tax credit funds to pay staff to offer before and after school tax credit academic and enrichment classes and to assist any students who need financial assistance to attend. Jenifer Pang seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.
- E. Recruitment—Elizabeth Pickering asked about year round recruitment of students especially for Kindergarten enrollment. Discussion followed.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:42 pm.