

MMES School Council Meeting

Date: September 23, 2024

Time: 3:33 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
- **Parent Representative** - Rachel Guthrie
- **Community Representative** - Jenifer Pang

Purpose: To approve previous minutes, discuss school happenings, and review by-laws.

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 the August 26, 2024, meeting were approved as written.

II. School Happenings

- A. October 31, 2024, in the Multipurpose Room that will coordinate with art classes. Mrs. Hall found some science assemblies that we're hoping to book. PTG will help fund some assemblies. Erin Linkiewicz mentioned a Quintet Storytelling group that includes music and is led by a music educator. Christina Selden, 3rd grade teacher, is looking into a Phoenix Symphony assembly.
- B. Tea With Mrs. T–Mrs. Taueki is planning to hold an informal tea/coffee get together once per semester to offer parents the opportunity for conversation with the principal. Last year it was held in January from 8-8:45. Suggestions were made to indicate how often it might be held, indicate an agenda if there is one, and to consider offering one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

- C. RICH cards—the design has been refreshed to be a bookmark style card with the school mascot and includes a perforated tear off section to be dropped in the office box.
- D. Fall Clubs—Sandy reviewed the number of clubs and students registered. Erin Linkiewicz suggested looking into the Lego League for future offerings; Cori Teeter, former MMES Math Specialist, proposed a Girls on the Run Club for grades 4-6. It includes a curriculum and twice weekly meetings for an hour. Rachel and Amy might be interested in sponsoring this club.

III. By-Laws and Tax Credit Approvals

- A. By-Laws Review—no proposed changes to content but a couple of typos to edit for accuracy and clarity.
- B. Tax Credit Approvals—none at this time

IV. Good of the Order

- A. Elizabeth Pickering asked that recruitment for new students in all grade levels be top of mind all the time with tours, etc. Mrs. Taueki mentioned that we have received a number of new students and several from one local charter school. Ideas were noted including word of mouth recommendations, district marketing signage, stickers for water bottles and other items, etc. Amy Pawlowski mentioned that the Gold Rush Fundraiser (formerly Fun Run) will focus on non-sugary fun and incentives like extra or extended recess, music at lunchtime, tie dying, pancake breakfast, donuts, popsicles, a slime event, bubbles, dance party, cotton candy. The color run will return for 6th grade.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:46 pm.