

Desert Mountain Site Council

Minutes

March 19, 2025

- Meeting called to order by John Andrews at 2:36pm
- Attendance: Absent – Voula Popovich, Taytum Feuerbacher, Emily D’Ambrosio, Sid Gupta, Cloe Steinbec

- Approval of February minutes - Motion to approve made by Kristen Tindall. Seconded by Sandy provided we make the change the name Diane to Andrea under Representative report. Motion passed.

- Kristen Tindall will serve as certified teacher rep with exit of Whitney Jennings.

Call to Public

- Question on how to get understanding on process and procedure for applying to NHS answered. John will reach out to Mr. Knox.
- Question on how we advertise graduation speaker – should we put it in PTO newsletter? John advised that since we always have a good number of applicants and we do not need additional advertisement.

Principal’s Report

- We have job openings in the school. Currently vetting applications.
- Musical is coming up – April 2,3 and 4
- Athletics –
 - Lily Goodwin pitched a perfect game
 - Baseball on March 20, 2025
 - Winter Sports Banquet coming up
- We have two AF Academy appointments and one West Point appointment
- Wolf of the Month – 3 students won \$250 drawing last month. We have another luncheon tomorrow.
- Prom is April 5
- Academic Awards – May 8
- IB Awards – May 16
- Graduation May 22

Tax Credit Spending Request –

One of our Spanish teachers was on maternity leave during part of this school year and those students may want a refresher to prepare them for the next level of coursework next fall.

Spending request is to fund a Grammar Review Course to run June 16-June 26 from 9am – 12pm. This will give up to 30 students who have completed Spanish 2 and 3 an opportunity to work with Ms. Andarcia and prepare for the fall. There are potentially 90 students who were affected. We hope to get at least 30 kids to take advantage of this. There will be no cost to students.

- Request to pay Raiza Andarcia for her time planning and instructing students not to exceed \$1250.

Discussion – does SUSD have money to pay for this? SUSD has done this with the Math Summer Bridge program. Since we need to begin advertising and letting kids plan their summer, we need to proceed with the request of Site Council funds.

- Motion to approve – Motion made by Sandy Fruehe. Seconded by Andrea. Augustine. Motion passed.

Representative Reports

Hailey Glicksman

- Senior events coming up
 - Senior Sunset
 - Senior Breakfast
 - STUGO is working on student superlatives
- Teen Town Hall was successful – results were compiled on a google doc and shared with Admin and ultimately Dr. Menzel

Jenny Dorsch

- Last month's Skilled Trade Fair was only moderately successful. Of 16 schools invited, three did not show. Student engagement was limited to probably less than 20 kids who spoke with the schools.
- Jenny and Michelle Okun are promoting a field trip to a Construction Apprenticeship fair in April where construction employers will be on site at Chase Field to share apprenticeship employment opportunities for post graduation. Students can learn the trade and earn money.
- Jenny is working on the Awards Night and securing nominees by teachers, creating the program, invitation list and décor for the evening which is May 8, 2025 by invitation. We will probably be awarding up 130 students.
- Rotary Scholarships for Seniors are available for application. Rotary has added two new scholarships this year; \$10,000 for Nursing and \$7400 for International Business. New this year, all scholarships will require a Student Aid Report from the FAFSA.
- DMPTO Scholarship applications are out and available for students to apply.

Sandy Fruehe - PTO

- Arcadia has purchased a legacy letter similar to DMHS, using same vendor as DMHS

- PTO met with the landscapers about adding landscaping in the 7000s, the 3000 entrance and the courtyard.
- PTO held a recruiting meeting today and another event Thursday night at Vecinos. Portillos is next month, followed by Texas Road House. PTO will do fundraising events all summer.

John Andrews –

- we had a Holocaust survivor presentation today for interested students. She is 96 years old and spoke for about 30 minutes about her experience. There was a line of students after who wanted to meet her.
- This week is National Social Worker week and our Social Worker, Michelle Renaud has done daily events or communications. Monday March 17 we had a table in the mall at lunch featuring Noah Ayala's family to give kids the opportunity to meet them.
- Baseball game today
- Dr. Menzel will come visit staff on Wednesday morning next week to take questions by staff.

Motion to adjourn – Motion made by Tanjia Hong. Seconded by Kristen Tindall. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:39

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Dorsch

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