

## October Minutes

**School: Mimosa Elementary School**

**Date: 10/28/2025**

**Time: 4:00 PM**

**Location: Media Center**

**TEAMS Link (if applicable):**

**SGC Members:** Community Member- Ms. Morelli, Community Member- Mr. Evans, Parent Member - Mr. Garcia, Parent Member- Ms. Romero, Principal - Ms. Holcombe, Parent Member- Ms. Lopez, Teacher Member- Ms. Rogers, Teacher Member- Ms. Whittemore, Appointed Staff- Ms. Fernandez, Appointed Staff - Norma Escalera

**4:00 PM** Call to Order (*Chair*)

*Called to order by Mr. Evans*

**4:02 PM** Action Item: Approve Agenda (*Chair*)

*We discussed details of adding “unanimously approved” in addition to “motioned” and “approved”; updated Ms. Fernandez’s name; need to move strategic plan, principal update, charter dollar (action item), added State of the School summary at 4:45 time*

*Motioned by Rogers, seconded by Whittemore, unanimously approved*

**4:05 PM** Action Item: Approve September Minutes (*Chair*)

*We discussed details of adding “unanimously approved” in addition to “motioned” and “approved”*

*Motioned by Rogers, seconded by Whittemore, unanimously approved*

**4:07 PM** Discussion Item: SY25-26 Council Initiatives\* (*All Members*)

*Evans explained this is where we can discuss how to spend money on events throughout the year and/or incentives for teachers. Rogers explained we had our Fall Family Night already this school year. She went on to share last year in the spring we had a literacy night (ticketed event), students seemed to enjoy it, food was good (catered), there was a cap on the event attendance. Evans mentioned how this event was well attended and there were two authors who came in and discussed their books. Rogers we shared we had our literacy night last night. We are not sure about math night- could we do at Mimosa or maybe Lidl. Mr. Evans has a contact/connection with a manager at Lidl. Evans brought up Christmas with Santa. Rogers mentioned the Book Fair and Thanksgiving Feasts. Evans brought up working on the pond area in the courtyard- he wants to look more into it (work on pond, garden, benches). Evans brought up gathering volunteers to reorganize the STEM room. Whittemore going to check in on Construction Club contributing bird houses to our school. Garcia brought up STEM night. Rogers mentioned International Night (would need more parent and/or community volunteers/support). Fernandez brought up a Parents Night (ex. A Valentine’s night for parents to come and have dinner and a dance). Evans brought up a book club during the school day like during lunchtime- he is currently working on it.*

**4:15 PM** Discussion Item: Review SGC Website for Compliance\*\* (*All Members*)

We need to update Fernandez name (no longer Yanes). We need to add minutes for August and September, and add October 28 and December 2 meeting dates.

**4:20 PM Discussion Item:** Debrief Fall Cross Council Meeting (All Members)

*Garcia said there were a lot of members in attendance. They started with a get to know you activity, then broke into groups based on schools (elementary, middle, high school), they discussed challenges they faced and how they overcome challenges. At his specific table, many members brought up the challenge of staff retention at their school and discussed solutions. They also mentioned increasing parent-teacher conferences. One idea that was shared was a book club (for students and for staff- 2 different clubs). Book club for students could include comic books/ graphic novels- not just chapter books.*

**4:25 PM Public Comment**

**4:30 PM Discussion Item:** Strategic Plan Update/Review (All Members)

*Moved to next meeting*

**4:40 PM Discussion Item:** Charter Dollar Expenditure Proposals (All Members)

*Evans explained we have to approve this and a lot of it is based on the number of students in attendance, enrollment, etc. This funding can be used for buying a teacher/staff member, stock the PBIS store, teacher incentives, upgrade the school sign, technology (headphones), 5<sup>th</sup> grade shirts/yearbooks/Aquarium trip, etc. We will have more discussions on this.*

**4:45 PM Action Item:** Approve Charter Dollar Expenditure Proposals (Chair)

*Moving to next meeting*

**4:45 PM Discussion Item:** Mr. Evans provide summary from State of the School

*Evans shared the finance department, and many head of departments were in attendance. They brought up AI. It was shared at the meeting that teachers use AI/copilot for study guides and assignment creations. They were curious how parents/students/families utilize AI at home. CFO talked about the challenge of managing cost. There is a discussion group (thought exchange) for cost reduction strategies. Number one emphasis was cost of healthcare is increasing and labor/employee cost (85% of cost is personnel), in addition to revenue going down. No one brought up school closures.*

**4:45 PM Informational Item:** Principal's Update (Principal) Per Ms. Holcombe: Mention Student Brag Tags (We are going to roll this out on Friday for High Five Friday – would love to have an adequate supply of motivators across the year. We have some for attendance and basic math facts, reading – but would like to add to it.)

**4:55 PM Discussion Item:** Draft Next Meeting's Agenda (All Members)

**5:00 PM Action Item:** Meeting Adjournment (Chair)

*Whittemore motioned, Garcia seconded, unanimously approved*

**Meeting Norms:** Silence Phones, Be Respectful of Others' Opinions, Work for the good of all Students