



Sahuaro Site Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Virtual Via Microsoft Teams

Date: September 4, 2025

Time: 5:00pm

The Sahuaro Elementary School Site Council Meeting was called to order at 5:01pm on Thursday, September 4, 2025.

The following Site Council Members were present for today's meeting: Crystal Bustamante, Laura Livesay, Erica Welch, Mistie Campbell and Doug Hawkins.

The following Site Council Members were absent from today's meeting: None

A motion to elect a new Site Council Parent Member, Ms. Wendy Manskey, was made by Laura Livesay, and seconded by Erica Welch. The motion passed by a majority vote of the Site Council.

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 1, 2025 was made by Laura Livesay, and seconded by Mistie Campbell. The motion passed by a majority vote of the Site Council.

A motion to approve the meeting agenda for September 4, 2025 was made by Erica Welch, and seconded by Doug Hawkins. The motion passed by a majority vote of the Sahuaro Site Council.

There were no Citizen Comments for today's Site Council meeting.

The following topics were discussed at today's meeting:

- a. Celebrations ~ Be sure to check out Facebook & Instagram pages
 - i. Great start to the school year
 - ii. Wonderful New Staff
 - iii. Amazing PTA
 - iv. Community Support
 - v. Student Achievement
- b. Current School Enrollment: 542 Students (ended last year with 548)
- c. Current School Attendance Rate = 94.2%
 - i. Goal = 95%
 - ii. 2023-2024 Average = 91.86%
 - iii. 2024-2025 Average = 93.29%
 - iv. 0 Attendance Referrals for Chronic Absences
- d. Office Discipline Referral Data = 54 Behavior Incident Referrals; Average = 11 per week (ended last year with average of 14 per week)
- e. Undesignated Tax Credit Balance: \$389.93 – Mrs. Bustamante explained that this amount may be only 75% of current total due to accounting only loading partial budgets at the beginning of the year.
Principal reviewed Tax Credit Budgets, and explained what Tax Credit Funds can be spent

for. She explained that our extra sports, Spirit Squad and Soccer, are not funded by the district. She also explained that only one coach stipend is provided for Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, and Cross Country even though we have 2 coaches per sport.

- i. A motion to move \$389.93 from Undesignated Tax Credit to Tax Credit Sports for Fall Sports ~ Boys Basketball, Spirit Squad, and Cross Country was made by Doug Hawkins, and seconded by Laura Livesay. The motion passed by a majority vote of the Site Council.
- f. E.A.G.L.E.S. House System – Mrs. Bustamante explained the new House System to the Site Council.
- g. A motion to approve the 2025-2026 Site Council By-Laws was made by Doug Hawkins, and seconded by Laura Livesay. The motion passed by a majority vote of the Site Council.

2. School Calendar – September:

• SEPTEMBER:

- 9/5 - Student Council Informational Meeting @ 7:45am - Cafeteria
- 9/5 - 9/5 - PTA Fundraiser Kick-off
- 9/5 - E.A.G.L.E.S. House Meeting #2 - 1:10pm-2:00pm
- 9/5 - Chess Club - Library - 2:30-3:45
- 9/8 - 5th/6th Grade Choir Practice @ 2:30-3:15 - Music Rm 909
- 9/8 - PBIS Team Meeting @ 3:00-4:00 - Library
- 9/8-9/9 - Boys Basketball Team Try-Outs - 2:45pm-4:00pm
- 9/8-10/3 - PTA Annual Fundraiser
- 9/8 - PTA Virtual Meeting - 6:00pm-7:00pm
- 9/9 - Sahuaro Block Watch Meeting @ 6:00
- 9/10 - ROCKS Star Student of the Month Breakfast @ 7:35am - Cafeteria
- 9/10 - Early Release @ 1pm
- 9/11 - Patriot Day
- 9/11 - Martial Arts Class @ 4:30-5:30 - PE Rm 904
- 9/12 - Spirit Squad Try-Outs @ 2:30-4:00 - Cafeteria
- 9/12 - Chess Club - Library - 2:30-3:45
- 9/15 - 5th/6th Grade Choir Practice @ 2:30-3:15 - Music Rm 909
- 9/17 - Early Release @ 1pm
- 9/18 - Martial Arts Class @ 4:30-5:30 - PE Rm 904
- 9/19 - Spirit Squad Practice @ 2:30-4:00 - Cafeteria
- 9/19 - Chess Club - Library - 2:30-3:45
- 9/20 - C28 Business Alliance & Calvary Church Community Clean-Up Day
- 9/22-10/2 - Kiwanis Walk-a-Thon Dollar Wars
- 9/22 - PBIS Team Meeting @ 3:00-4:00 - Library
- 9/22 - 5th/6th Grade Choir Practice @ 2:30-3:15 - Music Rm 909
- 9/22 - Picture Day - Rm 910
- 9/25 - Martial Arts Class @ 4:30-5:30 - PE Rm 904
- 9/25 - PTA \$1 Pajama Day
- 9/25 - Family Movie Night - Hosted by GLC & Kindergarten - 6:00pm-7:30pm
- 9/26 - Spirit Squad Practice @ 2:30-4:00 - Cafeteria

- 9/26 – PTA \$1 Freezie Friday
- 9/26 - National School Parent Group Appreciation Day
- 9/26 - Chess Club - Library - 2:30-3:45
- 9/29 - 5th/6th Grade Choir Practice @ 2:30-3:15 - Music Rm 909
- 9/29 - Boys Basketball Tournament @ Cholla - Games @ 6:30 & 7:30
- 9/29 - Spirit Squad @ Boys Basketball Tournament @ Cholla - Games @ 6:30pm & 7:30pm
- 9/30 - Cross Country Team Try-Outs @ 2:30-4:00 – Field

- **OCTOBER – Through Fall Break:**

- 10/1 - ROCKS Star Student of the Month Breakfast @ 7:35am - Cafeteria
- 10/1 - PTA \$1 Wacky Wednesday
- 10/1 - Early Release @ 1pm
- 10/1 - Spirit Squad @ Boys Basketball Game @ 6:30pm @ Cholla
- 10/2 - School Custodian Appreciation Day
- 10/2 - Cross Country Practice @ 2:30-4:00
- 10/2 - Martial Arts Class @ 4:30-5:30 - PE Rm 904
- 10/2 - Cholla Choir Festival - Rehearsal @ 9:30-12:30; Concert @ 6pm
- 10/3 – Boys Basketball Game at Cholla @ 6:30pm
- 10/3 - Spirit Squad @ Boys Basketball Game @ 6:30pm @ Cholla
- 10/3 - PTA Day of Awesome Fundraiser Celebration During Specials
- 10/3 - E.A.G.L.E.S. House Meeting #3 & Quarter 1 Assembly
- 10/3 - Chess Club - Library - 2:30-3:45
- 10/4 - Kiwanis Walk-a-Thon - Check-in 7:00-7:30; Begins @ 8:00am
- 10/5 - World Teachers' Day
- 10/6-10/10 - Fall Break - No School

- 3. **Future Agenda Items:**

- a. 2025-2026 Integrated Action Plan
- b. Beginning-of-Year Assessment Data
- c. Student & Parent Survey Data
- d. School Letter Grade Data
- e. Tax Credit Drive to promote more Donations
- f. Love Our Schools Day

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Laura Livesay, and seconded by Erica Welch. The motion passed by a majority vote of the site council. Meeting was adjourned at 5:43pm.

Next Meeting – 10/16/2025