

School Council Meeting

Date: August 26, 2026

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: Desert Shadows Elementary School

Facilitator: Bryan Cunningham, Principal

Committee Members Present:

- **Support Staff Representative** – Patricia Noack, Administrative Assistant
- **Certified Staff Representative** – Shellie Sallas-Leveratt, 1st Grade Teacher
- **Certified Staff Representative** – April Padilla Gladden, Kindergarten Teacher
- **Certified Staff Representative** – Teresa Andreis, Kindergarten Teacher
- **Parent Representative** – Justin Rice, Parent of 2nd and 3rd Grader
- **Parent Representative** – Yadira Davis, Parent of 3rd and 5th Grader
- **Parent Representative** – Heather Villarruel, Parent of 1st and 4th Grader
- **Community Member Representative** –

Purpose: Provide a positive and safe school community, where all students obtain higher level, innovative, and career readiness skills through an integrated curricular approach.

Outcomes: All questions and concerns were addressed and positive feedback provided.

Agenda/Minutes

I. 3:30-4:30 Welcome

- A. Introduce Members
- B. Required Trainings
 1. 📅 School Council Training - Modified
 2. 📖 DSES School Council Bylaws
- C. District and School Updates
 1. Level 4 PBIS Award and Model School Process - DSES was 1 of 50 schools in the state to get the Level 4 PBIS Award along with Boulder Creek E.S, the only schools to get it in PVUSD. Our Model School visit will be 9/17 where we will be reevaluated for the 2nd year as a Model School.
 2. A+ Update - the application has been submitted. Thank you to PTA President Justin for all of your help as well as lots of staff members who contributed and

proofread. We will find out at the end of September if we will move forward with a school visit in January.

3. School Success Plan - It's a guide of where we are going as a school. Dr Courson wants every school to earn an A. Our school mission is being mentioned in the school digest and on the TV in the lobby.
 4. Curriculum Night Participation - Participation was lower than previous years.
 5. Water Bottles at Specials - Water bottles are becoming disruptive during specials and specials teachers are requesting they leave them in their classrooms. There are 2 water fountains in the cafeteria and water bottles are allowed for outdoor PE. Suggestion is to keep water bottles all in one area and to give designated water breaks.
 6. Facilities Projects - in no particular order #1 new build, #2 another parking lot designated for the Elementary School, #3 shade structure for recess, #4 gym space for indoor recess, #5 furniture refresh.
 7. Feedback on the beginning of the year
 8. STUCO Update - had 2 interest meetings today
- D. Tax Credit Approval - School council approves the use of general tax credit funds to open POs for future field trips to reserve dates until funds are raised to pay for the trips with auxiliary accounts. School council also approves the use of general tax credit funds to cover field trips for students needing financial support..

II. 4:30 Good of the order

- A. School Council Member Statements - A staff member expressed concerns to the PTA about the amount PTA gives some teachers that have joined the PTA and how the amount changed. This was discussed at the PTA meeting. Bryan or Patricia have not had any requests for supplies that are needed.
- B. Public Statements

The next meeting will be September 28, 2026

Meeting was adjourned at 5:08p.m.