Sandpiper Elementary School

PVSchools

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 09/14/26
Time: 7:45 am
Members: Shawn Varner, Katie Schmidt, Katie Wood, Jacquelyn Riekena, Giuliana Marticorena, Abe Blanco, Benson Hathaway, Salvatore Priorello
Absent: Katie Wood
Guests:

Agenda Items and Meeting Notes

- Yearly School Council Training and Bylaws
    - Review of training slides handout
    - The majority of council members are returning from last year
    - Review of the camera installation process from last year

- Tax credit approval request for PBIS celebrations and 6th-grade graduation.
    - Review of the spending of the non-designated tax credit process
        - Not designated for specific spending
        - Oversight is determined by ARS through School Council
    - Approximately $10,000 in the budget
    - Request of $2,500 for PBIS lunches, spirit day, PBIS incentives, and 6th-grade graduation for students each quarter, to be spent on food, drinks, and incentives for the school year.
    - If in the future, the team decides to continue the discussion of the purchase of cameras, a map of camera coverage will be provided.
    - Motion approved for spending 5-0.

- Review the results of the School Success Plan Focal Points as well as the 2026-2027 School Success Plan as a whole
    - Review of the purpose and layout of the school success plan
    - Review of Teacher turnover from 2nd grade staff for 25-26 & Stakeholder culture, climate, and satisfaction
    - Goals K-2, 3-6 broken up by grade level, including data for ELA, Math, Science, & Spanish
- Update on A+ School of Excellence application
    - Application submitted at the end of August

    - At the end of October-Early November, we will receive notification if we will receive a visit
    - Process: Application & Site Visit

- Discussion/thoughts regarding closing the Sandpiper playground in the morning before school starts (pros & cons) & decide on next steps/further action if necessary (and timeline)
    - One of the few schools in PV that still has an open campus
    - Incidents of parents intervening in conflicts of students on the playground
    - Discussion of pros and cons of closure
        - Review of district policies
        - Agreement to revisit the topic at a future date

- School topic suggestions for 26/27
    - No topics at this time

For the good of the order/general questions and/or concerns

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Contact Katie at 602-449-6302 or kawood@pvschools.net if you have anything that you would like to be added to the agenda.

The next meeting will be on 10/05/26