

School Council Meeting

Date: September 28, 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
- **Certified Staff Representative** – April Padilla Gladden, Kindergarten Teacher
- **Certified Staff Representative** – Teresa Andreis
- **Parent Representative** –
- **Parent Representative** – Yadira Davis, Parent of 3rd and 5th Grader
- **Parent Representative** – Heather Villarruel, Parent of Kindergartner and 3rd Grader
- **Community Member Representative** – Julie Simpson

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. District and School Updates

1. Staffing Update - Our Long Term Substitute Mrs. Curtis came out of retirement and has been hired for the 6th grade position.
2. PBIS Model School Process - DSES got Model School recognition again. Any ideas for the next celebration?
3. A+ School of Excellence Update - Out of 65 schools that applied, we were one of 50 that advanced to the on site visit. We scored exemplary in 15 of the 16 sections. We don't know the date yet but most likely in January or February. We will know more details about the visit in October.
4. STEAM Update - We added a STEAM section to the Desert Shadows Digest. 6th grade and 1st grade have been featured. STEAM is happening in the classroom,

we just realized we haven't been highlighting it. The STEAM coach will also be at the next staff meeting to touch on how STEAM can be integrated on a daily basis. It shouldn't be thought of as a giant project. Gallery walks might be incorporated so families and students can walk thorough and see projects.

5. Fundraiser Ideas/Feedback - New library tables. Playground activities. 9 square. A survey went home in the newsletter.
6. Feedback on the beginning of the year
7. STUCO Update - Election went really smoothly. \$5 Sonic coupon booklets will be for sale on Thursday and Friday. STUCO will also sell Boo grams for \$2.00 on the 29th. The STUCO giveback this year will be for veterans in honor of Mr. Thompson. The STUCO gift will be a metal cutout of a bull dog holding an American flag. 10/8 Kindness Day and 10/9 Sandshark Spirit Day crafted by PVHS welding.
8. Tax Credit Approval

II. 4:30 Good of the order

- A. School Council Member Statements - Book Fair week was a huge success. Literacy night was well attended. Parent teacher conference signups will come out next week, before fall break.
- B. Public Statements

The next meeting will be October 19, 2026

Meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.