

Paradise Valley Unified School District | School Council Minutes

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 19, 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** –
- **Certified Staff Representative** –
- **Certified Staff Representative** – Teresa Andreis, Kindergarten Teacher
- **Parent Representative** – Justin Rice, Parent of 2nd and 3rd Grader
- **Parent Representative** –
- **Parent Representative** – Heather Villarruel, Parent of Kindergartner and 3rd 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. District and School Updates

1. Staffing Update - Patricia Curtis has joined our staff as a 6th grade teacher. She is great with project based learning. Her contract is interim since she started after the 1st 60 days. Stacy Bryant-Liang has been the long term substitute for Mrs. Garzon and has done an amazing job. Caley Garzon returns on Wednesday 10/21. 3 people are running for the Governing Board. Do your research and remember to vote.
2. PBIS Model School Ceremony - 11/13 from 9am-10am will be the PBIS Model School ceremony and it will be held at the DSMS gym as well. The Superintendent will speak to students as well. JAWS ambassadors will do the Pledge of Allegiance and Suzuki Strings will play Baby Shark. This date will also

serve to celebrate other anticipated awards like The US News & World Report Best Elementary School , A rating, and we might also be in the top 25 schools for points in the state towards the A rating. This will ramp us up for the A+ visit as well.

3. A+ School of Excellence Update - We will have a 2- day visit. We are one of 50 out of 65 applicants that will get a visit. 3 of the 4 PV Schools were selected for a visit. PTA will provide food for the event. Mr. Cunningham has an informational meeting on Thursday and will have more information after that. Beautification Day will be planned the weekend before to spruce up the school.
4. Parent Teacher Conferences - 10/26-10/29. Early release day on 11/28 and 11/29. No school 10/30
5. Dress Up Day & CTE Day
 - a) Dress Up Day, October 28th- On dress up day, students must follow all school dress code guidelines. In addition, their dress up outfit must not include any gore, weapons, masks, blow ups, or anything that would scare a preschooler/kindergartener.
 - b) CTE Day, October 29th - Each class will get a 25 minute presentation. These are students from PV High Schools and PV CTE Teachers.

Criminal Justice & Forensics	3rd	Digital Media	PreK
Network Security	4th	Culinary	K
Engineering	5th	Digital Media	1st
Sports Med	6th	Marketing	2nd

6. STUCO Update - Boo Grams 10/19-10/22.

B. Tax Credit Approval - no new approvals

II. 4:30 Good of the order

- A. School Council Member Statements - Ideas for spending fundraising money= shade structure out front, mural in the library, library tables, movie night, JAWSome marketing material.
- B. Public Statements - When will we be able to use the 3D printers again? Bryan has a meeting on Monday to see where they stand. PVUSD is working through it legally. Screen time is also something that will be addressed in a committee.

III. Next Meeting: Nov 9, 2026