Sahuaro Site Council Meeting Minutes
Location: Virtual Via Microsoft Teams
Date: May 14, 2026
Time: 5:00pm

The Sahuaro Elementary School Site Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm on Thursday, May 14, 2026.

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

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

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 12, 2026 was made by Laura Livesay, and seconded by Wendy Manskey. The motion passed by a majority vote of the Site Council.

A motion to approve the meeting agenda for May 14, 2026 was made by Laura Livesay, and seconded by Wendy Manskey. 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
    - **i.** Valley Readers Program
    - **ii.** Read Across America Day
    - **iii.** Family Literacy Night
    - **iv.** ROCKS Star Student of the Month Breakfast
    - **v.** Mrs. Noel & State Testing
    - **vi.** Chicanos por la Causa Esperanza Teacher Award – Francisco Rodriguez
    - **vii.** Sports - Girls Basketball & Soccer
    - **viii.** Student Council
    - **ix.** Field Days
    - **x.** PTA – Freezy Fridays, Wacky Wednesdays, and so much more!
    - **xi.** Staff Appreciation Week
    - **xii.** Mrs. Grass – Yearbook
    - **xiii.** Mr. Kohn – Sound System & Crossing
    - **xiv.** Arizona Puppet Theater
    - **xv.** Evening of the Arts – 837 people
    - **xvi.** Staff vs Students Basketball & Kickball
    - **xvii.** EL Student Proficiency – 14 Students Reclassified
b. Current School Enrollment: 532 Students
c. Attendance Rate = 93.14%
d. Office Discipline Referral Data = 561 Behavior Incident Referrals; Average = 15 per week
    i. 2024-25 Average = 20 per week (179 less referrals than last year)
e. Undesignated Tax Credit Balance: $0
f. 2026 Summer School Update
    - **i.** Coordinator: Lyndsey Kessler

ii. Hosting 4 Schools – Sahuaro, Lakeview, Sunburst, Ironwood

iii. 10 Classes – 20 students per class – by invitation only

1. 4 Jumpstart Classes – incoming Kindergarteners

2. 6 Academic Classes – Kindergarten through 5th Grade

iv. Cholla will host incoming 7th graders (our current 6th graders)

g. 2026-2027 Staffing Updates

i. Teachers Leaving Sahuaro:

1. Keyonna Naranjo – Kindergarten

2. Erica Welch – 1st Grade

3. Esmeralda Desiderio – 3rd Grade

4. Andrea Forbes – 5th Grade

5. Franky Rodriguez – LD Resource

ii. Classified Staff Leaving Sahuaro:

1. Michael O'Neil – Facilities Manager

2. Steven Aros – Behavior Support Advocate

3. Mistie Campbell – Special Needs Preschool Assistant

iii. Teacher Moves:

1. Jenna Carle – from Kindergarten to LD Resource

2. Lyndsey Kessler – from 6th Grade to Kindergarten

3. Jennifer Mosher – from 2nd Grade to 6th Grade

4. Emily Stormoen – from 3rd Grade to 1st Grade

5. Laura Livesay – from 2nd Grade to 3rd Grade

6. Michelle Mobley – from 5th Grade to 6th Grade

7. Anthony Gammage – from 6th Grade to 5th Grade

8. Kristen Vermilion – from Targeted Language Teacher to 5th Grade

iv. New Teachers:

1. Elisa Terrazas – Kindergarten

2. Doné Gourley – 2nd Grade

v. Open Positions:

1. 0.5 LD Resource Teacher

2. Facilities Manager – Full-Time

3. Behavior Support Advocate – Full-Time

4. Special Needs Preschool Assistant – 30 hours per week

5. Crossing Guard – 7.5 hours per week

6. Monitor – Playground/Cafeteria – 12.5 hours per week

h. 2026-2027 Site Council

i. 2026-27 Continuing Site Council Members:

1. Crystal Bustamante (Principal)
2. Laura Livesay (Teacher)
3. Doug Hawkins (Parent)
4. Wendy Manskey (Parent)
5. Bette Herrera (Community Member)

ii. 2026-27 Site Council Openings:

1. 1 Teacher
2. 1 Classified Staff Member

iii. 2026-27 Tentative Meeting Dates ~ 1st Thursday of the Month: 9/3, 10/1, 11/5, 12/3, 1/7, 2/4, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6

2. **School Calendar:**
    - 5/15-5/19 – Tatt the Staff PTA Fundraiser
    - 5/15 - Quarter 4 Academic Honors Assemblies (8:00-5th/6th Grade; 8:45-GLC; 9:30-3rd/4th Grade)
    - 5/15 - PTA Freezy Friday
    - 5/15 - E.A.G.L.E.S. House Meeting #9 (Follow Early Release Schedule)
        - 1:10-1:40 - Latif / Ehsan / Senpati
        - 1:45-2:15 - Espejo / Amani / Gushikama
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    - 5/15 - PTA Peter Piper Pizza Fundraiser Night - Yearbook Signing Party
    - 5/18 - Speech Pathologist Day
    - 5/18 - Kindergarten Celebration of Learning @ 9:00am
    - 5/18 - 6th Grade Promotion @ 1:15pm
    - 5/19 - Last Day of School for Students – Early Release at 1pm
    - 5/19 - 6th Grade Walk the Halls @ 12:35pm
    - 5/19 - K-6 Report Cards Sent Home with Students
    - 5/19 - Last Day of Work for Classified Staff
    - 5/19 - WESD Gifted Great Skate Night - 6:00pm-8:30pm
    - 5/20 - Last Day of Work for Certified Staff, BSA, and Social Worker

2026 Summer Calendar:

- 5/26-6/18 - Summer School (Sahuaro, Lakeview, Sunburst & Ironwood)
- 6/2 - Last Work Day for Principal, Instructional Coach, and Office Staff
- 6/3 -7/22 - Sahuaro Office Closed
- 7/14 - Principal Returns to Campus
- 7/20 - Instructional Coach & Office Staff Return to Campus
- 7/20-7/31 - BRIDGE Program
- 7/23 - Office Reopens for 2026-27 School Year
- 7/24 - WESD Annual Professional Development Summit
- 7/30-7/31 - New Teacher Induction
- 8/3 - Teachers Return to Campus (First Contract Day)
- 8/3-8/7 - Teacher Pre-Week
- 8/6 - Meet the Teacher Night - 5:00pm-6:30pm
- 8/6 - PTA Membership Drive Begins
- 8/7 - Classified Staff Return to Work
- 8/10 – 1st Day of School

3. **Future Agenda Items:** None – See You Next Year!

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 6:00pm.

Next Meeting – 10/1/2026