

Sahuaro School Council

Meeting Date: November 19, 2024

Meeting Location: Zoom 835 4407 2830

Members present	Cara Grasso Roberto Estrella Carol Rodriguez Jackie Krieg Philip Hemmo Colleen Bradley Lori Emrich Maria Saavedra Allyse Chalmers Diego Del Villar	Facilitator/Teacher Administration Administration Teacher Teacher Classified/MTSS Classified Parent Student Student
Members absent	ТВА	Parent
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	TBA	Community Rep

I. Called to order at 4:03 PM by Cara Grasso

II. Call to the audience-None

DISCUSSION NOTES	
CONCLUSIONS	
ACTION ITEMS	

III. Reports

A. Principal Report

- Celebrations
- Cougar Hall of Fame Breakfast
 - Student Council Yearbook, Paper Cut, Girls Basketball, Chef Me Up Club, Choir, Band
- Celebrating Chuck Adams
- Congratulations to our Band
- Theater Arts (The Frog Prince; Dream)
- Guitar Orchestra
- o Looking forward to our upcoming Holiday Concerts
- Thank you to StuCo

- Great Homecoming events
 - Spirit Week, Assembly, Royalty, Dance
- Blood Drive
- Link Crew
 - Helping with volunteer work & freshmen connections
- National Honors Society
 - Great induction and
- Climate is healthy
 - Less fights, alcohol, vaping
 - Still seeing vaping though
- Students are adopting to the one lunch, getting requests to reduce the time. We can review this in the spring for next year based on our projections.
- Instruction
 - Letter Grade is a B high marks for growth, graduation rate, and college & career readiness scores
 - Need to focus on improving performance
 - Ramping up our walkthroughs
 - Students should be seeing learning targets and success criteria in each classroom
- o AVID Family Engagement Last Night
- Lunch Time Curriculum Fair Student (Lunch) & Family Curriculum Night for Families
- ASVAB
- AP Exams
 - Last Year (2023-2024): 161 exams ordered, 22 Unused
 - This Year (2024-2025): 324 exams ordered
 - **\$6,633.00**.
- Upcoming Events
 - Thanksgiving next week
 - 2nd Qtr. Benchmarks Dec 3
 - Winter Concert Assembly Dec 13
 - Winter Graduation Tuesday, December 17
 - Finals December 18 & 19
 - December 20 Grading Day
 - Winter Break December 23-Jan 3
 - First Day of Spring Semester January 6
- B. Faculty Report

- a. Mr. Hemmo reported on the upcoming fine arts performances and recent school visits by the advanced guitar class. He shared students in NHS are working on volunteer projects throughout the school: renovating a conference room in the basement of the library, helping the robotics team set up for a home tournament and doing some peer tutoring. In addition, Mr. Hemmo mentioned a noticeable increase in student wandering especially during 4th and 6th periods.
- b. Mrs. Krieg reported the student book club is finishing their third book and have ordered their fourth. They are in the process of creating and making new sweatshirts for the 24-25 school year. The Paper Cut has asked the book club to make their new t-shirts for a small fee. The money will go towards purchasing books and craft materials.
- c. Ms. Grasso reported NHS will have a presentation from the U o A KEYS program. She also made note of the new science adoption. Some adjustments to the lesson presentations are necessary in order to be compatible with Promethean active panel which has been a bit time consuming. She suggested there be consideration for next school year when it comes to scheduling AP classes. The hope is that AP classes will be scheduled at different times allowing more time choices for students which would likely result in higher numbers for each AP class.
- d. MTSS and Link Crew-Ms. Bradley reported there are 175 students currently on an MTSS behavior or academic plan. In addition, Link Crew is in full swing. Lind Crew members are working on additional social events one for freshman and for the members themselves. They will be working on the Future Freshman night taking place in the spring.
- e. Ms. Emrich reported loving the front office and is grateful for her new position. She also reported that winter sports are underway.
- C. Student Council Report
 - a. Area Reservation has been submitted for Winter Assembly
 - i. Working on strategies to control student behavior
 - ii. Script for the assembly is being written
 - b. Winter formal Planning
 - i. Advertising with Posters and announcements
 - ii. PO's submitted
 - c. Upcoming events
 - i. Door decoration contest
 - ii. Thanksgiving spirit week



- iii. Finals De-stressors
- iv. Angel Tree
- d. Would like to see more teacher participation
- D. Parent Report-None
- E. Community Report-None

IV. Action Items

ITEM TITLE	Robotic Coaching Stipend
DISCUSSION NOTES	Undesignated tax credit funds have been used for several years to pay for the robotic coaching stipend and it has been suggested that the club begin to find other/additional funding sources. Suggested funding sources included EEF participation grants, club members pay their own participation fee.
RESOLUTION: A TOTAL OF \$3,000 FROM UNDESIGNATED TAX CREDIT FUND WILL BE USED TO PAY FOR TWO ROBOTIC COACHING STIPENDS. EACH COACH WILL RECEIVE \$1,500.	
Moved By: Roberto Estrella Seconded By: Carol Rodriguez Vote: 10-0	

ITEM TITLE	AP Test Fees FY 24-25	
DISCUSSION NOTES	It was reported the total amount for AP test fees, so far is \$6,633. The proposal would be to fund a portion of the students' fees. Students have responded positively to paying for their first AP test fee knowing any additional AP test fees would be covered by the school.	
RESOLUTION: PAY UP TO \$4,000 FROM UNDESIGNATED TAX CREDIT FUNDS FOR STUDENTS WHO DO NOT QUALIFY FOR FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH. THESE STUDENTS WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING THE FEE FOR THEIR FIRST TEST, BUT ANY ADDITONAL AP TEST FEES WOULD BE PAID FOR WITH THESE MONIES.		
Moved By: Roberto Estrella Seconded By: Diego Del Villar Vote: 10-0		

V. Discussion/information items

ITEM TITLE	Draft Letter of Appreciation to EEF
DISCUSSION NOTES	Jackie Krieg submitted a draft letter of appreciation to EEF. Ms. Grasso will work on creating a letter head for this and any other future letters to be sent out by the site council. It was suggested that the site council write more thank you letters to community members when appropriate.
RESOLUTION: THE APPRECIATION LETTER TO EEF WILL BE MOVED TO AN ACTION ITEM AT THE NEXT SITE COUNCIL MEETING.	



- **VI.** Submission of items for next agenda.
 - The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 4 at 4:00pm via Zoom
 - Action Item:
 - Letter of Appreciation to EEF
- **VII.** The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 PM by Cara Grasso