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Site Council Minutes December 1, 2015

I. Called to Order

II. Introductions - The following were in attendance:

- Tanya Wall, Principal
- Karen Volk, Primary Teacher
- Jenny Royer, Intermediate Teacher
- Kendra Ritchey, PTO
- Stephanie Mustain, Parent
- Melanie Byrnes, Staff
- Olga Tarro, State Board of Education Council
- Indrani Solomon, Parent

III. Grade Level Reports:

- Kinder Pilgrim and Harvest. Starting Polar Express Writing
- 1^{st} Grade Pilgrims and Wampanoag, Holidays Around the World.
- <u>2nd Grade</u> Westward Movement, Revolutionary War, Holidays Around the World.
- Volk doing a holiday program and Arthurs doing the Grinch play.
- <u>3rd Grade</u> Dictionary from the Elk Club, Copper Mine tours, Nature's Treasure Store, Geology Rocks and Ben's Bell.
- <u>4th Grade</u> Indian Dolls, Formations
- <u>5th Grade</u> Heritage Night, Turquoise Times, Knee Braces in STEM, Fractions, Ellis Island with Google Slides and Chrome Books, Elf Narrative Writing, Reflex Math, BizTown coming in March.

IV. Community Council Report:

- a. Ironwood Ridge Athletes coming to read to Kinder through 2nd graders
- b. Stuff the Bus for Amphi Schools Copper Creek Staff there on December 7th
- c. Gala will be April 9th showcasing Amphi clubs and students.

V. PTO Update:

- a. Tax Credits due by December 31st
- b. Book Fair was one of the top ones we have had. Having a night event really helped.
- c. Teacher Appreciation breakfast coming up
- d. Holiday Cart for the teachers on December 17th

- e. Offering Art and Spanish afterschool
- f. Race to Nowhere will be shown by CDO at St. Marks on December 8th
- g. Square One Art going home this week
- h. Panera Bread restaurant night

VI. AZ Merit:

You can go to the ADE sites for all scores. Our 4th graders are the ones who have seen common core since Kindergarten.

VII. Superintendent Budget Community:

Prop 301 and Land Trust is a complex matter. Funding for AZ schools has decreased by billions over the last several years. The passing of the Prop 123 will begin to provide some funding back to public schools; it isn't enough, but it is a start.

VIII. STEAM Extravaganza:

- a. February 16th is the event with the Science Fair
- b. Science, Technology and Math
- c. Choir performing
- d. Astronomy
- e. Hands-on Activities in classrooms for Math and Science.

IX. Call to Audience:

- a. Other information Kindness Crusaders will have float in the Oro Valley Parade
- b. Engineering Curriculum has arrived
- c. Reflex Math being used; got at a great price
- d. There is a new Standards Development Committee with the state of Arizona.

They are going through all the math and English standards and would like parent and teacher input. You may comment on the standards.

X. Dismissed