



Site Council Minutes September 22, 2015

- Call to order
- Introductions: The following were in attendance:
 - Tanya Wall, Principal
 - Stephanie Mustain, Parent
 - Kendra Ritchie, PTO
 - Mavi Ford, Parent
 - Olga Tarro, State Board of Education Council
 - Melanie Brynes, Staff
 - Karen Volk, Primary Teacher
 - Marty Wilson, Classified Advisory Council
 - Indarani Solomon, Parent
- Proposal for approval of undesignated tax credit in the amount of \$2,000 being allotted to be used as needed by Mrs. Wall. Seconded by Stephanie and passed with all Ayes.
- Updates by Mrs. Wall:
 - Professional development by Chris Potter that was funded by the PTO is going very well. This is training to help our students with writing.
 - Focus On Science is our focus this year and teachers got together this summer to make a guide based on Science curriculum that will be more engaging and exciting to our students. This will include more hands-on activities. Some teachers have been training with U of A and Raytheon developing engineering lessons. Karen Volk shared that her buddy class (Mrs. Flannery) built a tower with index cards and scissors only that would hold Mrs. Volk's mascot (a stuffed whale). They were 12 inches high. Parents donated gum drops and tooth pix for the next building experiment. The highest tower built was 56 cm. The classes are hoping to build a bridge next with actual calculations and dimensions. Students were all very excited.
 - Mrs. Wall explained that the PTO donated money to purchase six Science Kits. Each grade will have three kits and then trade. Each kit is roughly \$50. Materials are common items found at school. Raytheon may be coming at some point to assist.
- Community Council Update by Stephanie Mustain:
 - Superintendent and Principals attend this meeting from schools K-12.
 - Discussed capital funding. From 2005-2016 there has been an 89% decrease in funds.
 - Currently there is \$814,000 in the budget for this year. If one school's AC should quit working, it could take this whole amount to replace it.
 - Getting an AC unit replaced has to go through the State Board of Education and can take up to nine months to be approved as there are no funds available.

- The new school has been put on hold.
 - Mesa Verde is currently under construction from the remaining bond money and Donaldson will be last to have improvements completed.
 - AZ is currently the 34th state in achievement which we want to see improved.
 - New Preschool at Holaway with extended care included; openings are available
 - Amphi Foundation Bowl-a-Thon raised money for Chromebooks and construction companies that participated each donated \$500.
 - Donaldson got cheap tables from the prison and suggest any school looking for tables should try this resource.
 - One school's PTO has created a brochure for new families.
 - Possibly host a Color Run when it gets cooler at Copper Creek.
 - Movie nights have been successful with more on the calendar.
 - Thinking of doing a clothing drive for the Amphi Clothing Bank in December; put this information on the Marquee when it's time.
 - High school is looking for formal dress donations.
 - Student Council will be doing a Food Drive at Copper Creek October 1-30.
- Grade Level report from Mrs. Wall:
 - Currently 541 students at Copper Creek. This is the grade level break down:
 - 70 - Kinder
 - 83 - 1st Graders
 - 71 - 2nd Graders
 - 92 - 3rd Graders
 - 69 - 4th Graders
 - 92 - 5th Graders
 - 09 - Choices
 - 13-14 - X-Cat (Primary X-Cat is mainly kinders who go to regular ed class for part of each day)
 - No negative feedback about the new schedule for the 4th and 5th graders.
 - We have a great deal of students attending currently with emotional/behavioral challenges that are not doing well with full inclusion so we brainstormed ideas to help these students:
 - Sensory area in one room
 - Put big mats on the floor
 - Soft items
 - Trampoline
 - Make a wish list
 - Grants/Mrs. Breen has information
 - Ask schools to donate used equipment

There are three teachers per grade level with no plans to add an additional teacher.

- Mrs. Wall's Update:
 - Special Needs Preschools received Smartboards in their room
 - Wireless/WiFi available in all classrooms
 - Classrooms have three Chromebooks
 - Notham/Breen/Roddewig have laptops in their rooms
 - There will be solar panels added to Copper Creek; community will have input to location of these panels.
 - The issues with the drop-off area are being resolved.

- Mrs. Tarro reported on State Board of Education Council:
 - Superintendent of Public Education is doing a “We Heard You Tour” and will be in the area in October to respond to budget inquiries.
 - Discussed website for giving your input about the math/English standards. Mrs. Wall will email this information and put it on our website and encourage parents to give their input. The site is user friendly (<https://k12standards.az.gov>). This is the time to voice your opinion about school curriculum. Mrs. Tarro will check to see if they are putting this information on Facebook.
 - Amy Sharpe has replaced Mindy Blake for Public Relations at Amphitheater Public Schools.
 - AZ passed a “Snow Cone Bill” which allows schools, especially high schools to sell food for fund raisers during school hours.

- Mrs. Volk shared that the 2nd grade made rain in their room for science using the scientific method.

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.