

Safford K-8 Community School Council
September 27, 2023
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Katherine Kuhn (Principal), Cindy James (Certified), Ben Goodridge (Certified), China Todo (Certified), Reyna Martinez (PTO), Elizabeth Glenn (Classified), Sophia Prieto (Parent), Fred Ronstadt (Restart S.M.A.R.T.)

Members absent: Pat Ponce (Classified), Michelle Simpson (Parent), Paula Bachman-Williams (Community)

Guests: Tommy Lopez

1. Call Meeting to Order - 4:32 p.m. by Cindy James
2. Appointment of Parent Council Member
 - a. The appointment of Sophia Prieto was moved by Kuhn, second by Martinez. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Approval of Minutes.
 - a. Motion to approve the Regular and Special August minutes by Kuhn, second by Goodridge. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Reports:
 - a. Principal: Dr. Katie Kuhn
 - i. Safford will host another Naturalization Ceremony in November.
 - ii. Dibbles for K-3 were 4th highest in the district.
 - iii. Data is showing huge growth in math – Shawn Hurt analysis.
 - iv. Safford has been removed from the Federal Community Improvement Program. Safford may lose approximately \$400K in federal funding.
 - v. We submitted a grant application with the Rincon Rotary Club for a kiln.
 - vi. Michelle Simpson will be shadowed by TUSD staff based on her Ex Ed ELA test results.
 - vii. Board Member Val Romero raved about Cindy James materials that finally helped him understand the Dibbles Report.
 - viii. Project Momentum is providing funding for Certified Staff for the additional work required by their program.
 - ix. PEEPS is full and has a waiting list.
 - x. Testing is improving from the initial benchmark testing. 4th grade is considered the COVID Cohort and have many challenges.
 - xi. Camille Piccinino is leaving to return to Detroit with her partner. Ryan will take over 4th grade and McDermott will be taking over 2nd grade.
 - b. Finance
 - i. Tracking spreadsheet reviewed by council.
 - ii. Discussion regarding the need to pursue an aggressive tax credit campaign.
5. Old Business – none
6. New Business – none
7. Tax Credit Funds Requests
 - a. Laminator, up to **\$2,500 from the Undesignated category**. Moved by Kuhn, second by James. Passed unanimously.

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- b. Field trip to Reid Park Zoo, **\$246 for bus and entrance fee from the Field trips category.** Moved by Martinez, second by Glenn. Passed unanimously.
 - c. Shade structure for elementary playground equipment, up to **\$10,000 from Undesignated category.** Moved by James, second by Goodridge. Passed unanimously.
 - d. Headphones for Chromebooks. Safford purchased 600 sets and is distributing them to classes.
 - e. Ben's Bells field trip – tabled due to teachers being reassigned.
 - f. Water access for Peeps – tabled due to Environmental Services being responsible for installing drinking water facility.
 - g. Junior Scholastic – tabled due to no information being available for the request.
8. Call to the Audience - none
9. Adjournment 5:23 p.m.