

Safford K-8 Community School Council
18 October 2023
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Katherine Kuhn (Principal), Cindy James (Certified), Ben Goodridge (Certified), Michelle Simpson (Parent), China Todo (Certified), Reyna Martinez (Parent), John Leal (PRO President), Elizabeth Glenn (Classified), Pat Ponce (Classified), Sophia Prieto (Parent), Paula Bachman-Williams (Community), Fred Ronstadt (Restart S.M.A.R.T.)

Members absent:

Guests: Al Paoli, Martha Vasquez

1. Call Meeting to Order - 4:26 p.m. by Cindy James
2. Appointment of Parent Council Member
 - a. The appointment of Sophia Prieto was moved by Kuhn, second by Glenn. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Approval of Minutes.
 - a. Motion to approve the September minutes by Kuhn, second by Glenn. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Reports:
 - a. Principal: Dr. Katie Kuhn
 - i. Benchmark testing shows significant increases in proficiency.
 1. 8th grade ELA 10% TO 26%
 2. 7TH grade math is at 46%
 - ii. The only tax credit category that requires a vote from the School Council is the Undesignated category. The principal can approve expenditures from designated categories without a vote.
 - iii. The Mesa, TKAP, and Washington funds are going to be reallocated to the Undesignated category.
 - iv. Students are coming from charter school.
 - v. Safford is building a reputation for supporting social/emotional learning.
 - vi. African American students are being funneled into Safford by advocates.
 - 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. \$1,500 for patio improvement moved by Kuhn, second by Martinez. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. All other requests were from categories that the principal could approve.
8. Call to the Audience - none
9. Adjournment 5:02 p.m.