

Safford PreK-8 Community School Council
16 October 2024
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Katherine Kuhn (Principal), Cindy James (Certified), Michelle Simpson (Certified), Debra Dietrich (Certified), Elizabeth Glenn (Classified), Mary Torres (Classified), Sofia Prieto (Parent), Inna Chavez (PTO President), Paula Bachman-Williams (Community), Fred Ronstadt. (Restart S.M.A.R.T.)

Members absent:

Guests: Martha Vasquez, Diane Dean, Belisa Santana, Reyna Martinez

1. Meeting called to order at 4:18 pm by Cindy James
2. Approval of September minutes, Kuhn moved to accept minutes of September 11, 2024. Second by James. Approved unanimously.
3. Reports:
 - a. Principal: Dr. Katie Kuhn
 - i. Civic funds were used to start Mariachi. Students are signing up for guitar and orchestra to able to be in Mariachi.
 - ii. Dr. Kuhn wants to move to clear backpacks for safety reasons.
 1. Motion by James for Safford K-8 to become a clear backpack school. The backpacks would be rolled out with a communication plan for parents and students. The backpacks would be implemented beginning second semester, January 2025. The plan would be delayed if a funding source is not found to purchase the backpacks. Second by Glenn. Discussion followed. Zion Church is a possible source of funds to purchase backpacks for all students. Fundraising would be organized to purchase extra backpacks to replace lost backpacks. Roll call vote was held. Motion passed unanimously.
 - iii. Ballet Folklorico is growing.
 - iv. Will be setting up a process to make sure funds allocated by the School Council get spent in a timely manner.
 - v. Safford has become a model for Project Momentum. Other schools are beginning to bring in the program.
 - vi. Safford is top three in TUSD for the level of academic growth.
 - b. Updated balances for the unallocated funds not available.
4. Old business
 - a. Headphones for kindergarten have been ordered.
 - b. The Poleta Cart has not been ordered yet because it is a Capital expenditure.
5. New business
6. Tax Credit funds requests
 - a. Kuhn proposed \$1000 to help start the Step Club contingent on the completion of official club paperwork with Student Leadership. Second by James. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Call to the Audience – none
8. Adjournment – 5:04 pm

Future Agenda Items:

- Training on use of undesignated funds.