

Tucson High School Council

Minutes 2023-2024

Meeting Date 9/13/2023 Meeting Location: Badger Room and Zoom Meeting ID: 88004525009

Members present	Noemi Jarillo (NJ), Karen Mihina (KM), Heather Bates (HB), Noah Sensibar (NS), James Fennewald (JF), Elizabeth Rivera (ER), Sarah Tully (ST), Virginia Haniman (VH), Rebecca Redding (RR), Kristine Rochon, Paisley, Jemena
Members absent	Richard Langford (RL), Maria Garcia (MG),
Constituency group represented	Parent, Student, Certified, Classified, Community

- **I.** Called to order at 5:14 by Heather Bates
- II. Approval of Minutes for previous meeting

DISCUSSION NOTES	None
CONCLUSIONS	JF motioned to approved minutes with spelling correction (Noemi – not Naomi). NS seconded and motion passed. Agenda was approved with flexibility.
ACTION ITEMS	
None	

III. Call to the audience

DISCUSSION NOTES	None	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	ACTION ITEMS	
None		

IV. Reports

REPORTS TO REVIEW	Student Report
DISCUSSION	Spirit conference went well. They had a debrief and no issues were raised. HoCo will be Oct 27 in the T-mall area. Student spoke on students behalf- tardy policy is not useful, especially since the tardies transfer to your Sr. Year. Sometimes tardies are related to situations out of students control (family related) How can this be addressed. KM suggested they organize and present to the Governing Board. ER said the district had many forums at the end of last year to address the growing issue of tardies. Students show up very late, often with drinks and do not care that their tardy is disruptive. Students aren't just a few minutes late (teacher don't really

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	count that), they are more than 10 minutes late. District would like to curb chronic tardies so that is why it's rolling across grades. If students have an issue that is out of their control (like a family situation), communicate with the teacher. District wants to establish that school is a place where appropriate dress expectations are in place. StuCo has the authority to establish their own dress code for their environment but would require a year long study. ER expressed the appreciate for representing the students' views.
CONCLUSIONS	None
ACTION ITEMS	
None	

REPORTS TO REVIEW	Principal Report
DISCUSSION	Lockdown on Wednesday 9/13: Three separate physical fights involving 6 students. A monitor suffered minor injuries. Students arrested for assaulting staff. Rumors of weapons, a gun (police went to classroom of student reported to have weapon. Student was in class, no gun and not involved in fights) and stabbing (only rumor). Students were not listening to lockdown instructions, refusing to go into classrooms, pushing past staff, running and laughing in halls—not taking the lockdown situation seriously. Students who were identified as not listening are going to be disciplined. Parent asked why the lockdown and it was to help monitors/staff control the crowd. Monitors do not have pepper spray to disperse students. Students would not disperse. Next step is to meet with School Safety and TPD. Depending on investigation, some students might not return. Lessons learned-teachers need more training. Drill should be completed earlier in the quarter. Teachers need to know to listen to all venues of communication, district and school. Student reaction: it was scary and adults seemed scared too. Besides the lockdown, school has been calm. Kids are upset about dress code and tardies. Cafecita was attended by a small group. There questions and expressions of appreciation for reinforcing appropriate dress. There will be another Cafecita in October. Football will be having a military appreciation night this Friday. One of the coaches had a daughter who passed away while active duty, there will be a tribute to her. All branches of the military will be present, memorial bricks will be sold and special performances scheduled. StuCo is suggesting wearing of camo.
CONCLUSIONS	None
ACTION ITEMS	
None	

V. Action Items

ITEM TITLE	Tax Credit Request – Science tables
DISCUSSION NOTES	Tax credit is allowed for capital items until June 2024. There is approximately \$31,000 in undesignated funds. Science labs need 4 science tables (coated with material to protect top). Tables are \$780 each. 10 tables were recently purchased with funds from Gifts and Donations. Some tables are damaged and out for repair. The coating lasts 20 years. While the tables are being repaired, there is a need for tables in classrooms. Question came up regarding how tax credit funds are replaced. On average THMS sees \$31,000 a year, but

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	there is no guarantee of funds and there is a steady flow that comes in throughout the year, but nothing can be pre-determined. District is asking how the undesignated funds are planning to be spent (action item below).
RESOLUTION	
JF motions that up to \$3200 is spent on purchasing science tables. RR seconded. Motion passed.	

ITEM TITLE	Tax Credit Request – Mariachi Trip to Italy
DISCUSSION NOTES	Mr. Enriquez and Student Edward presented a request for funding for \$10,000 to help with their trip to Italy in the summer (at a festival invitation). 12-17 kids going at a cost of appx \$3800 each student. They plan on fundraising by playing shows. They average 6-8 shows a month and make about \$400 each show. They have \$38,000 in their funds, but need to pay for uniforms, instruments and two conferences. They also have two fundraisers in the spring fall and local support from business. The mariachi program attracts students to THMS and this trip could attract even more. Students who go are also being asked to cover a deposit of \$300 in personal funds. There was concern about the amount (\$10,000) since it's early in the year. Initially a motion was made to fund \$2500. Then a motion to revote so a different motion could be proposed.
RESOLUTION	
VH motioned to give \$2500 with the option to return to site council to ask for additional funding closer to trip. NJ seconded. Motion passed.	

ITEM TITLE	Tax Credit Request – Visual Arts Dept Trip to National Portfolio Day
DISCUSSION NOTES	Ms. Denneau requests \$1200 to pay for bus to take 30 students to Portfolio review day at Mesa college. This review helps students get feedback on their portfolios for entry into art schools. These schools help students land the best art careers. Event is free, they just need help with transportation. No other ways to fund the cost (no booster, etc). Trip is October 21, 2023
RESOLUTION	
JF motioned to approve \$1200 funding request. NS seconded. Motion passed.	

ITEM TITLE	Undesignated tax credit reporting form
DISCUSSION NOTES	Per district request, site council needs to post on the web site the plan for spending undesignated funding.
RESOLUTION	
Plan for undesignated funds includes field trips, guest speakers, general capital purchases (until June 2024) and transportation.	

ITEM TITLE	October Site Council Meeting
DISCUSSION NOTES	Meeting date, October 11, 2023 is currently scheduled during fall break. Would group like to meet Wednesday Oct 4 or Wednesday Oct 18?
RESOLUTION	
Group decided on Oct 18, since the 4 th is so close to grading day and that time is needed to work on grade submissions.	



VI. Submission of items for next agenda.

ITEM TITLE	Next Meeting
DISCUSSION NOTES	Email HB any items for next agenda. NS requested discussion on Booster groups and having Athletic Director and Finance Manager come to next meeting to talk about Booster funds and guidelines.
RESOLUTION	

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 by Heather Bates

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