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Tucson High School Council

Meeting Date 9/11/2024 Meeting Location: Badger Room and Zoom Meeting ID: 88004525009

Members present	Noemi Jarillo (NJ), Heather Bates (HB), Noah Sensibar (NS), James Fennewald (JF), Arnold Montiel (AM), Sarah Tully (ST), Virginia Haniman (VH), Catherine Comstock (CC), Nydia Ybarra (NY), Paisley Goffeney (PG), Susan Wahl (SW)
Members absent	None
Constituency group represented	Parent, Student, Certified, Classified, Community

I. Called to order at 5:17 by Heather Bates

II. Approval of Minutes for previous meeting

DISCUSSION NOTES	None
CONCLUSIONS	Meeting minutes approved with corrections.
ACTION ITEMS	

III. Call to the audience

DISCUSSION NOTES	None
CONCLUSIONS	
ACTION ITEMS	
None	

IV. Reports

REPORTS TO REVIEW	Student Report
DISCUSSION	Student council is currently working on figuring out a theme for homecoming, which will be on October 20 th . Student council elections just ended and voting opens today for the school to vote. Voting will close on Friday.
CONCLUSIONS	None
ACTION ITEMS	

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REPORTS TO REVIEW	Principal Report
DISCUSSION	Past month we had a presentation by the Badger Foundation with the Pima County Board of Supervisors. Three of our student council officers were present as well at the county board of supervisors meeting to declare the week before homecoming as Tucson High Magnet School week across Tucson. We received a nice plaque to commemorate the school operating for over 100 years. The Badger Foundation will hold a celebration November 2 nd to celebrate the 100 th anniversary of the Main and dedicate the veterans' bricks in front of the gym. We have finished balancing classes based on student attendance. Any students who have not attended at all for 10 consecutive days were dropped. Teachers are funded based on enrollment. Since our enrollment went down after the drop, we did have to cut positions. We did not have to cut any teachers because we had some vacancies. We closed those vacancies and consolidated 6/5 positions. We did that to balance the classes, so there are no more changes that need to be made. The first progress report has gone out.
CONCLUSIONS	None
ACTION ITEMS	
None	

V. Action Items

ITEM TITLE	Meeting Schedule
DISCUSSION NOTES	The October school council date is scheduled during fall break. Should we move it before or after fall break. We have three tax credit requests coming up, so we do need to meet. Grades are due the week before fall break, so the week after break would be better.
RESOLUTION	
Council voted to move the meeting to October 16 th	

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VI. Discussion/information items

ITEM TITLE	Tax credit
DISCUSSION NOTES	We have a balance of \$18,229. That is a little lower than what we frequently have at this time. We have requests from science, art, and possibly AVID. Clarifications were made on designated and undesignated tax credit and the types of things that qualify. HB will forward the link to the state statute and the district presentation when available. Julie in Student Finance is always willing to clarify qualification. Stipends in consensus shouldn't be covered by undesignated tax credit. Questions about using tax credit for stipends required by consensus. We get the same funding as Santa Rita though we are significantly larger. Because of our size, we should not be getting the equivalent to other schools. The civic center fund goes to graduation. We spend about \$25,000 a year on graduation. The Badger Foundation does offer scholarships.
RESOLUTION	

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ITEM TITLE	Bell Schedule
DISCUSSION NOTES	There is a request to change the bell schedule. HB provided a history of bell schedule discussions in school council. A previous survey focused on switching Monday and Friday. The survey showed that teachers were more likely to support switching the two days, but overall there was not enough support to make that change. Another request was brought to the school council last year. The school council approved it as a study item and requested a survey of all stakeholders. The people making the request did not return to the school council with the requested survey. JF wants to collect data for a schedule change. He has approached other teachers about a schedule change. HB said that since it is still an active study item, the survey can still be completed. The only reason it stalled was because the questions were never submitted. HB pointed out that transportation determines start and end times. Different subject areas have different thoughts about our schedule, but our magnet strands drive our schedule. JF mentioned different views of conference period and BPH. CC stated that all schools have the same issue with conference and other intervention periods. HB said that athletics was a major factor in all periods being on Monday instead of Friday. The block schedule limited the number of classes athletes miss. JF will work with Ms. Comstock on a survey about the bell schedule. HB reminded the council that any major changes to the bell schedule would require district approval and that any subcommittees of the school council are governed by open meeting law requiring agendas and minutes.
RESOLUTION	
THIS WILL CONTIN	NUE TO BE A STUDY ITEM. JF WILL WORK WITH MS. COMSTOCK TO DEVELOP A SURVEY. THE DATA

VII. Submission of items for next agenda.

ITEM TITLE	Next Meeting, tax credit requests.
DISCUSSION NOTES	Email HB any items for next agenda.
RESOLUTION	

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 by Heather Bates

Submitted by

Site Council Facilitator

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