

Desert Mountain Site Council Meeting Minutes

8/15/18

Member Attendance: (Administration) Dr. Lisa Hirsch, David Vines; (Teachers) Natasha Anderson, Lucas Strohmeier, Betty Schraeder (Parents) Allison Heron, Diane Triester, Sue Buss; (Classified Staff) Cheryl Chelius, (Community Member) James Smith; (STUGO) Brooklyn Dean

Meeting called to order at 2:33PM by Dr. Lisa Hirsch

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve May 9, 2018 minutes by Natasha Anderson, second by Lucas Strohmeier, approved unanimously

Student Report: Brooklyn Dean--Student Body President

- Freshman bootcamp went well
- Freshman mixer
 - Pre-Club Rush (games, music, ice cream)
 - Got freshmen involved
 - Successful first year
- Working on Homecoming
 - Venue not yet set
- Lots of STUGO meetings over the summer
 - Working towards more organization & structure
 - Team building

Principal Report: Dr. Lisa Hirsch

- Purpose of Site Council
 - Site-based decision making
 - Close the achievement gap
 - School safety
- Cell Phone & Snack Practices
 - Survey showed majority wanted to keep one lunch, but wanted lunch to be earlier in the day
 - Solution was a “snack passing period” between 2nd and 3rd periods
 - Positive feedback
 - Still trying to get a snack cart/access to “snack shack” by bridge
 - Cell phone practices going well--not much push back
- Overview of 2018-2019 CIP Plan
 - Focus Areas
 - Data
 - 2018 AZ MERIT Scores--4 year trends
 - Want to review cohort groups once available
 - Communication
 - Teacher to parent
 - Information about sports, college representative visits, performances
 - Information about IB/MYP
 - Site Council Input for 2018-2019
 - Student recognition
 - Communication
 - Safety (top priority)
- Security

- DMHS has 5 full-time security guards to start off the school year

Request for Tax Credit Funds:

- Available tax credit: \$24,250
- Requests: Math lab request for staffing from Cathy Sherry.
 - James Smith moves to approve tax credit funding not to exceed \$3000 for the school year to provide staffing for the math lab. Sue Buss seconds. Motion approved unanimously.

New Items:

- Did we get funding again to provide a free ACT for juniors during the school day?
 - Yes, date still to be set
- Balfour
 - Working on communication for deadlines
- Potential student recognition for AZ MERIT scores
 - Raffle
 - Pizza party
 - Recognition banquet

Adjournment: Motion for adjournment by Sue Buss at 3:38PM, Allison Heron seconds.