

CHEROKEE



Site Council Meeting Notes

November 16, 2021

7:45 – 8:30

In Attendance in Person

Site Council Members: Stacy Turner for Anne Waddington, Beth Haegen, Stephanie Davenport, Kami Galvani, Katie Hobgood, Brenda Nelson, Nicole Kaiser, Mary McGalloway, Peggy Kaiser, Carrie Robinson, Richelle Malysa, Jami Hinkhouse for Patty Defeyter, Valerie Pesch and Walter Chantler.

Not In Attendance – but voted by email

Kelly Shaughnessy and Rachel Loftin

Welcome

Welcomed Site Council to our meeting.


Budget Recap

The district has now merged the closed account funds into the general funds. There is now \$45,471.81 showing in the general tax credit funds. After taking the \$9,000 off (this was the preapproved \$1500/grade level K-5 that was for field trips, assemblies, etc.) there is \$36,471.81 dollars not spoken for. We provided a list of the expenses that have been approved so far for the 21/22 school year.

Request for Funding

Funding was requested for 5:

- Coding – This has been very successful. Starting in January the proposal asked for 5 staff to lead 4 programs: advanced for grades 4 & 5, advanced for grades 2 & 3, new students for grades 4 & 5 and two teachers for grades 1-3. This would cost around \$2200.
- Robotics – This would be an introduction to robotics and would be gears toward students in grades 4-5 to start. Students would work in teams to complete challenges using Dash robots. This teaches collaboration when children work in groups. 3 options were shown: One for just staff, one for staff, robots and accessories and one for staff and robots. Site Council decided that Option 2 is the one that should be considered. The estimated cost for this is \$3400.
- 2nd grade field trip – 2nd grade will be going to the AZ Science Center in April. The cost for the bus and admission amounts to \$2106 which is \$606 over the approved \$1500. \$606
- 5th grade field trip – 5th grade will be going to the Desert Outdoor Center at Lake Pleasant. The cost for entrance and the charter busses will be around \$3745. This minus the preapproved \$1500 means we need approval for \$2250.

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- Cherokee will be participating The Hour of Code during Computer Science Education Week. In order to do this 2 teachers need to plan and train to support this endeavor. They have requested 5 hours each. The cost would be \$361.

No more funding requests were made. It was decided to vote for the five items as a total cost. Kami Galvani motioned to approve \$8900 for the 5 funding requests. Jami Hinkhouse seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the requests. The two missing members were provided the proposals and both voted yes.

Tax Credit Drive

We are still looking for someone to lead the drive for tax credit donations. We have a message on the marquee and will figure out other ways of getting the word out.

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The site visit in January was briefly discussed.

