

Sunset Palms Elementary School
School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2024
Music Room
2:30 p.m.

Members in attendance: Diane Freedman, Tanya Gutierrez, Tami Marcus, Cathy Peterson, Karen Riddle, Risa Shiman, Yriana Torres Santiago

Called to order at 2:30 pm (Cathy Peterson, SAC Chairperson)

Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 10, 2024

The Meeting Minutes from January 10, 2024 were reviewed by the membership. Tanya Gutierrez moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Marcus All voting members were in favor. None opposed or abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

Principal's Report (Karen Riddle, Principal)

Mrs. Riddle presented test data from previous years to compare with this year. Teachers have been reviewing data with administration from PM2. Cut scores have changed, retrofitted last year scores to have a fair comparison for learning gains. Considerable learning gains have been made from PM1 to PM2. Mrs. Riddle also talked about an Action Plan to build stamina in ELA and writing as well as maintain math pacing and to continue to pull small groups daily with the lowest 25%.

A Recognition Update (Debra Barreiro, A Recognition Chair).

Mrs. Barreiro presented the option from the A Recognition money. 80% of staff voted for option 1: Instructional and Administrative support team (Weinerman, Price, Navarette, Hadley, Baumgardner, Vega, Burgazzoli and Byrd) approximately 70%. (Includes those who worked at Sunset Palms in 2022-2023, were reappointed for the 2023-2024 school year, and are currently working at SPE, or retired). Non-Instructional approximately 30%.

February 1st, 2024 was the deadline for schools to vote or final approval. State will release the dollar amount in upcoming months.

Classroom Activities/Guidelines Discussion (Karen Riddle, Principal)

Mrs. Riddle reviewed examples of some of the many events that our school does such as Bingo Night, STEM, Art After Dark and the Walkathon. We will recognize Kindness week February 26th-March 1st with daily activities and special dress attire. Activity examples were provided such as Kindergarten and 1st grade have holiday rotations, 1st grade also has special activities for Heritage month. Teams can submit an activity request form for a special activity but it must align with our standards. There was a suggestion to have door decorating for holidays. Possibly volunteers can assist.

The district expectation is that we are teaching the grade level standards and following the district scope and sequence. We recently had a wonderful visit from Deputy Superintendent Ed Tierney. He looks to see if teachers are teaching the standards, reviewed lesson plans and PLC minutes.

Request for agenda items for next meeting (Cathy Peterson, SAC Chairperson)

Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

Tami Marcus moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Yriana Torres Santiago.

Meeting adjourned at 3:26 PM.