

Site Council Meeting 9/7/23

Present: Leonor Cartagena, Marcie Romero, Kelly Robb, Gracie Knutson, Crystal Beach, Tim O'Donnell, Todd Nakagawa, Meghann Powell, Jennifer Coughlin, Lauren Walimaa, Mary Goldman

- Marcie welcomed everyone and members introduced themselves.
 - Reviewed by-laws.
 - One of the main purposes of Site Council is to solicit tax credit donations and determine how funds should be spent while considering the needs of our students and school.
 - Site Council meets quarterly, and meeting dates were set for this year:
 - November 2
 - February 8
 - April 4
 - All meetings will begin at 3:30 pm.
 - Marcie will be chairperson. The secretary duty of taking minutes will be rotated each meeting.
- **Budge Review**
 - Marcie went over the encumbered expenses Site Council voted on last April: grade-level field trips, Biz Town, Nerding presentations, Lunch Recess IA, T.E.A. Time presentations, supplies for Health Office, i9 Sports, Childsplay, K-2 Garden.
 - Estimated budget balance minus the encumbered expenses is \$49, 273.63
 - Meghann brought forth a proposal to fund a coach for Girls on the Run as well as after school clubs teachers may want to offer. Members are open to funding stipends for these activities and will consider each proposal that is submitted. Due to timing, voting may need to be done by email.
 - Marcie also mentioned the \$525.00 stipend that is given to our Student Council Advisors.
- **School Updates**
 - A+ Application
 - The A+ Application was turned in and the review process has begun. We should be notified the first week of November if we qualify for a site visit. Marcie explained the application was like the story of our school. Questions referenced the culture and climate of the school as well as what makes Waggoner special. Some of the examples included in Waggoner's application were Art Masterpiece, Wildcat Den, and Exploration Station. Events such as the Turkey Trot, Winter Story Time and the Carnival were highlighted as community building events.
 - Families do look at the school rating when searching for a school. It is an honor to be recognized by the state as an A+ school and Kyrene is encouraging all their schools to apply. Schools with an A+ rating need to reapply every 4 years.
 - No Place for Hate
 - Kelly Robb and Brianna McGrady are looking to do a No Place for Hate Club after school. They are starting with small steps to get the club off the ground, but they are hoping to eventually open it up to all students. They would also like to

form a committee consisting of staff and students to support the big anti-bullying movement. It will continue to grow and add stakeholders.

- No Place for Hate is also embedded in our Student Council and this is our 8th year as a No Place for Hate School.
- AzPBIS Award
 - Kudos to Tim for applying for this award. Waggoner did receive an award, and although we have yet to receive any information on the type of award, we are very excited and proud.
- MTSS/Multi Tiered System of Supports
 - Early Literacy will be Waggoner's 90-day focus.
 - District strategic plan is focusing on early literacy, social emotional and sense of belonging. District goals:
 - By 2024-2025 85% of kinders at benchmark in DIBELS
 - By 2027-2028, the goal is for 85% of K-3 to be at benchmark
 - Waggoner staff reviewed the panorama survey to determine the focus on social emotional learning and Sanford Harmony is the curriculum Kyrene uses to support social emotional learning.
- Curriculum Night
 - Low turnout. Most classes had 50% or less participation.
 - Need to consider reasons for this:
 - Event held too late in the year/4 weeks after first day of school
 - Children not able to attend
 - Possible solutions:
 - Offer childcare
 - Schedule earlier in the year
 - Grade level presentations
 - Zoom option
 - Marcie is going to check on the participation rates at other Kyrene schools.
- Step It Up
 - The fundraiser netted \$30,000 for Waggoner. Great participation.
- First Responders Day is September 11
 - Celebration is at 8:30 with members of the Tempe Fire and Police Department expected to attend.
 - Grades 3-5 will be singing a song along with a flag raising ceremony.
- Turkey Trot
 - Undetermined if one of Waggoner's PE teachers will be able take on this event this year. May need to enlist PTO volunteers to manage the event.
- Tax Credit
 - Marcie asked members to think of new ways to market and encourage tax credit donations. Send ideas to Marcie
 - Maybe check and see what other schools are doing.
 - The tax credit parking spaces are popular but do not really add to the amount of donations.