TUCSON UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fruchthendler School Council/Family Engagement | **Minutes 2023-2024**

Meeting Date 1/29/2024 Meeting Location: Online Zoom Meeting

Members present	Tim Eriksson, Deborah Brooks, Carmen Villarreal, Jim Mullenbach, Michelle Garmon, Julianna Adams, Emilee Hardt, Kim Mulligan, Karen Boerup
Members absent	Tim Hatch, Justin Vargas, Stephanie Martin, Carmen Villarreal
Constituency group represented	

I. Called to order at. by Deborah Brooks @2:46p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes for November 7, 2023

DISCUSSION NOTES	
CONCLUSIONS	Motion to approve by Kim. Second by Karen. All in favor.

III. Call to the audience

DISCUSSION NOTES	n/a
CONCLUSIONS	

IV. Reports

REPORTS TO REVIEW	Principal, PTA, Family Engagement
DISCUSSION	**Principal-Tim Eriksson** • **Basketball season** went well with the girls' team making it to the Elite 8. Grateful to all the coaches for their time. Although our teams had to travel because our basketball rim height didn't allow us to host, it was a successful season. • **HR/Finance Process** initially approved paying assistant coaches, but the process was changed, and coaches had to use the time clock each practice and meet. Cross Country coaches will be paid as he and Carmen are fixing the issues. • **Science Night** will be held February 6, 2024, with U of A Chemistry Club presenting a demonstration.

	• **Upcoming Events** Track & Field, Rodeo Breakfast, AASA Testing. **PTA-Juliana Adams** • **Dining for Dollars** is exceeding expectations. • **The Executive Board** is discussing a plan on how to get more people involved, taking on Executive Positions. **Discussion:** **Emilee:** Did Tim and Jessica Carter (PTA Treasurer) meet to discuss staff salary stipends coming from PTA? **Julianna:** Yes, PTA doesn't have the budget for salaries which include benefits & retirement for some staff. **Tim:** Tax Credit money should be spent on specifics such as extra-curricular, field trips, etc. Whereas PTA is more flexible. Tax Credit money from Gifts and donations could be used but I'm still in discussion with district budget. **Kim:** What is PTA board doing to recruit? **Debbie:** PTA planning Parents & Pastries, tabletop flyers for Rodeo Breakfast, flyers to go home with families, and "targeting K-2" families. **Family Engagement- Tim Eriksson for Justin Vargas** • The Family Survey was mostly positive from families who responded. • Next Zoom Forum focus will be *Curriculum/Resources*

ACTION ITEMS

I. Action Items

ITEM TITLE	Field Trip Funds-Tim
DISCUSSION NOTES	There is $6,000 per grade level Tax Credit money designated for field trips. Some grade levels have had to ask families to pay the field trip fee, but they could be taking it from Tax Credit. I propose to increase the Tax Credit fund by $4,000 more to cover the fees in addition to buses. Michelle: Can we use class funds for field trips? Tim: Ideally that money should be spent on classroom events, supplies. Michelle: Do we have access to see the budget? I'd like to see specifics of how much money has been used, where, and by whom. Tim: TUSD Fruchthendler Homepage has the budget available. Kim: If we have fieldtrips coming up, what is the designated amount? Tim: We should add $4,000 to funds to cover all costs. Karen: Is there a way to have a letter to families regarding the budget? It's unclear how the Tax Credit money is being spent and that way more families might donate. Michelle: We need transparency with the budget spending. Emilee & Debbie: Agreed

RESOLUTION	
Kim: Motion to approve. Karen: 2nd. All in favor	

II. Discussion/information items

ITEM TITLE	Staff Positions-Tim Eriksson
DISCUSSION NOTES	• There will be a restructuring to ESSR funding ending. Five positions are currently being funded or supplemented with ESSR money; K-2, 3-5 PE, Discovery Lab, K-2 tutor, 3-5 tutor, K-2 Aid. Total amount approximately $110,000 for all five including benefits. • Reading Intervention Specialist & CSP positions are being voted on at tomorrow's 1/30/24 Board Meeting. Debbie: What about School Counselor? Tim: There is an additional funding source for .5 counselor. Emilee: What is the process in evaluating needed positions and how soon will that be done? Tim: I will be attending PLC's the next two weeks to allow people to talk freely. Jim: If you had to guess, how many people would not return? If only 2 or 3 were funded? Can we use Tax Credit to fund these positions? Emilee: Yes, how would we fund them? Tax Credit? Tim: It would be approximately $60,000 for 2-3 positions. Kim: To clarify, Reading Intervention Specialist (Alicia Darden) and CSP (Justin Vargas) positions are being discussed and voted on tomorrow's board meeting? Tim: Yes, tomorrow's vote to see if Title 2 money can be used to fund these at each site. Emilee: Will Site Council/Faculty has a say in these positions? Tim: Yes. We don't have Title I money to fund like other schools. Emilee: So, if district doesn't vote on the .5 to full time CSP, we have to fund the .5 position? Tim: Yes. Michelle: What about the Bond Initiative? Can that money be used to fund positions? Tim: No, the money is already designated for HVAC and security. Michelle: Can we go to board to fight for the positions? Tim: Yes, we can write a letter. Debbie: The next Site Council meeting we will need to vote on money from Tax Credit to support recommended positions. Michelle: What is our Tax Credit amount and budget? Tim: We have approximately $180,000. Michelle: What were the donations in 2023? Same as years past? Tim: No, we collected $30-40,000 which is down from the years' past. People are donating closer to March and April. Emilee: We need to find an accountant since Duke Corley is no longer

	practicing and having his clients donate to our school. Michelle: I'd be happy to call accountants and ask for donations. Karen: Where's the Tax Credit thermometer? We discussed at an earlier meeting purchasing a new one. Tim: The old one is in the Parent Room but worn and has students who no longer go to Fruchthendler. Karen: Is Tax Credit only for extracurricular? Emilee: I would like transparency of the budget. Debbie & Michelle: Agree. What is being spent on what? Can we get that before the next meeting, so we know how much Tax Credit we have to spend on staffing needs?
ITEM TITLE	
DISCUSSION NOTES	

III. Future meeting in person, March 25, 2024 library @ 2:45 p.m.

IV. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. by Deborah Brooks

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