



SITE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2015

- **LOCATION:** Liberty Library
- **MEMBERS PRESENT:** J. Gray, L. Shea, K. Goodere, R. Rust, A. Nuñez, C. Aguirre, L. Eblin (left at 4:05 pm), S. Seifert, J. Oliver
- **MEMBERS ABSENT:** R. Drennen, D. Hicks
- **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY:** K. Goodere (2015.2016 Chairman)
- **START TIME:** 3:34 pm
- **END TIME:** 4:23 pm
 - MOTION TO ADJOURN: J. OLIVER
 - 2ND: R. RUST
 - VOTE: ALL PRESENT MEMBERS APPROVE
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Said by all members present at the meeting
- **NOTE TAKER:** L. Shea

MINUTES REVIEW FROM: April 20th, 2015 Meeting

Motion to Accept: A. Nuñez

2nd: R. Rust

Vote: All members approve and accept the minutes.

ITEM #1, OLD BUSINESS-SCHOOL REPORTS:

- Review of Attendance:
 - List of current student numbers provided in 2 formats for members
 - Totals per Grade Level in format of Male/Female/Total
 - Total number of students in each classroom for K-8
 - Currently at 528 as of 9.29.2015
 - As of September 2014 (last school year), we were at 584.
 - This is only a loss of 56 students
- Review of Behavior Reports for August & September
 - Sexual Harassment #1 in August-1 incident but had 3 offenders involved.
 - Sexual Harassment #2 in August-A Special Education student grabbing the privates of the adult bus aide.
 - Sexual Harassment #3 in August-An 8th grade student made a crude and vulgar comment to a teacher on the way to the bus.
 - Sexual Harassment #1 in September-A 2nd grade student asked a female classmate on the bus to have sex with him
 - Threat And/Or Intimidation #1 in September-A Special Education Student told another student that he was going to kill her if she did not answer a question correctly.



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- Review of Calendar for August, September & October:
 - AUGUST Highlight from Gray:
 - Bell Ringing Ceremony
 - First Day of School
 - SEPTEMBER Highlight from Gray:
 - PTO Fundraiser & Liberty Fear Factor
 - Parent/Teacher Conferences-This year we had various grade levels who did student lead conferences with brief input from teachers at the end. Teachers of course available to answer any questions or listen to any concerns.
 - OCTOBER Highlight from Gray:
 - Fall Break is coming up the second week of the month (10/12/15-10/16/15).
 - National Stomp Out Bullying Day is October 5th. Our campus will be participating in the campaign by encourage all staff and students to wear blue shirts
 - Red Ribbon Week is 10/26/15-10/30/15
 - CARNIVAL is coming up in November....happening from 5:00-8:00 pm on 11/6/2015.
- Review of Board Report from September:
 - Congratulations to our very own Mrs. Penny Roubison, 3rd grade teacher here at Liberty Elementary School. She has been selected by the Executive Board of the Arizona Association of Teachers of Mathematics as this year's recipient for the AATM Copper Apple Award for Teaching in Mathematics. This award is given annually to one educator to recognize excellence in the mathematics education in Arizona. Mrs. Roubison was honored at the AATM annual fall conference on Saturday, September 19th, 2015 at Arizona State University. She was nominated by Chryste Berda of the Rodel Foundation.
 - 6th Grade Girls Lock-In took place on September 18th, 2015.
 - J. Gray announced that since kicking off this enriching event, our campus has seen a decrease in the amount of disciplinary referrals in our female population grades six and up.
 - We believe that by providing this lock-in for our sixth grade girls, we are able to present them with some of the necessary tools and techniques to become a successful middle school student with a positive body image and good self-esteem!

ITEM #2, NEW BUSINESS-WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

- All Members (past and present) went around the room and introduced themselves.
 - Each member was asked to provide their name and relationship to school...parent, grandparent, teacher, secretary, administrator, etc.



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ITEM #3, NEW BUSINESS-PROPOSED MEETING DATES:

- K. Goodere presented the list of proposed meeting dates for the 2015.2016 School Year.
- K. Goodere provided an explanation of why some of the meeting dates this year will be on a Tuesday instead of the traditional Monday.
 - There are some weeks where there is a 3 day weekend (with Monday being the extra day off).
 - MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING DATES: L. Eblin
 - 2nd: S. Seifert
 - Vote: All members approve and accept the meeting dates.

ITEM #4, NEW BUSINESS-BY LAWS REVIEW:

- All members received a printed version of the Site Council By Laws.
- K. Goodere asked that each member (especially those that are new to the council) to review and become familiar with the By Laws of the Site Council
- Members of the Council have asked to have the By Laws posted on the School Website under the Site Council Quick-Link.
 - L. Shea to post

ITEM #5, NEW BUSINESS-M&O BUDGET UPDATE:

- Presented by J. Gray
 - We receive our M&O Budget Funding based on the 100 day attendance of our students.
 - J. Gray does have the authorization to move some of the funding around within the M&O Accounts (Classroom supplies, copier/printer repair, instructional aides, etc.) if needed to help offset the costs of supplies and materials for students and teachers.
 - Las Brisas was given funding based on a 299 per pupil allocation for the 14/15 School Year even though they were not open.
 - This funding was taken from the other existing schools within the District with Freedom and Liberty being impacted the most significantly.
 - District Office projected a loss of 120 students from Liberty Las Brisas but in actuality, we have only lost approximately 50 students to Las Brisas.
 - Liberty PTO has done a great job of supplementing the loss of Innovation Budgeting in getting us materials and resources for the AG Program.
 - This year, there will be no budget to make Capital Purchases (textbooks, technology, furniture, etc.).



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ITEM #6, NEW BUSINESS-TRANSFER OF TAX CREDIT FUNDS:

- L. Shea presented the option of moving some tax credit funds from smaller sub accounts into the larger general accounts
- The Council has the ability to roll these program balances into their main general subaccounts with voting. By moving these balances up to the 610 and 620 general accounts allows additional spending flexibility within the Tax Credit guidelines.

Program

611 - \$465.55

612 - \$284.07

614 - \$1362.42

615 - \$100.00

\$2,212.04 available balance that can be voted to move up into General Academics fund 610

Program

622 - \$53.37

623 - \$23.55

\$76.92 available balance that can be voted to move up into General Athletics fund 620

- Ultimately, J. Gray makes the final decision as to how Tax Credit Funds are used and spent.
- Currently, Tax Credit Funds are being used to fund Stipends for extra-curricular sponsors. These extra-curricular activities are those OTHER THAN sports...Student Council, NJHS, Jerry's Heroes, etc.
 - If we do not receive tax credit donations, we will not be able to have those extra-curricular activities.
- The Members of the council have asked to know the exact amount of Tax Credit Donations received this year so far.
 - Members would like to also know the staff vs parent donation ratio.
- Members have requested to know the exact amount of each stipend and which extra-curricular activities are being sponsored with those funds.
 - Gray to provide the documents/information requested.
 - **MOTION TO ROLL UP 611, 612, 614, 615 into the General Academics 610 Fund: J. Oliver**
 - **2nd: S. Seifert**
 - **Vote: All members approve to transfer/roll up the funds in Tax Credit Sub Accounts into the General Academics 610 Fund**
 - **MOTION TO ROLL UP 622 & 623 into the General Athletics 620 Fund: R. Rust**
 - **2nd: S. Seifert**
 - **Vote: All members approve to transfer/roll up the funds in Tax Credit Sub Accounts into the General Athletics 620 Fund**



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ITEM #7, NEW BUSINESS-OVERRIDE FACTS:

- J. Gray presented the District Office's Fact Sheet on the upcoming M&O Override. (15%)
 - The fact sheet outlines what the override is, what it funds, what will happen if the override passes or does not pass.
- Dr. Rogers coming to the Liberty Campus on September 30th for an all-staff budget presentation.
- Liberty's first canvas date is Saturday, October 3rd,