

# Dietz K8 School Council

**Minutes 2023-24** 

Meeting Date Monday 10/02/2023 @ 3:15pm Meeting Location: Library

Members present	Jesse Shupe, Jesus Vasquez, Julie Wanat, Steve Rosenberg, Virginia Caballero, Ree Valdez, Pat Bretch
Members absent	
Constituency group represented	Certified, Classified, Parent, Community Member

- **I.** Called to order at 3:14pm by (Jesse Shupe)
- **II.** Approval of Minutes for Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

DISCUSSION NOTES	
CONCLUSIONS	
ACTION ITEMS	
Motioned: Alan Honeker. Seconded: Jesus Vasquez	

### III. Call to the audience

DISCUSSION NOTES	Field Trips:  Ms. Pat asked if field trips were able to be submitted for the entire year. Mr. Vasquez clarified by explaining that each class is permitted 4 field trips per year and teachers and submit the paperwork as soon as possible. The largest cost is the bus, since the admission fee to places is often free. Title I also have some monies they can provide too.  Ms. Wanat asked if teachers can also be aware of who their students are that have opted out of having their photo shared so that teachers can remind parents that they can change this status in ParentVue. This way when we have Jesse or Mary Canty come to our school to film we are aware.
CONCLUSIONS	
ACTION ITEMS	

## **IV.** Reports

REPORTS TO REVIEW	Administration Report – Jesus Vasquez – Principal
DISCUSSION	<ol> <li>AVID Training         <ul> <li>a. End of October looking to send more elementary teachers to be trained.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Cafeteria Tile Flooring</li> </ol>



	<ul> <li>a. Due to poorly tiled floor with large gaps, cafeteria will be retiled.</li> <li>b. Was going to be replaced over fall break, however, it will now be done over summer.</li> <li>3) Staff <ul> <li>a. Fully Staffed except for Dean of Students.</li> <li>b. Recent interviews will hopefully be successful.</li> </ul> </li> <li>4) Dr. Trujillo Visit <ul> <li>a. You can see his visit on the district website.</li> </ul> </li> <li>5) TKAP <ul> <li>a. 10 students to join us in January to be hosted by our community.</li> <li>b. Vasquez will have the list of males and females soon.</li> <li>c. Jesse Shupe to host 1 student and Ms. Lopez.</li> <li>d. Still looking for 1-2 families to host some students.</li> <li>e. The students will be here for 3 weeks.</li> <li>f. We are hoping to send some our students to Korea as well.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
CONCLUSIONS	
ACTION ITEMS	
REPORTS TO REVIEW	PTO Report – Jesse Shupe (Treasurer)
	1) Events
DISCUSSION	a. Monster Mash  i. October 27 @ 2pm (ES) and 3pm (MS)  ii. PTO to sell snacks.  iii. Ms. Valdez asked if we need parent  volunteers for the Monster Mash.  iv. Ms. Shupe said she would reach out to  Ms. Cox to see if student government  would be needing additional support.  b. Trunk or Treat  i. Sponsoring by handling money collection  through the Penny Wars.  ii. October 4-5 pm at school parking lot. Ms.  Wanat reminded us that last year we also  held the event at this time due to large  number of walkers and getting darker  sooner.  iii. Sponsored Cars:  1. Tucson Police Department



CONCLUSIONS	iv. Ms. Valdez asked if a flyer would be sent out to parents requesting money and/or the time and date of the trunk or treat.  v. Ms. Shupe stated would that she would reach out to the holiday committee to see if they were going to send a flyer.  vi. Mr. Rosenberg introduced himself as the CSP curriculum service provided and explained how he supports the teachers with curriculum and instructional strategies. Vasquez mentioned that he is permanent staff member. He also then introduced Pat and her longtime support to Dietz.  vii. Ms. Valdez introduced herself as a grandparent of some of Dietz students and also as our PTO Vice President.  viii. Ms. Shupe thanked Mr. Rosenberg for taking the time to introduce members to one another.  c. Funds: Account Total: \$7,292.81  i. Julie's Donation: \$1,169.27  ii. TKAP: \$439.78  iii. Student Government \$148.99  1. Funds need to be dispersed to the newly specified Student Government account.  iv. Social Committee: \$155.03  d. Snack Bar  i. Still looking for volunteers:  1. Monday and Tuesday (ES)  2. All days (MS)  3. Ms. Valdez suggested a parent but may not be able to get to school due to having a newborn and only one car. Ms. Wanat has been trying to recruit her.
ACTION ITEMS	
REPORTS TO REVIEW	Student Government – Jaime Cox (NOT PRESENT)
DISCUSSION	1) Events



CONCLUSIONS	<ul> <li>a. Monthly Trait of the Month Ceremonies</li> <li>b. Perfect Attendance Quarterly  i. Next: October 20th</li> <li>2) Honor Roll  a. Rewarding these students with trip to Tucson Roadrunners Hockey.</li> <li>b. Initially field trip was open to the whole school, then, reduce to only honor roll students from Quarter 4 of the SY2022-23 in both elementary and middle school.</li> </ul>
ACTION ITEMS	
REPORTS TO REVIEW	Family Engagement – Julie Wanat (Community Liasion)
DISCUSSION	**Meeting within a Meeting to ensure official status  1) Overview of Family Engagement: a sounding board, space to listen to suggestions for the school, and to have communication with our Principal (Jesus Vasquez) and Vice Principal (Melina Ramos).  2) Parent Involvement:  a. Jennifer helping out during picture day and offering to do some photography.  3) Website Upgrades:  a. Ms. Wanat said she will speak with Ms. Shupe regarding the new expectations for our District websites to better ensure more unified composition of school websites.  4) Attendance Outreach:  a. Within the School  i. It has begun.  ii. Several staff members are assigned student to help encourage them to improve their attendance.  iii. It was a great success last year — improving our overall attendance percentage for the targeted students.  iv. Sometimes students get little 'trinkets' or items that are solicited to PTO or purchased out-of-pocket by the mentors (staff members).  v. Mentors are attempting to reach out to parents as well as the student to help them establish a positive attitude about



attending school.

- b. Jeff Swayer at Palo Verde Center
  - i. Friend of Ms. Wanat and Dietz
  - ii. He is working hard to reach out to our community as well.
  - iii. Ms. Wanat has sent out notices to K-5 for parent opportunities that are held at the Palo Verde Center.
  - iv. Wellness Center providing stipends for families to sign up for a parenting program (including education for the parent and their child(ren)) that is approx. 10-15 weeks long. Dietz had 7 families register. Sessions starting this week.
- c. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion
  - Date secured over the summer by Ms. Wanat.
  - ii. At Santa Rita: indoors
  - iii. Looking for guest speakers
- d. Love of Reading Week
  - i. Ms. Wanat is soliciting for readers
  - ii. Reading out to the mayor
  - iii. Nikki Lee gave Dietz 95 backpacks.
    - 1. AVID binders are beginning to fall apart and will need to be replaced by 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.
- e. Canned Food Drive from Student Government
  - i. Remind donators to check labels for expiration dates.
- f. Turkey Trot in November
  - i. Mr. Nogales who sponsors our turkey trot.
  - ii. To be coming on 21st or 22nd
  - iii. Ms. Helen will support in helping store turkeys in the cafeteria fridges and freezer.
- g. Caroling in December
  - i. New culinary person at Santa Rita so not sure how event will go.
  - ii. May just have hot chocolate.
  - iii. Ms. Valdez said she spoke to the teacher and Ms. Bohland has been in contact with him already. She also asked if they might be willing to cater the 8<sup>th</sup> grade

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luncheon.

- h. Math and Literacy Nights
  - i. Required by Title I
  - ii. They have readers come in or we do math nights
  - iii. Ms. Wanat asked for dates. Ms. Shupe informed her it should be determined by the Math and Literacy Committee; however, they have not brought forth a date at this time. She reminded Ms. Wanat that she (Ms. Wanat) is the leader along with Ms. Holland. Other members are on the committee are Ms. Wright and Ms. Van Ert.
  - iv. Ms. Theresa (person from Title I) wants to be sure we secure funds to be set aside to pay for teachers who attend these evenings. Thus, we should get these dates established ASAP.
  - v. Mr. Vasquez asked if this was doable since in the past Title I funds have been difficult to allocate.
  - vi. Ms. Wanat said that it should be okay since it is for literacy night.
  - vii. Ms. Wanat mentioned that she would like to be sure that families receive an item (manipulative) to take home to further learning at home, such as cards (which could be solicited from the Casino).
    - 1. These were purchased last year by Ms. Gow.
    - 2. Ms. Shupe believes they are stored in the far paper room.
  - viii. Date will be in semester 2 to be sure enough time is allowed to get materials ready as well as prepare staff.
- i. Make Way for Books
  - i. Non-profit organization
  - ii. Come on Tuesday at 8:30am-9:30am in the library.
  - iii. 7 Families have showed up with their 0-4-month-old child.
  - iv. Parents supervise the child(ren) for the entire time.
  - v. Hopefully this will help show Dietz's need



	for a preschool in the near future.  vi. Each time, Make Way for Books brings a free book for each child (resulting in 21 books at the end).
	j. Girl Scouts
	<ul> <li>i. Can no longer come to Dietz at this time.</li> <li>ii. They are required to release the students' names who they work with here Dietz.</li> </ul>
	k. Reading Seed
	i. 7 Seniors have arrived to help
	I. SOAR
	<ul> <li>i. Some challenges with getting fingerprints and volunteer applications to be approve.</li> <li>ii. Ms. Wanat is in close contact with Dr. Del Mar.</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>iii. She feels this aligns well with our AVID focus and career and college readiness.</li></ul>
CONCLUSIONS	<b>5</b>
ACTION ITEMS	

#### **V.** Action Items

ITEM TITLE	
DISCUSSION NOTES	
RESOLUTION	
NONE	

### **VI.** Discussion/information items

ITEM TITLE	Math and Literacy Night
DISCUSSION NOTES	**Already Discussed during FET
RESOLUTION	
Ms. Wanat will follow up by decided on dates for the math and/or literacy nights. She will also reach out to the other committee members.	

ITEM TITLE	
DISCUSSION NOTES	



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**VII.** Submission of items for next agenda.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> @ 3:15pm in the library

- Math and Literacy Night

**VIII.** The meeting was adjourned at (time) by (name)





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