

School Council Meeting Minutes

Peter Howell Elementary School

Date of Meeting: February 19th, 2025

Members Present: Lona Chacon, Jaquetta Alexander, Cynthia Cave, Jeanne Dugan, Lucy Patterson, Kristen Ginter, Reyna Montano, Nancy Huff

Members Absent:

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 2:18 P.M. by Mrs. Chacon.

II. Call to Audience – No audience

III. Principal's Report –

The District Budget meeting is next week.

Projected numbers are low, so we will be down a teacher. We will have 10 teachers for the 25-26 school year. Staff have been made aware of this.

Last year Title 1 was down \$50, 000.00, we will lose another \$15, 000.00 next year. These funds pay for ½ of our school counselor, our Family Liaison and part of one of our interventionists. We value these positions and are looking into the Move on When Reading funds, which is called the Early Literacy Grants, to fund part of our Reading Interventionist position for our K-3 reading. We will see what our budget meeting brings and if we can finalize.

Undesignated Tax Credit is our discretionary funding, and we get to determine how to spend it today. We can pay for salaries or other areas that may need funds.

Howell will not be closed, and we will not be adding a 6th grade. How it seems the process is working is that it is divided across the five regions and each year a 6th grade will be added to an elementary school in a region. It has not been communicated that we are a chosen school to be a K-6.

IV. Community Report

Neighborhood Association is working with TPD on removing the “campers” from the park. They get relocated; they are not sure where they go, but they do return to park after a short time. Lt. Brian co-chairs the monthly meeting with Nancy. They try to stay on top of it and are trying to work on a solution with the city council, which also needs to work with the county jail and Pima County Attorney's office. Right now, they are happy with the neighborhood, there is going to be a small event on April 5th. It will be a picnic in the park and a short neighborhood meeting to meet and greet. There will be games, and the Sonoran Dog truck will be there. It will be from 11-2 and

everyone is welcome. She is trying to get more visual aids, so people in the neighborhood and new people who have just moved in know there is a Neighborhood association and that there is a website and a Facebook page. They would like people to know they are working on things and doing things. There is also going to be a meeting online on March 12th at 6pm, which is a couple of weeks before the picnic in the park.

V. Discussion items –

a. Tax Credit Budget review

Starting balance is - 46,865.97

Donations for year so far - \$6130.00

Current balance, after money we vote on today is approved. - \$28, 305.00

Current balance is unencumbered and will roll over to the 25-26 school year as we do not have anything else coming out after today. We still have \$5528.00 in our line for sports so we do not need to vote on moving money for sports. The funds are in the numbers currently because we voted the money to be moved this year. It is the same with the Literacy Connects, so we will not be voting on that this time either.

b. Tax Credit Committee Report

Have only met one time, did get letters out. Looking to send out postcards.

Kristen has sent sample through Canva for team to look at. They are in color and once printed we just need to get labels on to be mailed out.

VI. Action items

1. Vote to use TC-Undesignated funds for the following:

- a.** Vote to use \$18,500.00 of undesignated tax credit monies to pay for Enrichment Instructor in the 2025-2026 fiscal school year.

Motion by Ginter/ Second by Patterson

Final Resolution – Passed

Yes Votes – Alexander, Dugan, Ginter, Cave, Patterson, Montano, Huff

Discussion: None

- b.** Vote to use Howell undesignated tax credit funds to pay the activity fees for the 2025 – 2026 fiscal school year

Motion by Ginter/ Second by Patterson

Final Resolution – Passed

Yes Votes – Alexander, Dugan, Ginter, Cave, Patterson, Montano, Huff

Discussion: None

- c. Vote to use \$2020.00 of undesignated tax credit monies to pay for the Howell Kindness Squad Facilitator's (\$1170 for certified and \$850 for classified) for the 2025 – 2026 fiscal school year.

Motion by Ginter/ Second by Patterson

Final Resolution – Passed

Yes Votes – Alexander, Dugan, Ginter, Cave, Patterson, Montano, Huff

Discussion: None

- d. Vote to use \$1170.00 of undesignated tax credit monies to pay for the Robotics' Club Facilitator for the 2025 – 2026 fiscal school year.

Motion by Ginter/ Second by Patterson

Final Resolution – Passed

Yes Votes – Alexander, Dugan, Ginter, Cave, Patterson, Montano, Huff

Discussion: None

VI. Adjournment: Mrs. Chacon adjourns meeting at 2:57 P.M. –
Next meeting is April 29th at 3:15 in the Art room.