



# MOUNTAIN VIEW

## SCHOOL

### Mountain View School Site Council Meeting Minutes August 20, 2019 Meeting One

**In Attendance:** Gail Miller, Amy Miles, Rachel Ayers (non-voting member), Wendy DelGrosso, Beth Simek, Heather Featherstone, Jackie Edmonds, Lisa Lewellen, Daniel Roberts, Monica Rodriguez, Laurie Cosper

Absent: Roxanne Lopez

**Start time: 4:15 p.m.**

**End time: 5:20 p.m.**

#### 1. Introduction of members and election of the council chair.

- a. Principal Miller explained the Site Council history, purpose, and responsibilities, including viewing the Dysart Unified School District's Site Council Responsibilities [video](#).
  - i. Principal Miller would like Site Council to also assist her and Assistant Principal Amy Miles with determining how funds might be used to support our Signature Program as a STEAM school if the proposed Bond passes. Examples would be to work with an architect to create an outside classroom, updating and revamping the iExplore classroom, technology use, etc.
- b. Elect a chair - Daniel Roberts motioned to appoint Gail Miller as chair. Lisa Lewellen seconded. **Approved by a vote of 10-0.**
- c. Elect a secretary - Gail Miller motioned to appoint Rachel Ayers as secretary. Laurie Cosper seconded. **Approved by a vote of 10-0.**

#### 2. Discussion and adoption of by-laws and collaborative norms.

- a. Gail Miller discussed the [pre-existing by-laws](#)
- b. Beth Simek motioned to add a clause on by-law #2 that the 6 members for a quorum must be made up of equal representation of faculty and community members/parents. Gail Miller seconded. Approved by a vote of 10-0.
- c. Beth Simek motioned to adopt the [amended by-laws](#). Laurie Cosper seconded. Approved by a vote of 10-0.

#### 3. Discuss teacher compensation.

- a. Gail Miller explained that the MVS Site Council has in the past put maximum limits on teacher compensation for stipends. However, they were flexible with those limits depending on what the benefits were to students and the total number of hours required of the staff member.
- b. Gail Miller recommended a general limit of \$300 maximum plus benefits per semester, but to permit Site Council to override that amount depending on the activity. Wendy DelGrosso seconded. **Approved 10-0.**



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#### 4. Current tax credit expenditure request for athletics or other extra-curricular activities.

See the [MVS Fund 526 Ledger](#) for current balances.

Rachel Ayers explained the current budget amounts and current encumbrances.

a. **Athletics** - no current requests. See the Ledger for current encumbrances.

b. **Academic Recovery** - no current requests

#### c. Tutoring

i. School-wide tutoring - Gail Miller is requesting that Site Council approve stipends for school-wide tutoring.

1. Beth Simek motioned to approve **stipends not to exceed \$2,000 including benefits out of 5500-School May Designate** for the year for school-wide tutoring. Laurie Cosper seconded. **Approved 10-0.**

#### d. Enrichment Activities

i. **Roxanne Lopez & Amy Hines - Little Learner Lab.** They would like to co-sponsor an after-school extra-curricular activity for 1st and 2nd grade students to explore STEAM throughout the school year.

1. Beth Simek motioned to approve **not to exceed teacher stipends for both teachers not to exceed \$1,700 including benefits out of 5500-School May Designate.** Jackie Edmonds Seconded. **Approved 10-0.**
2. Requesting funds to purchase consumable supplies throughout the year. Beth Simek motioned to approve **purchase of supplies not to exceed \$300 out of 5500-School May Designate** for the year. Jackie Edmonds seconded. **Approved 10-0.**
3. Requesting purchase of 35 Microbits at \$16 a piece and 10 croc slips at \$2.95 each to teach children to code and allow them to create. Total requested: \$589.95 plus tax & shipping. Beth Simek motioned to approve **purchase of Microbits and Croc slips out of 5500-School May Designate, not to exceed \$900.** Jackie Edmonds seconded. **Approved 10-0.**

ii. **Clay club - Tina Watts** is requesting stipend to hold an extra-curricular clay club throughout the school year at \$22 per hour.

1. Beth Simek motioned to approve **stipend not to exceed \$800 including benefits out of 5502-Fine Arts.** Lisa Lewellen seconded. **Approved 10-0.**

iii. **Choir - Heather Featherstone** is requesting stipend at \$22 per hour for Elementary and Junior High Choir, to be held once per week each and to participate in multiple performances throughout the year.



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1. Beth Simek motioned to approve **stipend not to exceed \$2,000 including benefits out of 5502-Fine Arts**. Jackie Edmonds seconded. **Approved 10-0.**
- iv. **National Junior Honor Society - Leah Perry** is requesting that Site Council pay for the annual registration fee of \$385.00. Beth Simek motioned to approve the payment of **\$385.00 out of 5505-Enrichment**. Laurie Cosper seconded. **Approved 10-0.**
- v. **National Spelling Bee** - requesting payment of \$172.50 for registration. Beth Simek motioned to approve **payment of \$172.50 out of 5505-Enrichment**. Lisa Lewellen seconded. **Approved 10-0.**
- vi. **National Geographic Bee - Daniel Roberts** is requesting payment of \$120.00 registration fee to participate in the National Geographic Bee. Beth Simek motioned to approve **payment of \$120.00 out of 5505-Enrichment**. Heather Featherstone seconded. **Approved 10-0.**
- vii. **Science Olympiad - Cassie Strahota** is requesting payment of the registration fee to participate in the Arizona Science Olympiad competition that is \$300.00. Beth Simek motioned to approve **payment of \$300.00 out of 5505-Enrichment**. Jackie Edmonds seconded. **Approved 10-0.**

### 5. District and school updates.

- a. Principal Miller stated that Dr. Kellis was so impressed with our AdvancED STEM certification that he has asked her to direct a district-wide STEAM event.
- b. Laurie Cosper asked whether it would be possible to partner with PTA and school funds to collaborate on students participating in a NASA STEAM competition in the next school year. The total amount required is around \$20,000. Principal Miller stated that this would have to be a long-term collaboration, and that it would take a lot of work between the District, School, and PTA.

### 6. Call to the public for questions and comments.

Daniel Roberts motioned to end the meeting. Jackie Edmonds seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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