Canyon Ridge School
Site Council Minutes
August 30, 2021
Meeting One

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

   Michele Caruso (parent), Ann Mitchell (community member), Evelin Vera Loera (teacher), Jill Hoppe (principal), Andrew Griesel (assistant principal), Christopher Raso (teacher, council chair). All members were present and C. Raso, was selected as Chair based on a nomination for Principal Hoppe and *unanimous* vote of the council. Welcome to the Site Council, Evelin!

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

   The proposed by-laws required a slight revision for the academic year listed. The document, and the use of Dysart Collaborative Norms for our meetings, was adopted by *unanimous vote* of the new Canyon Ridge Site Council.

3. **Balance of tax expenditures by category**

   School May Designate **$10,971.20**  
   Athletics **$5,210.07**  
   Fine Arts **$5,627.08**  
   Enrichment **$5,886.65**  
   Grand Total **$27,695.00**

   As per policy and state law, only funds in the School May Designate account are at the discretion of the Site Council. Other funds are at the discretion of administration and our leadership team has agreed to consult with the council regarding any major expenditures or needed transfer of funds.
4. **Options for a revised teacher compensation policy**

The proposed Teacher Compensation Policy was revised to include an increase for teacher extra-curricular activity compensation. It is now $600 for full time and $300 for part time programs. A. Griesel and M. Caruso proposed that the council reconsider tutoring compensation for teachers. J. Hoppe and A. Mitchell expressed that an element of such activities is a current professional expectation for educators at Canyon Ridge and most teachers utilize tutoring time for 301 hours.

M. Caruso expressed the view that a student need exists for more tutoring opportunities and the council, after much discussion and brainstorming, decided to establish funding for an extra-curricular multi-age tutoring activity that will be available for three teacher sponsors only. (See the Addendum, page 3, of the revised Teacher Compensation Policy for more details).

The Chair, C. Raso reiterated that any selection process for such a position must follow the established Tax expenditure application process that has been adopted by the council, district mandates and state law. Essentially, the selection of staff for this endeavor will be handled no differently than the evaluation of any other application for tax credit expenditures. It will be based on available funds and quality of the application and plans for implementation, submitted by staff members.

With council in agreement, the Teacher Compensation Policy, and the related tax expenditure application form, passed **unanimously**.

5. **Suggestions regarding fundraising and donations**

Site Council revisited the idea of a video production - informercial that would advertise the use of tax credit donations to the campus. The Chair will continue consultation and discussion with Ryan McGinley, of the Dysart Public Relations department, for the creation of such a product. Current goals are to schedule footage for October 20221 with the production ready for public viewing by late November.

The Site Council discussed the current document we utilize to advertise tax credit donation efforts. A QR code will be added to the item that will link it to the tax forms and explanations on our school website. A. Michell and C. Raso will also continue the traditional form distribution table at special patriotic events and school leadership will promote donations at band and choir assemblies, while on stage. Documents will also be made available during parent teacher conferences, as a voluntary pick up by guests.
6. **Call to the public for questions and comments**

The Site Council concluded all deliberations and comments at 4:55 pm after a 53 minute long meeting. Our next meeting will be held on September 27, 2021 at 4 pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by:

Christopher Raso
Site Council Chair
August 31, 2021