

MINUTES
Palo Verde High School
School Organizational Team Meeting
Library Conference Room
Sept. 26, 2017
2:45 PM

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School Organizational Team Members:

Amy Richmond- Chair, Teacher
Jeff Warnick- Vice-Chair, Parent
Anna Slighting- Secretary, Parent
Clara Bordelon- Member, Teacher
Bernice Burns- Member, Parent
Marc Hechter- Member, Teacher
Tiger Helgelien- Member, Parent
Sandi Herrera- Member, Parent
Deborah Miklich- Member, Support Staff
Suzie Moriarty- Member, Parent
Michelle Tatum- Member, Support Staff
James Thompson- Member, Teacher

Darren Sweikert- Principal
Allison Warnick- Student Representative (graduated in June 2017)

The School Organizational Team may take items on the agenda out of order, combine two or more agenda items for consideration, and remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to items on the agenda at any time.

Speakers wishing to speak during the public comment period for this meeting may sign up in person immediately prior to the beginning of the meeting. Speakers will be called in the order in which they signed up. No one may sign up for another person or yield their time to another person. Generally, a person wishing to speak during the comment period will be allowed two (2) minutes to address the School Organizational Team. Speakers may also submit additional comments in writing.

It is asked that speakers be respectful to each other, Team members, the principal and school district staff. Speakers that are disruptive will be asked to leave the meeting.

1.0 Welcome & Roll Call

- 1.1 Present:** Amy Richmond, Jeff Warnick, Anna Slighting, Clara Bordelon, Bernice Burns, Marc Hechter, Tiger Helgelien, Sandi Herrera, Deborah Miklich, Suzie Moriarty, Michelle Tatum, James Thompson
- 1.2 Absent:** None
- 1.3 Non-voting:** Darren
- 1.4 Public:** Julie Vigil, Ameilia Pak-Harvey

2.0 First Public Comment Period: None

3.0 Principal's Message [Contact: Mr. Sweikert]: Parent election is on its way. All teachers are re-elected except Marc who is retiring. Arthur Gamboa won the seat to replace him. Support staff is yet to be announced.

4.0 Old Items: none

5.0 New Items

5.1 SY 2017-2018 Budget

- a) \$128K shortfall for our school, Darren's suggestion is to cut an admin.
- b) Question asked: are our #s comparable for admin with other schools. Darren answered, yes.
- c) Question: are there vacant admin positions elsewhere. Darren answered: yes, but this isn't a decision with adults in mind. This is about asking what is best for kids, and losing an admin affects students the least.
- d) Question: will the support staff who works with that person leave also. Darren's answer: no.
- e) James supports cutting an admin. Further discussion: support staff always gets the short end of the stick. Admin
- f) Darren passed out copies of the budget for us to see and ask questions on. Most discussion regarded 'big school tax,' admin retro pay, carryover, operational budget amounts, title one funding, SB178 funding, prep buy-outs
- g) prep buy-outs and class leveling will happen at the end of quarter
- h) James motioned to approve Principal proposal on cutting an admin position, Amy seconded. Approved unanimously. Motion passes.

6.0 Surrounding SOT Agenda Item Comparison [Contact: Debbie]: tabled to next meeting

7.0 General Discussion

7.1 Agenda Planning: Oct. 19, 2017 at 2:45 pm

7.2 General Discussion Items: School Data for Results Week, New SOT Organization, student rep will be Stuco President, Sandi Herrera "got core values" presentation

8.0 Second Public Comment Period: James thanked us all.

9.0 Adjournment