

Red Rock Elementary School District No. 5

November 13, 2023

Board Meeting - Meeting Minutes

20854 E. Homestead Drive, Red Rock, AZ 85145

- 1) **Call to Order:** *This meeting was called to order at 5:02pm by Luis Vargas, 2nd Jace Finman, Approved 3-0.*
- 2) **Roll Call:** Board Members – Luis Vargas (President) – Present,
Jace Finman (Member) – Present
Kayti Kahn (Member) – Present

District Members – Peter Dwyer, Cathy Shull – Present
School Members – Stacey LeFager, Jennifer Bellah
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda:** *Motion to adopt meeting agenda as presented by Luis Vargas, 2nd by Jace Finman, Approved 3-0.*
- 4) **Public Comments** –No public in attendance
- 5) **Superintendents Report: move to after public comments**
Want to increase the celebrations of achievement of staff and students, working on this for future.

Jennifer Bellah presentation – Targeted Strategic Improvement (TSI) power point attached. Mr. Dwyer explained more in detail. Our school is currently sitting with 28% of students who are classified as SPED. Looking for another teacher to service these students.

LeFager – Presentation - ADE Letter Grade – power point attached. Mrs. Kahn asked if the testing relates to the letter grade? Our school testing changed last school year to 1 hour in the morning for several days of testing instead of all day testing. This has shown to make a difference in test scores. Mr. Finman asked where the growth will be next year? We are targeting math proficiency with tutoring and new math curriculum. As a whole, we need to grow in proficiency. Mrs. Kahn asked who the special education teacher is – Michelle Lynch (self contained), Tiffany Thiele (SPED Prek), Audrey Eaton (K-8 support), and a lot of special education paras. Mrs. Kahn asked how long Mrs. Eaton has been with us. This is her 2nd year at RRES. Mrs. Kahn asked if the 504 classified students fall under the SPED count. No, 504 designation allows for accommodations, they are not classified as Special/Exceptional Education students.

In October, the developer and three builders from the new section of housing in Red Rock Village brought lunch and sat down with several staff members to discuss the housing market, trends and future forecasts. It was decided that new information and pamphlets will be provided to the builders to pass on to prospective new buyers and they will extend an invitation to them from us to come tour our school. Overall, it was a very positive and productive meeting that we hope we can continue on a regular basis in the future.

School Resource Officer (SRO) At this time, the state will not increase the grant funding that would allow us to hire a full time officer to be on campus. There are other programs we hope may work for a School Safety Officer (SSO) where off duty officers could come part time. Unfortunately we would not consistently get the same officer coming, as they would send whoever is available, but having an any officer onsite will be beneficial to our school. The salary is paid through the state, so the school would have no out of pocket costs for this. This will be brought to the Board for approval when the information is finalized. Mrs. Kahn asked why we wanted an SRO. Not only for safety, but more because of the response time being at least 30 minutes for an officer to arrive at our campus. Marana Unified has at least two SROs. Mrs. Kahn asked where they were located. Marana High has one, and the other may be at Mountain View HS. Mr. Dwyer noted we are #4 on the waiting list for an officer. More information will come. Mr. Finman asked if we could work with Pinal County Sheriff's Office to be more present in the area during times of higher need (during drop off/pickup times)? It's difficult because of our location to cover with the personnel they have on staff. It was asked if we could park the Citizens on Patrol vehicle (usually parked at the fire station) in our parking lot during school hours? Mr. Vargas will check with the department that handles that staff/vehicle.

Construction is finally complete! Retaining wall is complete and looks good. This finalized Phase 1. We have noticed the caulking is separating from the building, but we knew that was going to happen – we will wait to see how it goes. Next, we will address the issues in the 100 building, then in future phases, we will address fixing the interior cracks.

- 6) **New Business:**
No new business
- 7) **Consent Agenda** – Signatures and Approvals: *Motion to adopt the consent agenda as presented by Luis Vargas, 2nd by Jace Finman, Approved 3-0.*
- a. Meeting Minutes, October 23, 2023. *Motion to approve by Luis Vargas 2nd by Jace Finman, Approved 3-0.*
 - b. Student Activities Account Statement/Register October 2023.
 - c. Expense Vouchers: #2407 \$187,926.71
 - d. Payroll Vouchers: #8 \$122,168.64, #9 \$153,034.76
- 8) **Next Meeting:** Wednesday December 13th 5:00
- 9) **Adjournment:** *Motion to adjourn at 6:03 by Luis Vargas, 2nd by Jace Finman, Approved 3-0*

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