Pinnacle High School

School Council Minutes

September 15, 2022

Meeting called to order at 2:45pm

Members Present: Chad Smith, Vicki Saldana, Melissa Carroll-Jackson, Chrissy Bonifasi-Hughes, Matt Brady, Liza Richards, Najwa Ghattas, America Wyllie

Members Absent: Karen Conway

Visitors:

Welcome & Introductions: Dr. Smith made the introductions for all the new and existing council members.

Purpose of School Council/Meeting Dates: The PHS School Council focuses on making a positive impact for the school. The Council provides input, feedback, and makes decisions about issues that impact PHS. Additionally, the Council authorizes general tax credit funds. This creates an opportunity to gather input from different stakeholder groups (staff members, community members, students and parents). Meeting dates have been shared with all members and tentative agendas will be sent out several days prior to meetings asking for input on agenda items. In January we will evaluate our progress.

By-Laws 2022-2023: The current By-Laws were handed out to the committee and the committee will review and suggest changes/revisions to the 2022-2023 School Council By-Laws at the next meeting. The committee will review and vote on changes at the October 20th meeting.

Tax Credit Expenditures: Dr. Smith let the council members know that part of what the School Council is responsible for is authorizing all general expenditures for tax credit. Dr. Smith went over the tax credit budget. The principal, has in the past, presented the expenditures to the School Council and once the council discusses and votes on expenditure, then the principal will authorize the expense. Below are the expenditures at this point that Dr. Smith is asking for approval:

- Tax Credit funds for students who need assistance with athletic and other fees. Students whose family is on Free & Reduced are eligible, so the students can still participate in the activity. The Tax Credit fund can be used to offset the cost of the fee. Dr. Smith would like these fees to be part of approval \$2500
 - Motion made by Melissa Carroll-Jackson to use the tax credit expenditures as listed and presented. Najwa Ghattas seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved by the council members.
- After school tutoring/class (identifying students for these classes) \$7500 (If possible ESSER funds will be used first)

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- Motion made by Najwa Ghattas to use the tax credit expenditures as listed and presented. America seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved by the council members.
- General after school activities (at principal's discretion) supporting specific items for athletics, fine arts, CTE, etc - \$2500 - Items will be noted in the next School Council meeting.
 - Motion made by Matt Brady to use the tax credit expenditures. America Wylle seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved by the council members.
- After school athletics
 - Girls Soccer needs uniforms \$3184.89
 - Soccer needs uniforms \$4377.89
 - Motion made by Liza Richards to use the tax credit expenditures as listed above and presented. Chrissy Bonifasi-Hughes seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved by the council members.
 - o Baseball needs uniforms \$3871.38
 - Softball needs uniforms \$3458.32
 - Motion made by Melissa Carroll Jackson to use the tax credit expenditures as listed above and presented. Najwa Ghattas seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved by the council members.
 - Athletic Training supplies \$ 1000
 - Motion made by Chrissy Bonifasi-Hughes to use the tax credit expenditures as listed above and presented. Liza Richards seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved by the council members.
 - All Sports/Training Room equipment \$1155.40
 - Motion made by Najwa Ghattas to use the tax credit expenditures as listed above and presented. America Wyllie seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved by the council members.

Start of Year:

- Freshman Camp The camp is for freshmen to get acclimated with our campus, get their PHS ID and meet their peers, so they are comfortable on their first day of school. It was held on Aug 5, 2022 and was a success.
- Senior Business This is a day for seniors to come in and take care of any business (fees, id, parking, etc). This was held on Aug 3 & 4, 2022.
- Parent Night Dr. Smith had a Fresh/Soph parent night on Aug 11, 2022 and a Junior/Senior parent night on Aug 15, 2022. They both went very well.
- Open House Aug 23, 2022- Parents had the opportunity to meet their students' teacher. We received overwhelmingly good feedback from parents.
- Parent Teacher Conferences Oct 25, 2022 will be held in the gym.

UPC Meetings: UPC General meeting dates: Sept 21, Oct 19, Nov 16, no Dec meeting, Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 22, Apr 19 and May 17.



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The 2022-2023 UPC Executive Board:

• President: Kea Carota

Treasurer: Hara DembowskiProgramming: Megan StarrMembership: Erica Moriarty

• Secretary: Laura Hill

The next UPC meeting is on Sept 21: Supporting Diverse Learners in PVSchools. Representatives from both the Gifted Department and the Special Education Department will join the meeting to talk about the variety of support services that are available in PVSchools. Parents will also learn about Twice-Exceptional (2E) Learners. This is a great opportunity to find out more about programs and services offered in PVSchools.

UPC now has a YouTube Channel! Parents can check out the UPC Library of past program videos and parents can subscribe to watch all upcoming videos.

For the Good of the Order:

Parking & Traffic Concerns

- -the city has been contacted, they've done a study
- -the problem is the excess of cars trying to get to work & pedestrians from new homes
- -lights are being timed differently
- -we cannot facilitate crossing it's a liability