

Sunset Palms Elementary School
School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2024
Media Center
2:30 p.m.

Members in attendance: Jeffrey Burgazzoli, Tanya Gutierrez, Kaye-Ann Jones, Tami Marcus, Nicole Oden, Yelena Potekhina, Cathy Peterson, Karen Riddle, Yriana Torres-Santiago

Other attendees: Debra Barreiro, Tiffanie Day, Ana Marin, Emma Hopkins, Justin Gamelin, Sophia Charles, Danielle Reece

Called to order at 2:30 p.m. (Cathy Peterson, SAC Chairperson)

Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 4, 2024

The Meeting Minutes from September 4, 2024 were reviewed by the membership. Mr. Burgazzoli moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Marcus. All voting members were in favor. None opposed or abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

Principal's Report (Karen Riddle, Principal)

Mrs. Riddle reported on the passing of the half-penny tax that was passed in the November 2024 election. Mrs. Riddle shared how the half-penny tax has historically allowed SPE to purchase necessary school equipment, and SPE intends to use the funds from this tax to continue purchasing other such equipment to enhance the students' learning experience at SPE.

Enrollment is stable at 909 students. Mrs. Riddle discussed the new Bylaws, which were required under new statutory law to be updated. Major changes include that a minimum number of meetings is no longer required. SPE SAC, however, will endeavor to hold five council meetings per year. Participation in meetings by telephone and video is now permitted. Mrs. Perry moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burgazzoli. All voting members were in favor. None opposed or abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

PTA Programs and Funding (Justin Gamelin, Assistant Principal)

\$5,058 in School Improvement Plan (SIP) funds remain available for SPE to use for resources and supplements for tutorials, which rolled over from previous school years. Emma Hopkins moved to approve the use of the funds. The motion was seconded by Yriana Torres. All voting members were in favor. None opposed or abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

A Recognition Ballot Vote (Debra Barreiro)

Mrs. Barreiro explained how the funds would be allocated under each of the three ballots. The ballot was presented to the council for approval. Ms. Marcus moved to approve the ballot. The motion was seconded by Tanya Gutierrez. All voting members were in favor. None opposed or abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

Closing Remarks and Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting (Cathy Peterson, SAC Chairperson)

-results of the A Recognition Ballot vote

-a report from Parks and Recreation about the status of the sports fields

Meeting adjourned at **2:49 p.m.**