

**MINUTES OF THE SURPRISE  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
SITE COUNCIL MEETING  
DYSART UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49  
September 17, 2009**

**MEMBERS PRESENT AT MEETING**

**Sharon Rodriguez  
David Dumon  
Amanda Jelleson  
Beth Simek**

**Suzy Fesmier  
Kelly Parker  
Cathy Hayes  
Jack Broughton**

Dr. Dave Dumon, Surprise Elementary School Principal, facilitated the meeting, which began at 4:30 p.m.

- I. Review of Minutes of May 14, 2009 Meeting** – Council members reviewed and approved the minutes by consensus with the addition of Suzy Fesmier to the sign in sheet. Dr. Dumon addressed the Council and gave a brief overview of FIAT and the Site Council’s involvement in parent outreach for Surprise.
- II. Consideration of Expenditure of Tax Credit Funds – School Designate Account** – Dr. Dumon reviewed the Tax Credit School Designate account and the Site Council’s required authorization for its use.
  - a. Theater Troupe Proposal – the Council reviewed the proposal for this enrichment opportunity for students. Ms. Alexander, Ms. Richardson and Ms. Swedenhjelm will instruct a drama/music/set and costume design program. Total cost for the 09-10 school year project is \$8421.03. The Council discussed the plan, requested performance dates and approved the expenditure of tax credit funds for supplemental compensation for the teachers at the rate of \$22 per hour, to begin September 22, 2009 and the costs of supplies in the amount of approximately \$450.
  - b. Pitching Coach - Kelly Parker, Surprise Girls’ Softball Coach, asked to change the request for the pitching coach to next season. The Council agreed to fund the girls’ softball pitching coach for next year, 10 hours at \$20 per hour, for a total cost of \$200.
  - c. Character Counts Assemblies - Dr. Dumon reviewed the Character Counts tax credit allocation that the Council approved for Character Counts Store supplies. He is asking that the Council amend that expenditure approval to \$2500 for supplies and the remaining \$2500 for costs associated with Character Counts Assemblies. He explained that while he and Mrs. Jelleson organize and create most of the assemblies, they would like to bring in outside Character assembly presenters on occasion. The Council approved the change and authorized \$2500 for Character Counts assembly costs.
  - d. School Sports Fields painting – Dr. Dumon presented the email from Ken Hicks, indicating that due to budget cuts, each school would be responsible for a portion of the costs associated with the painting of the sports fields. Dr. Dumon indicated that we are requesting Site Council Designate Tax Credit Account funds because the athletics tax credit account does not have adequate funds. After brief discussion, the Council approved the expenditure of \$600.
- III. Discussion of AZ Parent Information Resource Center (PIRC)** – The Council reviewed the Family Friendly Walk-Through report from the May 4, 2009 visit by PIRC. Discussion followed regarding parent involvement and the Parent Involvement and Surprise School improvement goals.
- IV. Consideration of Book Study of 101 Ways to Create Real Family Engagement** – Council members discussed 101 Ways to Create Real Family Engagement and all agreed that a book study would be a good first step in facilitating increased parent involvement. Council Members will read assigned sections and bring ideas and suggestions back to a Special Meeting of the Surprise Site Council on October 7/

- V. **Discussion of DUSD Family Resource Center** – DUSD schools within El Mirage have joined together to support our families. The Center will assist with donation drives of clothing, baby items, school supplies, toiletries, etc. Classes will be offered – English, parenting, citizenship, etc. At this time, the Center will serve only the families within the City of El Mirage, but services could be expanded in the future.
- VI. **Discussion of Parent Council Members** – The Council discussed replacing the parent representative who is no longer at Surprise Elementary. Several suggestions were made and members agreed to talk to parents about their interest in serving as Council Members.
- VII. **Discussion of Other Matters** – Mrs. Rodriguez mentioned her husband’s willingness to do classroom presentations regarding character and choices. Dr. Dumon told the Council about the upcoming Override Election and indicated that it will not be on the City of Surprise mail-in ballot. Dr. Pletnick will be addressing the staff about the Override Election at the next Monday staff meeting. The date of October 7, was set for the Council to hold a Special Meeting to begin their book study.

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

\_\_\_\_\_, Meeting Facilitator