

## Morgan Maxwell K8 School Council

# Minutes (2023-2024)

Meeting Date 10/26/2023 Meeting Location: Library or on Zoom

**Meeting ID: 691 213 6658** 

Members present	Sarah Ledbetter, Clarisa Nido, Erin McAllister, Rebecca Hoy, Alicia Bissonnette, Kristin Wieckowski
Members absent	
Constituency group represented	

- **I.** Called to order at 4:00pm by Sarah Ledbetter
- **II.** Approval of Minutes for (9/21/2023)

DISCUSSION NOTES	Motion by Alicia Bissonnette, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Rebecca Hoy, approved by members
CONCLUSIONS	

#### **III.** Call to the audience

DISCUSSION NOTES	N/A
CONCLUSIONS	

## IV. Reports

REPORTS TO REVIEW	
DISCUSSION	Reports were skipped since this was a special meeting to finish up discussion on organizing tax exempt funds.



### V. Action Items

ITEM TITLE	School Supplies
DISCUSSION NOTES	The school office manager reported a need for more funding for school supplies. Ms. Nido stated while we do need the money, we should also try to be more resourceful with our supplies to make sure they supply money is being efficiently spent. Alicia Bissonnette motioned for \$2000 to be spent on supplies.
VOTE: \$2000 FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES	
ALICIA BISSONETTE 1 <sup>ST</sup> MOTION/REBECCA HOY 2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION—ALL IN FAVOR MOTION PASSES	

ITEM TITLE	School Garden Connect Grant \$2000
DISCUSSION NOTES	The school received a grant from Garden Connect. They will supply \$8000 but the school must also provide \$2000 for a total of \$10,000 for the school garden program. This program will involve all prek-8 grade levels. The hydroponics garden will be a combined effort of middle school and pre-k. Outside gardens will be given to K-5 grade levels just to start. A concern of middle school buy in was discussed. The hope is if middle school is working with pre-k there will be more buy in.
VOTE: \$2000 FOR GARDEN CONNECT GRANT	
REBECCA HOY 1 <sup>ST</sup> MOTION/ERIN MCALLISTER 2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION—ALL IN FAVOR MOTION PASSES	

ITEM TITLE	Walkie Talkies
DISCUSSION NOTES	The district bid sheet was shared for the two-way radios. The council discussed the expense of the two-way radios. The group agreed it would be better to spend for a decent two-way radio that will last a long time instead of getting cheaper radios which will break quickly. A suggestion was made by Ms. Nido to buy 5 new radios a year. A motion was made by Alicia Bissonnette to add \$500 to the already voted on \$2000 for a total of \$2500 being spent this year on two-way radios.
VOTE: ADDITIONAL \$500 FOR TWO-WAY RADIOS FOR A TOTAL OF \$2500	
ALICIA BISSONETTE 1 <sup>ST</sup> MOTION/REBECCA HOY 2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION—ALL IN FAVOR MOTION PASSES	

ITEM TITLE	Amendment to Dress Code
DISCUSSION NOTES	The dress code survey came back with the majority of the parents in favor of adding jeans to the uniform, the majority of the students in favor of no uniform, the majority of the teachers in favor of adding jeans to the uniform. Ms. Nido suggested the change did not have to take place until January. A suggestion was made of making one day a week a jean day on Friday if students are present all 4 other days. However, middle school teachers prefer an all or nothing because it's too difficult to enforce a one-day policy. A concern was brought up about ripped jeans. The discussion was that it would be highly recommended no rips in jeans. If students do have rips in jeans they must wear leggings in school uniform colors under the jeans. Rebecca Hoy made a motion to amend the dress code to include jeans in the uniform.
VOTE: ADD JEANS TO UNIFORM	
REBECCA HOY 1 <sup>ST</sup> MOTION/ALICIA BISSONNETTE 2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION—4 IN FAVOR, 0 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAIN	



#### **VI.** Discussion/information items

ITEM TITLE	Undesignated Tax-Exempt Spending
DISCUSSION NOTES	Undesignated Tax-Exempt funds are currently at \$48,857. The funds already spent have not been officially taken from the original amount. The office manager stated the district is now having classes collect money and turn the funds into the Undesignated Tax-Exempt account. Then a P.O. will be created to pay for the field trips. This means there will be additional spending on field trips from the funds if the classes cannot raise all the money. In the past the parent club would help support the trips if needed so only bus costs would be taken out of the Undesignated Tax-Exempt account. It was brought up that because this account is so fluid with money going in and out it would be difficult for the council to plan the money to exact amounts. Rebecca Hoy shared how Cholla High School designated their funds. Ms. Nido mentioned she would still like to have a more accurate idea of how much money is spent for each category at the end of the year. However, the final spending reports would have to be discussed at the beginning of the next school year because items which don't come in by July 1st are canceled and the money is returned to the account.
RESOLUTION	IT WAS DECIDED THE SCHOOL COUNCIL FACILITATOR AND THE PRINCIPAL WOULD COME UP WITH A BUDGET WITH SPECIFIC DESIGNATIONS FOR THE FUNDS WHICH WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE NEXT MEETING IN NOVEMBER.

ITEM TITLE	
DISCUSSION NOTES	
RESOLUTION	

- **VII.** Submission of items for next agenda.
  - a. Budget with funds designated
- VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm by Sarah Ledbetter