

SITE COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, August 21, 2019
3:00-4:00 PM

Facilitator
Caryn Cole

Attendees
Cindy Fletcher, Counselor
Leanna Farmer, Counselor
Paul Lewkowski, Teacher
Jennifer Harley, Office Manager
Kathleen Leonard, Parent
Andrea Schlag, Parent
Michelle Coffman, Parent

Tax Credit

- Caryn presented Tax Credit policies and procedures and provided a financial report detailing the actual general tax credit expenditures for July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019. The Site Council members approved the expenditures.
- Caryn presented Tax Credit policies and procedures and gave an overview of the areas upon which Sanborn has been or will be spending 2019/20 Tax Credit monies including grade level field trips, transportation for field trips, Student Activity Clubs (choir, running, drama, etc), co-curricular areas including band, orchestra and choir; Character Education; Art Masterpiece; Spelling Bee; and fees for extracurricular activities or programs for which payment would represent an economic hardship for a student. Site Council agreed that the above mentioned items were appropriate for the spending of general tax credit monies, retroactive to July 1, 2019.

Title I

- As of July 1, 2019 Sanborn is a Title I school, along with two other schools in the district; Conley and Andersen Elementary. Our free/reduced percentage is over 60 percent which qualifies us as Title I. This first year we are “targeted” title, which means we are using our title funding to service the bottom 20 percent of our learners in reading. Therefore, our funds have been allocated to hiring a full time Reading Specialist and a two hour a day title assistant/clerk.
- Our Title designation also gives us a full day, free preschool for up to 20 students.
- In the 2020/21 school year our title funding and services will no longer be targeted, therefore the funds can be used to service all students.

AZMerit/A+ Application

- We are still waiting the official letter grade from the state based on our AZ Merit scores.
- If we remain a “B”, we will be applying for the A+ awarded by the Arizona Education Foundation
- If our grade drops, unfortunately we will not be eligible to apply for the A+.

Parent Survey

- Council reviewed all the parent survey results. Of our 620 families, we had 414 surveys completed/returned. Overall responses were improved from previous year, most notably bullying. This area had significantly fewer issues/comments.
- One thing the office noticed when inputting the results. Several surveys had low ratings (dissatisfied) but the written comments were very positive. The rating system on the survey went from negative to positive; i.e;

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither Somewhat Agree Strongly Agree

We think it's natural for someone completing a survey to assume that the answer check boxes start with positive, so we think all the above should be reversed. Caryn will share our suggestion with district to change the order.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Next meeting is Thursday, November 21 at 3:00 p.m. in the Media Center