

# FOOTHILLS SITE COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

October 3, 2016

5:30 PM

AGENDA

**In attendance:** Laramie Semmler, LeAnna Pier, Vanessa Blair, Robert Benson

**General Purpose:** This meeting was provided as a start to the Site Council year. Most items were informational. One item was approved by members.

## REGULAR BUSINESS

Call to Order – *Welcome 5:40PM.*

M & O Budget- *Dr. Benson reviewed current M&O and Capital budgets for Foothills. There was some discussion about the reality of these funds and examples of supplies such as paper use, etc. Dr. Benson went into the use of capital and M&O operations and the purposes of these funds.*

Capital Budget

Student Enrollments- *Dr. Benson reviewed current enrollments and numbers of classrooms at each grade.*

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## AGENDA ITEMS

Policy Regarding Site Councils

*Dr. Benson reviewed PUSD Policy regarding site council. Discussed the purpose and some negatively perceived notions of these types of groups. There is a desire at Foothills for community feedback. Dr. Benson also discussed some ideas of this group monitoring new programs (some we would discuss this evening) to ensure they are quality. Feedback is needed for a stronger school.*

Programs for students

- Odyssey of the Mind
- Makers Space
- STEAM Invention Convention

*This was mostly informative in nature and Dr. Benson reviewed some ideas that have been talked about for a couple of years. Basic information as provided. Along with the information, an email will be sent with some related links for a deeper understanding. These three ideas run together with the ideas of STEM (STEAM), creativity, hands on learning, and 21<sup>st</sup> century skills.*

Bond Election and Current and Future Work

*Reviewed parking lot work front and back, and reviewed potential AC units being redone in J building and gymnasium over Holiday break. There was some discussion on front lot and how much better it was. Dr. Benson explained that there are still more things to put in place for total completions of the project.*

Community Involvement Dates

- Parent Teacher Conferences- October 11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>
- Fall Festival – October 17<sup>th</sup>
- McDonalds Dine Out- October 26<sup>th</sup>

*Member brought up the idea of perhaps working with the fundraiser with PTSO to support awards for the Invention Convention. Dr. Benson expressed some ideas around that and after working with staff in its full development, we would work toward the use of that idea. Also, there was also a brief discussion about company and business support and partners with the invention convention (Home Depot, Lowes, Radio Shack, Hobby Lobby).*

Funds Request – Stand for the Silent Posters

*Council discussed the reason for such a decision-making. By policy, it was needed for a tax credit fund entitled “greatest need”. We are using this fund for our Stand for the Silent classroom posters. This and the idea of character education and tax credit was discussed. All members of the council approved the use of these funds.*

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Further discussion on bullet points

Future agenda items

- School/Community Surveys- Accreditation (Dr. Benson)
- *Arts Learning (member)*
- *Safety (member)*
- *Parental Involvement (member)*

*Dr. Benson discussed more hands on meeting agendas as a means to understand...have some fun too.*

**Items Approved by Council:**

- Funds request- Stand for the Silent Posters using Greatest Need tax credit donated money.
  - All members were in favor.

Adjournment (6:40PM).

Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Signature \_\_\_\_\_