

Horizon School Council Minutes
September 29, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 3:35pm.

Council members in attendance:

Dan Courson	Jay Parizek
Anna Royse	Dee Spain
Betty Gillis	Nancy Heller
Lynda Shely	

I. Welcome

Council members were welcomed by Dr. Courson and asked to introduce themselves. Lynda Shely volunteered to take minutes and Jay Parizek volunteered to monitor time.

The Council discussed adding another student representative to assure that a student representative could be present at all meetings. Dr. Courson will ask another student to join the group.

II. Tax Credit Authorization

Candy Stewart, the manager of the school book store, requested that School Council review and approve, if appropriate, the categories of expenditures for tax credits. After reviewing Ms. Stewart's proposed list of expenditures, School Council approved the categories as set forth by Ms. Stewart.

III. Review of District School Council Power point

Dr. Courson provided the Council with a district-prepared power point presentation on the purpose and operation of school councils. Council reviewed and discussed.

IV. Goals and Objectives for School Council for 2009 – 2010

Dr. Courson requested that members of Council propose various areas of focus for Council's 2009-2010 academic year. The suggestions for issues Council might address included: 1) having Horizon remain competitive both locally and nationally; 2) embracing the future in education; 3) student restrooms; 4) communication to other groups within the school and community; 5) college credits for courses other than AP course; and 6) publicity.

After discussion, the Council decided to pursue two of the areas of focus: 1) student bathroom functionality and availability; and 2) reinforcing Horizon's competitive position in the local and national educational communities through espousing the school's attributes.

In order to advance these two goals, the following additional information will be provided to Council for the next meeting:

- Bathroom improvements: everyone should bring their recommendations

- Information regarding the Paradise Valley School District CREST Program as well as information about North Canyon's IB courses, and what AP classes are provided at Pinnacle that are not available at Horizon
- Information about Digital Learning at Sunrise
- Update from Horizon's fine arts committee

V. Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynda C. Shely