

Paradise Valley Unified School District  
**High School Graduation Committee**

October 14, 2004

Minutes

The committee met for the first time in CRC yellow. The meeting began at 3:00 PM.

In attendance were: Dr. John Weimer, Assistant Superintendent, Facilitator

Jeff Billings, Director of Information Technology

Jim Brewer, Parent

Curt Jablin, Physical Education PAC

Bev Lewis, Pinnacle HS Counselor

Marti Marziani, Horizon HS Counselor

Ronnie Milburn, North Canyon HS Teacher

Jean Scharrer, Director of Alternative Education

Susie Waldrum, Parent

Jon Walk, Paradise Valley HS Principal

Julia Zandler, Parent

Absent were: Susan Benjamin, Asst. Director of Special Education

Kayce Sanchez, Pinnacle Teacher

A high school administrator still to be named

Purpose: Dr. Weimer explained the purpose of the committee was to overview current programs and policies associated with high school graduation and make any recommendations for change to the Governing Board. He emphasized the importance of communicating with constituents throughout the period of scheduled meetings to ensure that information is shared before decisions are made and that all feedback is brought to the table. The minutes of all meetings will be published on the district web site and at the schools. All committee members will be expected to welcome feedback from constituents.

Decision Making Process: All decisions will be reached by consensus of the committee members. If the group is unable to reach consensus, an alternative method will be selected at the time. The committee may decide to send recommendations to the Governing Board during the course of the year or wait until the final meeting to develop all recommendations.

Ground Rules: The committee agreed to operate under the following ground rules:

- It will be expected that members speak when they disagree with ideas presented.
- Meetings will start on time and end on time (at the latest).
- Committee members will come prepared for the discussions.
- Committee members will wait for the minutes to be distributed before announcing decisions or discussions.
- Committee members will be respectful of one another.

Meeting Dates: The committee will meet on the following dates. More meetings will be scheduled if it becomes necessary in order to complete the discussions.

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| ○ October 28  | - February 10 |
| ○ November 18 | - February 24 |
| ○ December 9  | - March 10    |
| ○ January 13  | - March 31    |
| ○ January 27  |               |

Topics: The following topics will be addressed by the committee (in the order listed). Additional topics may be added if agreed upon by the committee.

- Total graduation credits
- Exceptions to current district graduation credit requirements
- Changing the current requirement for Introductory Physical Education
- Awarding high school credit for courses taken in middle school
- Eliminating class rankings
- Adding a technology credit requirement
- Awarding Differentiated Diplomas

Resources: The committee identified resources needed for the first topics to be addressed and assigned responsibility to committee members for collecting the resources.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM