

Site Council Meeting Minutes	In Attendance: Mrs. Towns, Mrs. Bachali, Connie Romano, Kirsten Allen, Tanya Corona, Meeghan Leyva, Karen Mallo, Curt McReynolds, Jeanne Patton, Katherine Sam, Stevi Stettler Unable to attend: Cara O'Dowd
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Location: FMSE Library	Facilitator: Mrs. Towns
Time: 3:00 pm	Date: 10/24/23

AGENDA	Presenter	Time	Notes
Introductions	Mrs. Towns	3:00	Introductions of all in attendance were made. Went over ground rules for meetings/ meeting norms & protocols.
Group Purpose/ Bylaws	Mrs. Towns	3:05	FMSE Site Council is a site based group, composed of parents, teachers, staff members, community members and administrators. The purpose of the Site Council is to work collaboratively with the principal on the continuous improvement of the school.
Equal Access for All Students	Mrs. Towns	3:10	Asked the group how we can better meet the accessibility needs of all students. We have ramps on the portables and an elevator in the building but what about other areas on campus? Suggestions were made for playground equipment and paths for wheelchair access to the playground structure.
A+ Visit	Mrs. Towns	3:15	After months of work on the A+ schools application by our A+ schools committee, FMSE was selected for a site visit. December 14 and 15 are the dates the AZ Educational Foundation will be on campus for the A+ School of Excellence judging. On Friday, December 15 the judges will be meeting with a group of parents and community members. Mrs. Towns will be sending invitations out this week asking people to join us for approximately 30 minutes at 8:30. During the visit the judges will be verifying that we are doing what we said we do on our application.

FMSE Site Goals	Mrs. Towns	3:25	Mrs. Towns went over the IAP, AVID, and Organizational Health goals for our campus. Please see attached slide show for more information on this school year's site goals.
Bond/Override Facts	Mrs. Towns	3:35	The group went over the facts of the upcoming bond/override election. The override will not increase taxes because it's an extension of the override that's currently in place. The bond will be used for mostly security & safety, as well as renovating existing campuses and building one more elementary school to accommodate our district's growth. Bond Facts Slide Show
Love Our School Day	Mrs. Towns	3:40	We had a fantastic turnout for Love Our Schools Day on Saturday, October 21 st . Thanks to donations for rock and plants, our courtyard looks amazing. Volunteers (staff, parents & students) helped to move appx. 5 ton of river rock and plant bushes and other plants. Additionally, families left motivational chalk drawings and wrote cards for staff. Mrs. Towns showed a video summarizing the day's events.
Tax Credit	Mrs. Towns	3:45	As a reminder any AZ resident can donate to the school using tax credits. They must make the payment first, but can submit the receipt to get a dollar for dollar credit on their state taxes (\$200.00 for individual filers and \$400.00 for joint filers). Tax credit monies can be used for field trips as well as capital expenses (such as radios, chrome books, and library books). Mrs. Romano added that parents need to put the taxpayer info on the form and not the student's name.
Questions	Mrs. Towns	3:50	Mrs. Sam asked about learning more AVID specifics for parents. The students know what's going on with AVID but it would be nice for parents to learn more about the program. Mrs. Mallo found this AVID at a Glance Link that is full of useful information for our families.

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Meeting Adjourned	Mrs. Towns	3:55	
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