

## Project MORE School Council

## Minutes 2025-2026

Meeting Date 09/23/2025

Meeting Location: Zoom

Members present	Mr. Macias, Ms. Mastropasqua, Ms. Hetland, Ms. Cohen
Members absent	None
Constituency group represented	principal, classified staff, certified staff, parents

**I.** Called to order at 4:00pm by Israel Macias

**II.** Approval of Minutes for

<b>DISCUSSION NOTES</b>	Read minutes
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Minutes for 4/22/25
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	
Mr. Macias made 1 <sup>st</sup> motion to approve; Ms. Mastropasqua seconded. Motion passed unanimously.	

**III.** Call to the audience

<b>DISCUSSION NOTES</b>	No one made a call to the audience.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	

**IV.** Reports

<b>REPORTS TO REVIEW</b>	Principal's Report
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Cell Phone Policy Update               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New cell phone policy implemented statewide this year: students not allowed to use phones during class time; phones placed in designated area or put away in backpacks.</li> <li>2. Project MORE has had much success implementing the new policy. Of course, there are some students who try to get around it, but overall, it has made a big difference in our classrooms.</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Staffing – Vacancies               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All positions currently filled.</li> <li>2. Custodian departing in October; Macias taking steps to ensure his position is posted and a replacement is hired.</li> <li>3. New position for ELD (English Language Development) teacher has not been created, but funds are available. Mr. Macias will contact ELD department to see if there is any further movement or updates.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	Additional Information: During Principal's meeting, Dr. Trujillo expressed concern for budget shortfall of approximately 7 million dollars next fiscal year, specifically related to Title I funds. These funds are used for Project MORE's Weekend Academy and other supports for students. The District has historically looked specifically at ways to protect people/positions from cuts that are directly connected to classrooms. These cuts are coming from the federal government as well as state and local governments.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	

## V. Action Items

<b>ITEM TITLE</b>	Approval to spend Tax Credit funds to purchase school radios/walkie talkies. Not to exceed \$2000.
<b>DISCUSSION NOTES</b>	<p>Relating to both action items on this week's agenda: Project MORE has approximately \$13,000.00 available for discretionary expenditures. The amount pre-COVID was approximately \$50,000.00. These funds come from Arizona State tax credits. This year the AZ Legislature opened the funds up to capitol expenditures.</p> <p>Discussion ensued re: radios/walkie-talkies for Project MORE. We are currently borrowing three radios from TAP. One radio is broken. Group discussed the importance of having working radios that are high quality and rugged. Cost of new radios is anywhere from \$250-\$400 each, depending on model. While the available models priced will all be compatible with the current radio system, Ms. Mastropasqua and Ms. Hetland expressed a preference for the most durable/rugged radios available as they can get beat up in the normal course of the day, and additionally so when responding quickly to incidents. Ms. Hetland also indicated that it would be a good idea to issue a radio to the school nurse to assist when necessary. Mr. Macias suggested that a less rugged/durable radio could be used for this purpose.</p> <p>Mr. Macias will look for the best arrangement to order as many of the more rugged ones as possible using the funds allowed.</p>
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	Ms. Mastropasqua made 1 <sup>st</sup> motion to approve both expenditures discussed; Ms. Hetland seconded. Motion to approve both expenditures passed unanimously.

<b>ITEM TITLE</b>	Approval to spend Tax Credit funds to purchase a gas grill and propane tank for school events. Not to exceed \$1,200.00
<b>DISCUSSION NOTES</b>	<p>The purpose of this expenditure is for use during school events specifically focused on family engagement. Students do better when families are involved in their education and when students feel like they are part of a bigger community. Mr. Macias had been providing a personal grill for such events, but his grill has worn out and the extra wear and tear from hauling it back and forth causes other problems.</p> <p>He noted that district approved vendors limit the available stores, but that he thought he could get a new set up with the appropriate set-up for under \$1200.00</p>
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	Ms. Mastropasqua made 1 <sup>st</sup> motion to approve both expenditures discussed; Ms. Hetland seconded. Motion to approve both expenditures passed unanimously.

## **VI.** Discussion/information items

<b>ITEM TITLE</b>	Role of PMORE's School Council for New Members.
<b>DISCUSSION NOTES</b>	Help make decisions according to bylaws and open meeting laws. Votes require quorum and everyone's vote is equal. Balanced representation is required. Agenda is required and meeting minutes should be posted no later than 48 hours after meeting.
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	

<b>ITEM TITLE</b>	
<b>DISCUSSION NOTES</b>	
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	

## **VII.** Submission of items for next agenda.

Submit items for next meeting agenda to Mr. Macias via email.

## **VIII.** The meeting was adjourned at by Israel Macias-Reyes