Augusta Ranch Elementary Site Council Meeting November 12, 2019 Minutes



In Attendance: Terrie Barnes, Andrea Emerick, Kathy Wentzel, Jami Wood, Amanda Elser, Teisha Bruyn. Absent were: Jessi Brinjak and Officer Scott Muth (Mesa Police Department)

Principal Academy

The Principal, Assistant Principal and Principal Academy students will be working on their next project on November 19, 2019. They will be creating care packages to support residents of the Ronald McDonald House by packing up Soap/Dryer sheets and adding in supportive notes reading "You are MINT to keep fighting-so stay strong!"

Hour of Code with Tara Phelps

November is Recognized Nationally as "Hour of Code"

- Code.org, there will be 2 training sessions this week (primary and intermediate)
- Review Standards for technology/how to include more coding into early education

Parent Involvement

- Chili Contest/Outside movie night on Friday, November 15, 2019.
 PTSO will be charging \$10 to people wish to complete in the Chili Cook-Off contest.
 They're also working to decide which free movie is to be shown afterwards.
- Western Day Friday: Met FUN RUN goal!!!!
 Everyone is encouraged to dress in their western gear, the cafeteria will be serving chili dogs, fries & peas.

The Veteran's Day Event

- Another huge success with an amazing turn-out. Principal Academy students greeted and escorted Veterans and their families to the event. They were also at the ready with bottles of water, special bags of patriotic packaged candy and cards made by our Augusta Ranch students. Students in grades 1-4 read poems they had written and students in grades 5-6 read essays they had written. The color guard was here to present flags and it brought on the goose bumps. Many people stopped by the office on their way out to thank Principal Barnes and Assistant Principal Emerick for the heart-warming recognition of our service men and women.
- The next Coffee with Principal will be on Friday, 11/22/19

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Teacher Support in Training

- K-3 math support instructional strategies
- 4-6 math planning in-depth, rigor
- Best practices with Wendy Peterson (December 4th & December 10th)
- Half day, Wednesday, November 20, 2019, students will be released at 11:55am. Teachers will have Professional Development called **5 to Thrive**. If it finishes early, they will be released to participate in individual team building.
- Hour of Code (see above for details)

Tax Credit

Per House Bill 2425, effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022, schools may use tax credit funds to purchase capital items. This includes items such as classroom furniture, library books, musical instruments, shade structures, PE equipment, etc.

<u>Designated tax credit funds</u> must be used for their intended purpose. For example, tax credits designated for band may only be used for capital band equipment such as instruments. Another example, tax credits designated for PE may only be used for capital PE equipment purchases.

Non-designated tax credit funds may be used for any purpose, with Site Council approval. These funds may be used for library books, shade structures or classroom furniture

- **PE \$1,300** Requests: Electric pump \$182, Wagon, storage cart, rubber rings/hoops, beanbags (for tossing game) \$800
- Music/Choir \$900 Requests: 20 Instructional Recorder books \$120+, 22 Ukelele Songs books + teacher edition \$250+, Primary Line Bass Bar \$265+, 2 Glockenspiels \$300+-

Augusta Ranch Elementary Site Council Next Meeting: January 21, 2020

~We are Empowered, We are Augusta Ranch ~