

Doolen Middle School Council

Minutes 2024-2025

Meeting Date: Thursday, November 14, 2024 Meeting Location: School Library / Zoom

Members present	Sama Albasha; Lourdes Cirerol; Kim Clark; Sarah D'Amico; Juanita Felix; Monica Flores; Shanin Hurley; Lisa Ragsdale; Nathaly Santin; Anna Wozniak; Pak Yang; Mr. Kowalski
Members absent	Alicia Damian
Constituency group represented	Parents at large; Administration; Classified; Community Partners; Teachers; Student Council Representative

- **I.** Called to order at 4:05 PM by Lourdes Cirerol
- **II.** Approval of Minutes for October 3, 2024, Ms. Monica Flores, Seconded by Ms. Nathaly Santin

DISCUSSION NOTES	
CONCLUSIONS	Ms. Monica Flores made a motion to accept School Site Council minutes from October 3, 2024. Ms. Nathaly Santin seconded the motion to approve the minutes.
ACTION ITEMS	

III. Call to the audience

DISCUSSION NOTES	Action Item A: Movie License Renewal Request Ms. Juanita Felix requested the allocation of \$645.00 from undesignated funds to cover the cost of the Movie License renewal. The renewed license will enable Doolen to showcase movies during Community and Family Engagement events throughout the 2024-2025 academic school year. Action Item B: Art Journal Funding Request Ms. Nathaly Santin has submitted a funding request to allocate \$300.00 from undesignated funds. The allocated funds will cover the cost of art journals for students to use during their art classes in the 2nd semester.
CONCLUSIONS	Action Item A: The Movie license renewal will support Community and Family Engagement events throughout the 2024-2025 academic school year. Action Item B: Art Journal Funding Request Amount: \$300.00 from undesignated funds The approved funds will provide art journals for students participating in Art Class during the 2nd semester.
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Action Item A: Ms. D'Amico made a motion to approve the request of Movie License renewal, seconded by Ms. Kim Clak. By unanimous vote, the Doolen Site Council approved the movie license renewal proposal.

Action Item B: Ms. Anna Wozniak made a motion to approve the request of art journals, seconded by Ms. Monica Flores.



By unanimous vote, the Doolen Site Council approved the request to buy art journals for students during the 2nd semester.

IV. Reports

REPORTS TO REVIEW	Principal's update
	Our school administrators attend ILA (Instructional Leadership Academy) meetings to foster district-wide collaboration.
	2 nd Quarter PBIS – Honor Roll Assembly
	2nd Quarter Sports Eligibility Update Girls Basketball: Due to insufficient eligible team members resulting from poor progress grades, the team has forfeited its remaining games for the 2nd quarter.
	Boys Volleyball: The team remains active and will continue competing for the remainder of the season.
	To ensure timely and accurate eligibility checks, teachers will update student grades on a weekly basis.
	Professional Learning Time took place on October, 23: Secondary school staff participated in an offsite meeting to collaborate with departmental counterparts from other schools.
	Fall Festival was successful.
	Doolen's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), Higher Ground staff, and GATE Booster club members are uniting their efforts, working together through regular community meetings to foster a stronger school community.
DISCUSSION	Mr. Kowalski, Region 3, Language Acquisition Instructional Coach, is gaining valuable experience through a Principalship internship at Doolen.
	Our School Principal, Ms. Santin, and Assistant Principal, Ms. Gower, actively participate in monthly TUSD Cadre meetings. These gatherings provide valuable opportunities for collaboration and connection with fellow middle school principals and assistant principals across the district. They engage in collaborative problem-solving, addressing common challenges and leveraging successes. This collective approach fosters continuous improvement, ultimately enhancing educational experiences for our students.
	Doolen successfully hosted its "Meet Yourself" event, a triumphant partnership with the PTO, GATE Booster, and school staff. This joyful gathering provided a wonderful opportunity for community building, fostering connections among students, families, and staff.
	Field trips for the school have been scheduled and arranged efficiently.
	Today's ILA meeting revealed exciting news: next year, our entire school staff will be equipped with Certegix's innovative Safety Platform, boasting a user-friendly push-button ID for emergency response.
	Starting next school year, our Positive Behavior Intervention Systems (PBIS) will shift to an electronic format. We invite staff to contribute ideas and insights to inform this implementation.
	Doolen's Professional Learning Community stands out for its effectiveness and



	innovative practices, surpassing peer schools.
CONCLUSIONS	School Update
ACTION ITEMS	
REPORTS TO REVIEW	Parent Teacher Organization – P.T.O's update [P.T.O Representative: Ms. Ragsdale – Ms. Clark]
DISCUSSION	The Fall Festival Event was a success! Our Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) invested \$299 in food, yielding a total revenue of \$670. We're thrilled to report a profit of \$371. The funds generated from this enjoyable community event have been deposited into the Student Council account, supporting future student activities and initiatives. Upcoming community events: Chipotle Restaurant fundraiser event, December 17, from 4:00pm to 8:00pm Panda Express Restaurant fundraiser event, December 2, all day Winter Dance, December 12, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm AVID Movie Night, December 19, from 5:0pm to 7:00pm We're excited to announce an upcoming Instructional Night, ELA &ELD Departments, taking place on Tuesday, November 19, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. We're delighted to announce that our school library is the recipient of a \$500 grant from Oro Valley Library! This generous award will enhance our Graphic Novel collection, providing students with diverse and engaging reading materials. Oro Valley Library guests will be attending this event. All are invited to attend Instructional Night! Potential Partnerships: We're grateful to Wheels for Kids for donating 5 bicycles, complete with locks, to serve as prizes for our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program! Thanks to Clean Tucson, our Higher Ground student cleaning crew received essential grabbers for picking up trash! Premed students dedicated their Saturday to cleaning the school grounds, demonstrating their commitment to community service! We're thrilled to announce thydro-Plumbing and RX2 Restoration & Remodeling's potential sponsorship of 10 families for Thanksgiving and Christmas! We're excited to announce the American Home Furnishing Fundraiser, benefiting our Doolen community! When community members shop at American Home Furnishing throughout this school year, 2-4% of their purchases will be donated back to Doolen. \$25 Albertsons gift card & 4 MOD Pizza gift cards donated to support PBIS incentives! Thank you to Tucson Thrives for



CONCLUSIONS	Doolen Community Building Events and Partnerships to support students' success.
ACTION ITEMS	
REPORTS TO REVIEW	Student Council's update [Student Council representative: Ms. Flores]
	Get ready for the highly anticipated Turkey Trot Event! Taking place on November 27th, this exciting activity will unfold during 5th, 6th, and 7th periods. We appreciate our wonderful school staff volunteers who play the turkey role: Ms. Gordon, Mr. Romberg & Ms. Santin! First-place winners get a turkey, second-place winners enjoy a cozy hot chocolate basket! Skate Country Fundraiser, February 7, 2025 Lollipop Fundraiser, February 13 & 14
	Spring Dance: March 6
DISCUSSION	Administration appreciation day, April 23
	Teacher Appreciation Week, May 5-9
	Our school community shares heartfelt congratulations to Ms. Hanko, our 7th & 8th grade School Counselor, and Ms. Flores, our 6th grade Social Studies Teacher, on their precious pregnancies! Both will take a temporary time during the 2nd semester to welcome and care for their little ones. Wishing them love, laughter, and happiness!
	8 th Grade Dance, May 16 8 th Grade promotion practice, May 19 8 th Grade Field Day, May 19
CONCLUSIONS	Ms. Flores shared activities organized by the Student Council and shared dates of important social events.
ACTION ITEMS	

V. Action Items

	An emergency request was made on November 1, 2024, at 3:54 P.M. via email to all Doolen Site Council members for urgent approval to allocate \$240 from undesignated funds to cover entry fees for the AZ Youth Cross Country Championship scheduled for November 9 th in Surprise, Arizona.
ITEM TITLE	The request was urgent due to time constraints and registration requirements. Urgent approval was required by or before 11/4/2024 to meet registration requirements.
	On November 4 th , the school Site Council approved via email the emergency request allocating \$240 from undesignated funds to cover entry fees for the AZ Youth Cross Country Championship.
DISCUSSION	Emergency Funding Request for AZ Youth Cross Country Championship
	Cross-Country team coach request: "We respectfully request that Site Council approve the allocation of \$240 to cover the entry fees for the AZ Youth Cross Country Championship." Number of participating athletes: 8 Entry fee per athlete: \$30



	Total funding required: \$240
	To facilitate a timely decision, Site Council members conducted an email vote on 11/4/2024. Site Council members were requested to respond with of the following Approve: I approve the allocation of \$240 to cover entry fees Deny: I do not approve the allocation Abstain: I abstain from voting.
	On November 4 th , the school Site Council approved via email the emergency request allocating \$240 from undesignated funds to cover entry fees for the AZ Youth Cross Country Championship, taking place on November 9 in Surprise, Arizona.
	The majority of the site council members responded the request via email: 10 out of 12 (83%) members submitted their response. On November 4 th , the school Site Council approved via email the emergency request allocating \$240 from undesignated funds to cover entry fees for the AZ Youth Cross Country Championship.
	A request to the Doolen office manager, Ms. Felix, was sent to complete the application process for the AZ Youth Cross Country Championship. Timely registration for the championship was facilitated.
RESOLUTION	Approval of \$240 from undesignated funds to cover entry fees for the AZ Youth Cross Country Championship scheduled for November 9 th in Surprise, Arizona.

VI. Discussion/information items

ITEM TITLE	Item A: Site Council Funds – Marquee (Ms. Santin) / Bookman's might claim the old marquee (Ms. Santin)
DISCUSSION NOTES	We're pleased to announce that bond funds will cover the entire cost of our school's marquee. Installation priorities will focus on schools lacking marquees, ensuring equity across districts. Currently, marquee completion is pending, and updates will follow as progress is made. Following confirmation of the marquee completion date, Ms. Santin will contact Bookman's to determine if they wish to reclaim the existing marquee.
RESOLUTION	Doolen's marquee completion is pending, updates will follow as progress is made.

ITEM TITLE	Item B: Doolen's new electronic marquee ribbon cutting ceremony (Ms. Juanita)
DISCUSSION NOTES	A ribbon-cutting ceremony for our new marquee will be scheduled once the completion date is confirmed.
RESOLUTION	Doolen's marquee completion is pending, updates will follow as progress is made.

ITEM TITLE	Potential TV coverage (Ms. Kim)	
DISCUSSION NOTES	Potential TV coverage pending, subject to confirmation of electronic marquee completion date	
RESOLUTION	Doolen's marquee completion is pending, updates will follow as progress is made.	



VII. Submission of items for next agenda
Request of undesignated funds to purchase an electric turkey, an
industrial coffee maker and a water container to be used for school
community events.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 PM by Lourdes Cirerol, motion made by Ms. Nathaly Santin and seconded by Ms. Anna Wozniak



