

CTA Independence - Site Council Meeting Minutes, September 16, 2024

- **Call to order:** Lori Walter called this meeting to order at 3:36 p.m. on 09/16/24.
- **Introductions:** Lori Walter, Amanda Mumme, Audrey Askins, Cara Anguiano, Kristin Figueroa, Andrea Somerville, Joe Zhao, Shaloo Bhatti.
- **Purpose of Site Council:** 2-year commitment – and roles of the Site Council were reviewed.
 - Teacher and Parent input on happenings at CTA Independence.
 - Bylaws:
 - Reviewed Site Council bylaws to ensure accuracy and any questions for Lori Walter can be sent to her to be discussed at the next meeting.
 - Tax Credit
 - Site Council to approve funds as they are designed to better the school.
 - Extra-curricular and before and after school programs.

School Updates:

- At CTA Independence we continue to be rated an A school from ADE. Our goal this year continues to be math and student growth. We do a great job reclassifying Multi-Language Learners.
- Mrs. Walter reviewed safety procedures: We have our Fire Drills, and Lock Down Drills. We will be resuming Bus Evacuation Drills this year. Dad's Club helps with emergency buckets (snacks and waters)
- Step It Up Fundraiser– chosen by PTO, approved fundraiser by district and administration.

PTO Updates

Step It Up Fundraiser current about \$25,000 amount raised so far.

- \$10,000 We had music during lunch!
- Reading Log was added this year.
- PTO is working on making our school look beautiful on the outside such as door wraps. PTO will be working to order new books for the library that are new/current.
- **Cultural Fair** – Thursday, September 12th. Performances organized by Mrs. Powell brought back grade level performances. Ms. Pearce and other

staff members helped! There were Food Trucks and displays in each hallway. It was a great turn out! Thank you, all the students, teachers, staff, and families.

- **Veteran's Day Assembly-** November 7th
- **Fall Festival** – November 8th
- **Budget & Tax Credit:**
 - Lori Walter presented Tax Credit policies and procedures and provided a financial report detailing the actual general tax credit expenditures for July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024.
 - Lori Walter made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 expenditures. Mrs. Somerville seconded. The Site Council members approved the expenditures for July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024.
 - Lori Walter presented Tax Credit policies and procedures and gave an overview of the areas upon which CTA Independence has been or will be spending 2024/25 Tax Credit monies, including grade level field trips, Transportation for field trips, Student Activity clubs (Student Council, Running Club, NEHS, Books for Battle of the Books, T-shirts, Character Education, Art Masterpiece, Junior Achievement and Spelling Bee Programs, Million Word Club, Challenge Island, AR Renewal, Google License, FAN Photos, or programs in which payment would represent an economic hardship for a student.
 - Lori Walter made a motion to approve the allowable expenditure areas for the 2024-25 school year. Mrs. Somerville seconded the motion. All present approved.
 - The Site Council agreed that the above-mentioned items were appropriate for the spending of tax credit monies, retroactive to July 1, 2024. New budget approved.
- **Parent Question:**
 - What do you do with old library books?
 - Have we looked into using other drive-line programs where teachers do not have to stand in the sun and key in numbers? (We will research other potential options.)

Parent Suggestion:

- **Tax Credit suggestion** – When the parent picks up his student, he sees the teachers standing outside in the heat punching in the

code. QR code scanner where parents can scan, and we wouldn't need a teacher punching in the code. Bring research of any companies for technology assistance to help with notifying when parents arrive for pick up. Look into "PIK My Kid" and "Kids Pick Up".

- **Fall Festival** – reach out to parents who are business owners to help with donations to sponsor events. PTO has a business letter. Reach out to PTO to see if there is something we can send out to families.
 - Front side parking lot – Parents are doubled parked or park in the handicap parking spaces.
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- **Closing and Adjournment**
 - Lori Walter provided an opportunity for Site Council members to speak in an open forum.
 - Next meeting is, Monday, November 4, 2024.
 - Motion to adjourn: Mrs. Walter made a motion to adjourn at 4:30pm. Seconded by all members.