

CTA Independence - Site Council Meeting Minutes, September 6, 2022

- **Call to order:** Lori Walter called this meeting to order at 3:40 PM on 09/06/22.
- **Introductions:** Lori Walter, Jill Felbein, Angie Patterson, Julie Sallquist, Toni Kyle, Latona Patten, Audrey Askins, Lisa Borin, Cara Anguiano, Debbie Posniack, Aravind Rammohan, Elizabeth Sacco, Cindy Pierzga

Calendar

- Lori Walter shared that we are the only district in the East Valley that doesn't have early release on Wednesdays
- The team made up of parents, classified and certified staff considered the pros and cons for the early release Wednesdays, while looking at the example calendars from various school districts.

Parents

Pros	Cons
More time at home with your children Family bonding time Quicker response from teachers Appointments on Wednesdays for children	No child care No transportation home Kids Express – if staff is available- would need increase time/pay Alignment with middle school and high school schedules Cost to parents for child care Changing work schedules Might lose open enrollment families (there's no bussing so it's a burden for parents to have to pick up)

Students

Pros	Cons
Long-term projects/assessments more time to catch up More free time/break during the week Balance with extracurricular activities	More free time (quality) Disrupts flow of learning / schedule Losing afternoon, not as focused Students potentially go home unsupervised

Teachers

Pros	Cons
Planning time – content area/ team Professional Learning Communities Required PD/PD is more consistent Time to practice concepts More time to grade Completing job responsibilities during contract time Good for teachers' social emotional health- having this time to plan, grade, collaborate, etc	Special area/ band/orchestra/resource (special education) minutes and getting in all specials Less teacher in-service days (if students come to school the day after break) Teachers feel pressured to fit in all the standards / content within a quarter.

Support Staff

Pros	Cons
More time at home Custodial access to rooms earlier in the day	Losing pay/hours

Next week, Lori Walter said for everyone to review the other district calendars and decide if they were to choose, which would be the most ideal.

- **Purpose of Site Council:**

Lori Walter

- 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.

- **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, 2021-June 30, 2022.
- Lori Walter made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 expenditures. The Site Council members approved the expenditures for July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022.
- 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 2022/23 Tax Credit monies, including grade level field trips, Transportation for field trips, Student Activity clubs (Student Council, Running Club, NEHS) T-shirts, Books for Battle of the Books, Co-Curricular, Character Education, Art Masterpiece, Junior Achievement and Spelling Bee Programs, Million Word Club, AR Renewal, Chromebooks and 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 2022-23 school year. Elizabeth Sacco 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, 2022. New budget approved.

- **Closing and Adjournment**

- Lori Walter provided an opportunity for Site Council members to speak in an open forum.
- Next meeting is next week, Tuesday, September 13, 2022.
- Motion to adjourn, Elizabeth Sacco 4:30pm. Seconded by all members.