Thatcher Elementary School

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School Site Council Meeting
10/27/26 at 3pm

MINUTES

PRESENT: Tony Vincent, Melanie Nielson, Shauna Payne, Tamara Webster, Jenny Stevens, Melyssa Nelson, Ruth Luster, Lisa Hatch, Christina Robles, Dana Jones, and Ray Landry.

ABSENT: Stephany Apodaca

Recording Secretary: Chelsea Estes, Site Council Secretary

Call to Order: 3:04 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Approved

Approval of Initial Site Council Members: All members, with the exception of Stephany Apodaca (absent), were approved. Mr. Vincent will be chairman and Mrs. Estes will be the Secretary. Shauna Payne will serve a two-year term. Mr. Vincent created this council as a larger initial group due to the student capacity being the largest in the district.

Call to the Public: None at this time. As part of the Site Council Bylaws, please note that if the public would like to speak at the meeting, they will need to call or email in advance.

Informational Items:

- **Purpose of Site Council** – The council is made up of parents, teachers, staff, and community members who will review school data, discuss school priorities, provide input on school improvement efforts, and make recommendations to the principal and school leadership. A brief discussion was held on what types of things this Council wants to see improved.
- **Principal's Update** – The school staff's theme for the year is: "Team is What it Takes." At the beginning of the year, the staff went bowling as a team-building activity. As a school, #TogetherWeSoar is our motto. Mr. Vincent asked the committee, "What do we want to be known for at TES?" Suggestions made included consistency, how we carry ourselves, integrity, community outreach, camaraderie between kids, values, traditions, communication, and support for parents. Another suggestion was to create a special wall in the school to honor the legacy of those who have attended the school as well as those who have worked here and made an impact.

- **School Data** – Mr. Vincent presented the historical data from ADE's School Letter Grade/ State Testing data as well as NWEA, DIBELS, and other academic data.

- **School Safety Information** – Mr. Vincent shared the Standard Response Protocol training staff and students have received in responding to emergencies, as well as more information on how staff respond to emergencies.

Discussion/Possible Action Items:

- **TES Vision/Mission** is to create a positive, caring, and safe learning environment for all students, faculty, and staff where risk-taking is encouraged and learning is expected. "Nurturing success" is our current vision. Discussion was held on the current mission statement, and it was agreed to revise it at a future site council meeting in order to keep it current. It was suggested to review it every few years.

- **School Improvement Priorities:**
  - Site-level Infrastructure – Discussion on possible playground upgrades, bike racks being relocated inside the fence on the north side of the building, new swing set, and need for improved drainage/ rock fill. Discussion was held concerning Eagles Roost procedures for students and supervision, as well as permission slips to eat at Eagles Roost. Mr. Vincent would also like to improve exterior light casings, add awnings above south end doorways, and create a self-contained/ extended-resource SPED classroom.
  - Academic – No discussion.
  - Attendance and/or Behavioral – No discussion.
  - Family Engagement – No discussion.

- **Upcoming Initiatives** include a Homecoming pep rally, School Halloween Parade, GLOW Party, and school fundraisers. There will be a Christmas shop in December similar to the book fair. Mr. Vincent is currently working with Freeport McMoran to possibly match any tax donations received this next tax season. Ms. Webster suggested a jump rope fundraiser where people sponsor a student. Mr. Landry suggested a Fun Run; Ms. Robles referred to it as a "Jingle Jog."

- **Discussion/Approval of Upcoming Meeting Schedule for the 26/27 School Year:**
  - Tuesday, December 15th @ 3:00 pm
  - Tuesday, February 23rd @ 3:00 pm
  - Tuesday, May 18th @ 3:00 pm

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Adjourned: 4:15 pm