Johnson Primary School Council

Minutes 2024-2025

Meeting Date 12/11/24 Meeting Location: Zoom

Members present	Ty Quam, Jahnie Dee Gomez, Suzette Madri, Yesenia Lopez, Darlene Galindo, Maria Valdez, Virginia Zuniga and Amanda Schmanski
Members absent	Kassondra Bennett
Constituency group	No
represented	

I. Called to order at 4:00 pm by Ty Quam

II. No Approval of Minutes presented		
DISCUSSION NOTES		
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS		

III. Call to the audience

DISCUSSION NOTES	N/A
CONCLUSIONS	
ACTION ITEMS	

IV. Reports

REPORTS TO REVIEW	Johnson Primary principal hiring process discussion
DISCUSSION	Today's Zoom meeting and discussion were led by Dalila Durazo, Executive Assistant from the TUSD Human Resources department; Jon Fernandez, HR Chief Officer; Monica Sanchez, Director of Diversity Recruitment; and Brian Lambert, Assistant Superintendent of the Silverbell Region. The meeting

focused on the principal job description, the principal selection process, interview panel composition, professional standards for educational leaders, principal interview questions, and an overview of the interview day and timeline.

Principal Job Description: The principal job description includes the following key components:

- Job Summary
- Minimum Requirements
- Preferred Qualifications

Principal Selection Process:

The process for selecting a principal consists of seven steps:

- 1. Identification of need
- 2. Recruitment
- 3. Screening
- 4. Secondary screening
- 5. School council interviews
- 6. Superintendent interviews
- 7. Governing board appointment

Interview Panel Composition: The interview panel for selecting the next school principal includes:

- 1 School Council Facilitator
- 1 Teacher Representative
- 1 Classified Staff Member
- 1 Parent/Community Member
- 3 Members-at-Large (selected by the school council)
- 1 Regional Assistant Superintendent
- 1 ELI (Executive Leadership Initiative) Member (central selection)
- 1 Central Management Representative (central selection)

Professional Standards for Educational Leaders:

The discussion focused on 10 professional standards, with one interview question to be developed per standard. Additionally,

two site-specific questions must be created and submitted to HR. The 10 standards are as follows:

- 1. Mission, Vision, and Core Values
- 2. Ethics and Professional Norms
- 3. Equity and Cultural Responsiveness
- 4. Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
- 5. Community of Care and Support for Students
- 6. Professional Capacity of School Personnel
- 7. Professional Community of Teachers and Staff
- 8. Meaningful Engagement of Families and Community
- 9. Operations and Management
- 10. School Improvement

Principal Interview Day Overview: The interview day process includes:

- Introductions
- Review and assignment of interview questions
- Candidate interviews (30–45 minutes each)
- Candidate score review and selection of two finalists

Tentative Timeline for the Principal Interview Process:

- Johnson School Council Interviews: February 12, 2025
- Superintendent Interviews: Week of February 17, 2025
- TUSD Board Appointment: February 25, 2025

CONCLUSIONS

Johnson's parent representatives, Darlene Galindo and Yesenia Lopez, asked and requested clarification about the steps required to retain the current principal, Mrs. Cota. In response, TUSD Human Resources members on Zoom referred to Policy Code GCFB, Section G: Personnel, which addresses the hiring of retirees from the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS). The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to the superintendent on filling vacancies with ASRS retirees while ensuring an equitable process and compliance with ASRS rules and regulations.

ACTION ITEMS

V. Action Items

ITEM TITLE	
DISCUSSION NOTES	No action item on the agenda
RESOLUTION	

VI. Submission of items for next agenda.

Principal report

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm by Mr. Quam

Motion to adjourned by Virgina Llamas