

Family Engagement Meeting Minutes

Vesey Elementary

Date: Sept 12th, 2025

Time: 8:30am-9:00am

Members: Staff: Belinda Jimenez, Cedhez Macato, Jeffrey Uhrig, Dawn O’leary, Hector Rodriguez, Robin Prewitt, Kristin Grow Community Member: Alisa Smith with Preserve (not present) Family Members- Fran Boyd, Alexis Brown, Jennifer White (not present)

Meeting Minutes

Principal’s Address

- The school year has had a strong start, with over 700 students enrolled at Vesey.
- Vesey is now a PreK–6 school. Sixth grade enrollment decreased from 107 students last year to about 50 this year, which has resulted in fewer inappropriate behaviors.
- Adding sixth grade previously impacted our testing scores and lowered our letter grade. We anticipate a dip again this year, but we are actively addressing it:
- Working with consultant Dr. Dade to support student engagement, lesson planning, and implementation.
- Partnering with AES Math consultants to improve math instruction, with \$30,000 invested in professional development.
- Participating in *Project Momentum* to strengthen curriculum and instruction.

Safety initiatives:

- Implemented **Centegix**, a badge system allowing teachers to initiate a lockdown by pressing the button five times. This immediately alerts Pima County Sheriff's Department, school safety teams, district personnel, and administration.

Facilities updates:

- Front parking lot has been repaved after 10 years of requests.
- New air conditioning and heating system scheduled for installation this upcoming summer.
- New back fence installed to enhance campus safety.

Fall Festival & Literacy Night – Scheduled for **October 30, 6:00–8:00 p.m.**

- ❖ Costumes are permitted as long as they are parent-approved.
- ❖ Event will include **Trunk or Treat**.

Halloween Guidelines – Following a “Disney approach”: no face paint, gore, or weapons.

Upcoming Events

- **Peter Piper Night** – Scheduled for **October 27**.
- **Movie Night** – Planning is underway; date to be determined

Call to the Audience

Parent question- School sports- who gets to participate 3rd-6th answered by Principal

- Next Meeting Nov. 21st.