

Notice of the meeting of the Drachman Site Council/Magnet Leadership Team

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.01, notice is hereby given to the members of the Drachman School Council and to the general public that the Drachman School Council will hold a meeting open to the public on:

Date/Time: Wednesday 11/26/25 @ 3:00

Location: Zoom Only

Zoom Link: <https://tusd1.zoom.us/j/81211531017>

Members: Jesús Celaya (Principal), Holly Barker /School Council Facilitator (Teacher), Kristen Bury (Teacher), Marisa Gonzalez (Classified Staff Rep) Jaymie Galayda (Parent Rep), Marjorie Barrera (Parent Rep) & Marti Vargas, (Community Member)

Minutes

1. 3:04 p.m. Call meeting to order
2. Approve Minutes from Last Meeting: 09/24/25
3. Call to the Audience: No comments
4. Principal's Report
 - a. Drachman's 2025-2026 Magnet School Plan and Integrated Action Plan Update
 - i. We are moving forward with everything in those plans. Normally we have a benchmark to reference but since we aren't doing those, we don't have them to reference. We will use the I-Ready diagnostic, which is starting next week. The data does show that many kids are doing really well, many of them moving beyond their grade levels. Some students could take the next level math class, including high school.
 - ii. We are getting recognized by the district next week for how many minutes the students are spending on I-Ready. Engagement with Fidelity-kids working with intention and not just clicking through.
 - b. 2025-2026 Staffing Update

- i. 2 teaching assistants have resigned (Mr. Gary and Ms. Alana). We have a plan to work without them for the rest of the year. Based on the budget we will not rehire anyone because we will probably not be able to afford to keep those positions next year.
- c. Safety Report on Emergency Management Procedures/Drills
 - i. All monthly fire drills have taken place as well as a practice of a Secure, a Lockdown, and a Bus Evacuation.
 - ii. There have not been any safety issues this school year.
 - iii. Drachman will receive cameras and higher playground fencing in the future.
- d. Family Academic Engagement / Parent-Teacher Group Update
 - i. Meetings have been planned for 2/11, & 4/15 at 2:30
 - ii. Literacy & Art Night on 11/21 had 146 Attendees! 😊
 - iii. Drachman Flag Football Tournament on 12/13 will host 9 TUSD schools and could be a possible fundraising opportunity.
 - 1. Previous years PTG and student council have sold chips/Gatorades/water ect.
 - iv. Hat, glove and scarf drive will be in January instead of December.
- e. Information on Drachman's 2026-2027 Possible Budgets & Staffing
 - i. Drachman's Title 1 Rate has dropped to 50%. This is the lowest rate ever at Drachman since such data has been tracked. For the last 20 years, Drachman's rate was 75% - 80%.
 - 1. Due to our loss of our two teaching assistants this quarter, we will not have to let anyone go or move anyone around.
 - ii. TUSD's Magnet Department is considering "Equitable Based" Magnet School Funding across TUSD's 12 Magnet Schools.
 - 1. This means we might end up getting a little less in the budget. We don't know for sure, but we should know more in January.
 - iii. School budgets for 2026-2027 will need to budget, for one teacher, including benefits, approximately \$70,000. The average cost for teacher assistant, also including benefits, will be about \$41,300. The average

teacher salaries, including benefits, for teachers in 2025-2026 was \$61,960 and in 2024-2025 was \$56,898.

- iv. There is a possibility that Drachman will be provided with a half-time PE teacher from our maintenance and operations budget starting next year.

5. Action/Decision Items

- a. none

6. Discussion/Information Items

- a. None

7. Plan Agenda for Next Meeting

8. Adjourned at 3:24pm