

Leamon Crooms

SSAC President

November Board Report

Good Evening Board Members and Attendees, My name is Leamon Crooms and I am the Superintendent Student Advisory Council President. For those of you who don't know, the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council, or SSAC, is a group composed of student leaders from around the district the meets to discuss the happenings of the district and give Dr. Trujillo the student perspective on them.

We had our second SSAC meeting on Monday, October 16 at Cholla High School. The meeting started at 11 o'clock a.m. with an introduction from myself and the Principal of Cholla. To start the meeting, we conducted an icebreaker about our fall break and then took a tour of the school.

This meeting, we extensively discussed methods for improving attendance and scores on high school AZMerit tests. Dr. Trujillo informed the students of the importance of AZMerit scores on teacher pay and school letters. Many students expressed surprise at how important our scores are to the district showing how many students are uninformed on AZMerit and may change their outlook on the test if better informed. We then split into groups to come up with some solutions to be applied on the site and district level. Some ideas proposed were to offer food incentives to increase attendance, offer practice tests to improve scores, and have assemblies to discuss to inform high school students of the importance of AZMerit.

Over this past month, the council members have been involving their student bodies in this topic to come up with even more solutions to this problem. Next meeting, we will

continue our discussion on AZMerit with more constructive ideas and will produce even better results.