

PARENT INPUT MEETING (PIN)

AGENDA

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 6:32 p.m. Building A

- **Call to Order**
- **ATA Mission Statement**

Please note that in order to provide all parents with an opportunity to discuss items, only topics within this announcement will be discussed at the PIN meeting. All meetings will end at 8:30 p.m. or before.

- **Attendance**
- **Discussion Items**

1) It has been proposed to remove the 'sleeve band' requirement from the uniform shirt policy. (Retail manufacturers/stores are removing them)

The 2019-2020 Parent/Student Handbook currently states:

Page 10 (A) Shirts-Boys

1) Description – the uniform shirt is a plain, classic styled polo shirt with either short or long sleeves but must have bands around the sleeve hem.

4) Restrictions

c) the sleeve band has no openings (keyhole openings), lace, buttons, buckles or any other features.

Page 11 (B) Shirts-Girls

1) a) The uniform shirt, styled polo shirt with either short or long sleeves. But must have bands around the sleeve hem.

4) Restrictions

c) the Sleeve band has no openings (keyhole openings), lace, buttons, buckles or any other features.

***PIN recommends removing the sleeve band requirement. Parents agree that removing this stipulation may make finding uniform shirts easier.**

2) It has been proposed to change the current shoe requirement to include ANY closed toe shoes as long as they are not distracting

***PIN recommends no change to the current dress code. Parents discussed the possibilities of excess noise with boot wearing as well as safety issues (slick basketball court etc). The need for gym shoes on PE days, as well as the added staff responsibility to police the many options in the boot category was also discussed.**

3) It has been proposed that we include black to the colors available for uniform pants for boys and girls.

*PIN recommends no change to the current dress code. Parents in attendance did not see a need for any additions as the colors allowed are easy to find.

4) It has been proposed to teach 7th Graders Spanish instead of a review year of Latin.

The 2019-2020 Parent/Student Handbook currently states:

Page 19 Foreign Language
Latin - Latin for Children is the textbook for grades 3-7
Spanish - Students in 8th grade will take Spanish.

*PIN recommends adding Spanish as an option for 7th grade. Of the 7 parents in attendance and one parent that sent in her vote electronically, 6 parents voted for adding Spanish and 1 parent abstained from the vote stating that she did not want to add more for administration to have to do. Below is the pro/con list for adding Spanish that the parents came up with.

Pros

- This is the 3rd time parents have formally asked to have Spanish added
- Spanish is practical for Arizona living
- Offering more language options is a plus for many families
- This would allow ATA 2 years to come up with a Spanish 2 curriculum since it would not be needed until the 2021-2022 school year
- Jefferson accepts ATA's Spanish for HS credit, thus promoting JP
- A Spanish background takes pressure off HS Spanish, even if it is not accepted for credit
- It is easier to find a highly qualified Spanish teacher than a Latin teacher

Cons

- Furthering Latin may help with SAT scores
- More work for ATA administration (scheduling classes if some students choose Latin and others choose Spanish)
- Next Meeting - January 14, 2019
- Adjournment 7:12 p.m.