

United Parent Council
"Standing for Children"

General Meeting

October 14, 2009

President: Julie Bacon
1st VP: Pam Hoffberg
2nd VP: Tami Taylor

Treasurer: Sandy Ditsch
Secretary: Molly Mudick

-AGENDA-

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

Officer's Reports:

- Treasurer's Report Sandy Ditsch
- Membership/Directory Pam Kogan
- Programming Update Tami Taylor

Yes! for PV Students

Laurie Smith

Committee Reports:

- Special Education Committee Allison Cahill
- Standards Based Report Cards Debbi Nintzel

President's Announcements:

Julie Bacon

- Long Range Plan-District Committees
- Infinite Campus Update
- Meeting Flyers/Handouts
- Help Wanted

Program:

"School Councils"

Dr. Lillian Baribault and Dr. Patrick Sweeney

Adjournment

Next Meeting: November 18, 2009

UPC General Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. Julie asked all attendees to introduce themselves by stating their name, school and whether or not they were new to UPC. Many new members were present.

I. Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Lee acknowledged the UPC members on the Long Range Planning Committee (Pam Hoffberg, Jen Mozilo and Mark Lane), and said the school year was off to a good start. The Assistant Superintendents present introduced themselves (Dr. Baribault, Dr. Sweeney, and Mr. Elliott) as well as Jim Lee, Director of Student Services and Michael Linn, Assistant Director of Community Ed. Dr. Baribault did a slide presentation on grading practices. The district would like to go from a "bell curve" model of grading to an "L to J" model to ensure that grades are an accurate reflection of content mastery and to reach the goal of everyone being successful. The presentation also argued for looking at median grades vs. average grades to show true mastery and growth.

II. Business Meeting

Minutes from last month were accepted as presented.

- Treasurer's Report: Sandy Ditsch reviewed the expenditures and income on the distributed budget spreadsheet.
- Membership: Pam Kogan and Pam Hoffberg encouraged everyone to get their memberships in and to try to get their school council parent representative names for the directory.
- Programming: Tami Taylor reported that next month's program is on Site Councils. November's program will be a book group discussion on Daniel Pink's A Whole New Mind. She is ordering new books for anyone who would like one. January's program will be on the "Infinite Campus" data collection program that the district will transition to this year.

III. Yes for PV Students

Laurie Smith from Yes for PV Students spoke about the override election in November.

IV. Committee Reports

- LINC: Jen Mozilo reminded everyone that there was a LINC meeting tonight.
- Special Ed: Allison Cahill introduced herself to the group and gave an overview of what her committee does and when they meet. She announced that there will be an Asperger's presentation in October by the Phoenix HFA Asperger Organization, and that there will be an IEP workshop put on by Raising Special Kids on 11/12 at Horizon High School at 6:00 p.m.
- Long Range Planning Committee: Jen Mozilo said the committee has met twice, and will meet two more times. She explained that her committee is charged with coming up with objectives to the goals that the design committee has formulated. She encouraged everyone to make their voice heard as these are being created by sending in their thoughts to her, Pam Hoffberg or Mark Lane. A handout explaining the goals that the design team has come up with was made available.

V. President's Announcements

- Julie announced that the School Based Report Card Committee needs three parent members
- CREST Specialty School will have an information night on 9/24/09 in the Media Center at PV High School. Committees are forming for Curriculum, Integration and Marketing.
- Infinite Campus Update: Julie reported that the grade book issues have been resolved, and grades can be accessed through the student portal.
- Communication: Julie reviewed the information dissemination avenues that UPC uses: *monthly e-newsletter* which goes to all reps and principals; the *e-bulletin* which can be subscribed to and contains time sensitive information; and the *Snapshot* which summarizes the general meetings. District communications include a weekly e-newsletter and a direct mail piece to district residents produced at no cost to the district. Parents wanting to receive the e-newsletter can sign up via the district web site.

VI. Program - Grant Writing 101

- Jocelyn Hanson of the Phoenix Office Arts & Culture spoke to the group about grant writing. Some topics covered were Assessing Needs, Making a Project Worksheet, and Searching for Options -- federal, state, local, private, corporations. She handed out a copy of the grant application to her office with instructions on how it must be filled out as an example.

**United Parent Council
October-09**

	2009-2010 Budget	Current Month	YTD General Fund	Geri Morgan Fund	Total
Money Market	2,699.59		2,699.59		2,699.59
Checking	4,299.90		3,646.90	653.00	4,299.90
Fund Balances	\$ 6,999.49		\$ 6,346.49	\$ 653.00	\$ 6,999.49

INCOME

School Memberships	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,500.00	1,500.00		
General Memberships	150.00	60.00	90.00		
Directory Ads	150.00				
Interest Income	10.00				
Donations		10.00	10.00		
LINC Vendors	450.00				
Morgan Memorial Fund	40.00		10.00		
Book Orders for Members		275.00	286.00		
Total Income	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 1,845.00	\$ 1,896.00		

EXPENSES

Appreciation					
Book Order for Members		\$ 306.00	306.00		
Contingency					
Contribution Project Grad	500.00				
Directory	75.00				
Donations--YesForPVStudents	200.00		200.00		
Education/Training Workshop	25.00				
Fundraising					
Hospitality	30.00	7.18	7.18		
Incorporation	10.00				
Induction					
Insurance	230.00		230.00		
LINC Expenses	100.00				
Office Supplies	67.00	56.17	56.17		
Transportation	100.00				
Newsletter Postage	45.00				
Newsletter Publishing	50.00				
Printing	200.00				
Program	150.00				
Public Relations	252.00				
Teacher/Principal Recognition	1,000.00				
Website	126.00				
Morgan Volunteer Award	40.00				
Total Expenses	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 369.35	\$ 799.35		

Sandy Ditsch, Treasurer

10/13/2009