

OCTOBER 19, 2016 UPC MEETING SNAPSHOT

Tip: Print out and use to give your report at parent group meetings

UPC-Who We Are and What We Do: We are parents working together to enhance the PV Schools experience for our children. We support you, we give you access to your Superintendent, and we provide relevant programs of interest to you. Ultimately we ADVOCATE for Students, EDUCATE Parents and Community, COLLABORATE with PVUSD and other Educational Organizations, and WORK with the Superintendent to increase the presence of the UPC.

Superintendent Comments: Dr. Jim Lee

- Kiwanis Golf Tournament Nov. 4th—Kiwanis Club directly supports Key Clubs in our high schools
- The Board has approved Grayhawk and Pinnacle Peak Elementary transitioning to K-8
 - Dr. Guerin is working with the communities on the transition
 - The 2017 school year will have K-7th, then in 2018 K-8th
 - 6th graders at those schools need to either commit to staying or notify the schools if they are going to another school for 7th grade by Dec. 16th.
 - There will be athletic opportunities similar to other middle schools
 - Parent information meetings at Pinnacle Peak are Nov. 7th at 6 pm, and Dec. 5th at 6 pm
 - Parent information meetings at Grayhawk are Nov. 15th at 9 am, and Dec. 13th at 6:30 pm
- AZ Merit—we don't get as much information from the test as we need to help guide instruction
 - Our district exceeded the state averages, with 22 schools scoring in the top 95% in math
 - We are implementing the Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum for Math Development this year, so we are hoping scores improve even more
 - Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum for ELA is being worked on now for 7th-12th grades, and K-6th will be worked on next year
 - We've also created district assessments to help measure growth
 - Keyboarding will be required in all schools, and this will help especially with AZ Merit ELA testing portion
- The Legislative Breakfast will be held on Dec. 7th from 7:45 am – 9am at PV High School
- For the upcoming election, we need people in positions to support education, so please educate yourselves on the candidates and vote for those that support education
- Dr. Lee wrote an article for “My Turn” on AZ Central titled “With AZ Schools, You Get What You Pay For”

Committee Reports

Special Education: Deb Kozak

- We had a great turnout at our first Parent Education Seminar, and it helped us realize how much need there is for more seminars
- Working on scheduling future meetings and seminars

Social Media: Dwayne Paul

- Website has all the information on it
- Getting other pieces of social media back up and running

Community Legislative Network/AZ Parent Network: Anne Greenberg reporting for Julie Bacon

- Putting together the agenda for the upcoming year
- Send any ideas you have to Julie Bacon
- Next meeting is Nov. 1st

**NEXT UPC MEETING: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2016
PROGRAM: “DEPRESSION: IS YOUR CHILD APPROACHING OVERLOAD”**