

MARCH 22, 2017 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

- When it comes to teacher pay, we are 100% committed to providing the highest level of compensation for teachers as we can
- Nothing is final, but we are hoping to give a 1% or better increase to teachers
- We feel the Bill proposed for 50 minute mandatory unstructured recess should be a site or local decision
 - The 50 min piece of the Bill has been removed
 - Still waiting to see what happens with this
- We will be asking for Board approval tomorrow night for 4 positions, and 4 interim positions
- As a parent, a few things you should think about as the school year winds down:
 - We have to be there for our kids and not lose communication
 - Stay involved in school—especially through high school
 - Those that are considering other schools, make sure you go visit those schools and meet the Principal, staff, and other people
 - Balance fun and school with your kids

Committee Reports:

Gifted Education: Marisha Geraghty

- Next seminar is on 2E (Twice Exceptional) on March 29th from 6-7:30
- April 26th from 6-7:30 is “Striking a Balance: Teaching Life Lessons for the Real World”

Special Education: Deb Kozak

- Held seminar last night about planning for the future of your child with special needs (financial planning, guardianship, ABLE Act)
 - Will hold this again in the fall
- Upcoming seminar on Dylsexia—date TBD

Community Legislative Network: Julie Bacon

- They are supporting 32 bills and opposing 44
- ESA’s are “holding” right now—not support in House or Senate to pass those
- A couple of “place holder” bills have come up:
 - Senate Bill 1178 would attach strings to Prop 123 money
 - Bill 1209 would require teacher and principal evaluations to be attached to standardized test results (opposed)
- Only state budget seen so far is the Governor’s
- “Like” AZ Schools Now FB page to get info

LINC: Aundi Parillo (absent---Dwayne Paul reporting)

- LINC went well with good attendance

Teacher Appreciation: Stacey Huscher

- Nominations closed March 7th
- Will have about 310 awards to teachers and staff
- Awards distributed to UPC reps at April 19th monthly meeting
 - Reps deliver awards to school Principals

- Principals decide how to announce and deliver awards
- Recipients are invited to attend an awards assembly before the final Governing Board Meeting

PV Schools Education Foundation: Stacey Huscher

- Big fundraiser is the annual golf tournament on April 28th
- Need donations for raffle prizes
- This will help provide teacher mini grants, field trips, PSAT testing for all sophomores, and district retirement celebration
- Go to pvsef.org for more information

Nominating Committee: Shannon Hanna

- Nominees are: President—Melissa Schwartz, VP Programming—Jennifer Schwartz, VP Membership—Susan Matura, Treasurer—Noily Ehlenberger, Secretary—Erin McGarrahan
- Slate will be published publicly per bylaws
- Vote at April meeting—must be a UPC Rep to vote
- Official induction will be at May meeting

Geri Morgan Award: Jen Mozilo

- Recognizes volunteer of the year in honor of Geri Morgan
- Accepting nominations now through April 19th
- Can be found on website or mailed in
- Winner will be recognized at the May Governing Board Meeting
- Winner will receive \$200 to donate to an organization of their choice, and their name will go on the “Legacy Plaque”

President’s Announcements: Dwayne Paul

- Parent Group Leadership Training is April 27th from 10 am-12 pm
 - This is the 2nd version of the training that occurred last August

Next UPC Meeting: April 19, 2017

April Program: Part 2 of College and Career Readiness Series: Freshman and Sophomore Preparation