

FEBRUARY 15, 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's Comments: Dr. Jim Lee

- A new Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction position has been created
 - Dr. Dan Courson has been recommended for the position
 - He comes to us from the Deer Valley District, but has previously been a Principal at Horizon HS in PVUSD
 - Dr. Lee stressed how important the community being a part of the interview process is
- State of the District address was given 2 weeks ago, and is available on the website
 - Dr. Lee shared the staff, school, and student highlights
- Moving forward, some goals are:
 - COMPASS Plan
 - Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum
 - Equity
 - AIM Training Program (administrative internship and management)
 - Monitor attendance trends to maximize facility use
 - Expand program choices for parents and students (ie: Pinnacle Peak expanded to K-8 and NVAA—North Valley Arts Academy)
 - Balance our budget
 - Working on teacher recruitment and retention

Committee Reports:

Gifted Education: Marisha Geraghty

- Next seminar is about Twice Exceptional kids (2E) on March 29th from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Governing Board Room

Community Legislative Network (CLN): Julie Bacon

- Met yesterday for 2 hours discussing position on bills
- Opposed more than they supported, but supported more than usual
- The “big hitters” are the almost identical bills about the expansion of ESA in both the House and the Senate
 - These are being watched carefully
 - Alerts will be sent out once these bills hit the floor of the House and Senate

- If ESA is approved, state districts will take a huge financial hit

LINC: Jen Mozilo reporting for Aundi Parillo

- Will be held at Dave and Buster's Desert Ridge on Feb 28th from 6-8 p.m.
- Have about 20 vendors right now, wanting to add more

Teacher appreciation: Stacey Huscher

- Nominations opened Feb 7th and ends March 7th
- Can submit nominations online at UPC website or in writing
- Principals were sent electronic packets to help get word out
- Not accepting nominations for principals or administration
- Awards will be distributed at April meeting for UPC reps to deliver to school principals
- Winners will be recognized at the May 18th Governing Board meeting
- Teachers do get copies of the nomination letters
- Can win awards two years in a row
- Principals determine how they announce awards at each school

Foundation: Stacey Huscher

- "Our Future is Bright" Golf tournament is on April 28th at Orange Tree Golf Resort
- Now accepting sponsorships and donations (including items for door prizes)
- Donations and sponsorships are tax deductible
- Pvsef.org is the new website
- Teacher mini grant program will be giving over \$5500 to teachers to support hands on learning

Nominating committee: Shannon Hanna

- Positions open are: VP of Membership, Secretary, and Treasurer
- Would like to present nominations at next meeting
- Announced in March, vote in April, and inducted in May

President's announcements: Dwayne Paul

- Upcoming Interview Committees:
 - Principal, North Canyon HS, Monday March 6th from 5-9 pm in NCHS Conference Room
 - Elementary School Principals for Copper Canyon, Arrowhead, and Desert Springs on Monday March 6th from 5-9 pm at CRC
 - Middle School Principals for Mountain Trails MS (room TBD) and Shea MS (SMS Conference Room) on Tuesday March 7th from 5-9 pm

NEXT UPC MEETING: MARCH 22, 2017

MARCH PROGRAM: THE TRUTH ABOUT VAPING, presented by notMYkid