

SEPTEMBER 27, 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

- VIP (Volunteer in Paradise) – national award-winning program and a great volunteering opportunity within the district.
- School letter-grades are coming out – the formula is ever changing and not a valid measure of how your own student is doing. Talking to your student’s teachers is the best way to understand how your child is doing. PVUSD is committed to ensuring they are putting the best quality teachers in front of our students to produce well-rounded students and giving all students opportunities to be successful.
- DELTA (District Equity Leadership Team of Advisors) meetings – equity audit was completed to assess how we are taking care of our students and how that is perceived by parents. Advises the cabinet on how to enable equity within the district. The group has been expanded. Reps from every high school, middle school, and feeder group including high school students and more parents.
 - Goal: create cultural proficiency amongst staff in order to work with all students that attend the district
- Dr. Dan Courson’s new responsibilities (Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction):
 - Supervises curriculum, assessment, fine arts, gifted, special ed, language acquisition, professional development, and technology
 - Working on K-6 ELA curriculum
- PTO Leadership Training October 6th @ 10:00-Noon
- Enrollment numbers – down about 400 students this year, mostly in the elementary schools
 - Still a lot of opportunity for growth in the northern part of the district
- Bus driver shortage is ongoing across the state, including PVUSD

County Recorder’s Office

- All registered voters will receive a ballot in November
- Ballot replacement centers will be available

YES for PV STUDENTS – Lisa Hoberg (Paid for by Yes for PV STUDENTS)

School Contest Information

- Ballots drop in 2 weeks
- Neighborhood canvassing events – check <http://www.yesforpvstudents.com/> for details
- Contest prizes for schools with most voter contacts:
 - First place receives \$1,500
 - Second place receives \$1,000
 - Third place receives \$500

Committee Reports:

Special Ed: Deb Kozak

- First parent seminar was September 12th – 504 vs IEP with the Special Education Department
- October 4th – 6-7:30pm: The ABC’s of Special Needs Planning Made Easy
- The committee is working on increasing communication channels

- Always looking for additional committee members
- November 18th at Wildfire Elementary, time TBD – teacher training for dyslexia

Gifted: Marisha Geraghty

- September 28th 6-7:30pm: Dr. James Webb – Understanding the Social and Emotional Needs of Gifted Children
- October 18th 6-7:30pm: Illuminating Creativity in Mathematics for Gifted Students – Karen Brown and Cheryl Gehres
- December 8th 6-7:30pm: Topics in Gifted Intelligence: A psychological perspective – Dr. Beljan
- Gifted seminar series at Desert Foothills Library – Barbara Gowan

Social Media: Melissa Schwartz for Dwayne Paul

- Website - pvupc.org
- Facebook, LinkedIn, Facebook - @upcpvusd

PV Schools Education Foundation: Stacey Huscher

- Private, non-profit that raises funds to support PVSchools exclusively
- Annual Golf Classic – April 27, 2018 at Orange Tree Golf Club

President's Announcements:

- New schools and district app: www.pvschools.net/app
- Committee openings:
 - Calendar committee – 4 meetings are at 3:45-5pm on Nov 6, Nov 27, Dec 11, and Feb 20
 - DELTA team (Equity) – 4 meetings are 3:45-5pm on Sept 12, Nov 7, Feb 13, and April 17

Next Meeting: October 18, 2017 9:00am

October Program 10:15am:

Secondary School Preparation Series:

Session 3-Junior/Senior year, ACT/SAT Preparation, Koni Withers, PVUSD Lead Counselor