

## **JANUARY 18, 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**

- Regarding the Governor's State of the State Address:
  - The money for full day Kindergarten is only going to schools with 90% free and reduced lunches
  - Districts in the top 10% in academics will also receive some money
  - The actual amount of money given to schools is extremely minimal
- Some concerns within our district are with equity—we've been trying to reduce the student achievement gap within our district
- Tax credits for private schools are not equivalent to tax credits in public schools.
  - We have schools in our district where parents don't even have a taxable income
  - This is inequitable even within our own district
- We will be adding an Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
  - This position was absorbed in the past due to budget needs with the intent to bring it back as soon as possible
  - We're eliminating the Director of Curriculum and Instruction position and restructuring other job descriptions and positions so there will be no additional cost to adding this position
  - Additional support personnel, including a Social Studies Coordinator, World Language Coordinator, and Science Coordinator among others, will be added in phases
- The Governing Board gave support to change Pinnacle Peak Elementary to K-8 beginning in the 2017-2018 school year
  - 43 current 6<sup>th</sup> grade students committed for the new 7<sup>th</sup> grade program there
- Grayhawk only had 6 students commit for a 7<sup>th</sup> grade program, so changing to a K-8 there will be tabled and reassessed at a later date

### **English Language Arts Textbook Presentation: Jamie Caldwell and Elizabeth Harris**

- Started with 4 vendors, and narrowed to 2: McGraw-Hill and Benchmark
- Samples have been sent to the elementary schools
- Asking for parents to look at the samples so they can have a parent perspective
- Adoption is for K-6 only, as 7-12 had a new adoption 2 years ago
- Committee will meet in February, then will make their recommendation to the Governing Board in March
- After Governing Board decision, the order will be placed in April and shipped to schools in May

### **Committee Reports:**

#### Gifted Education: Marisha Geraghty

- Next Parent Education Seminar is "Gifted in the Middle School" on Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 pm

#### Community Legislative Network: Lisa Hoberg (reporting for Julie Bacon)

- Please sign up for legislative alerts

Teacher Appreciation: Stacey Huscher

- Both online and paper nominations will be accepted from February 7<sup>th</sup> through March 7<sup>th</sup>
- Emails will be sent to UPC Reps when nominating window opens

Foundation: Stacey Huscher

- The new name is PV Schools Education Foundation
- There is also a new webpage and Facebook page, so please give feedback on those
- Annual fundraising golf tournament is April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Nominating Committee: Shannon Hanna

- The positions of Treasurer, Membership, and Secretary will be open, as those people are terming out
- Please consider volunteering, and remember you do have to be a UPC Rep to be considered for these positions
- Nominations will be accepted now through March
- More logistics will be presented at the next General Membership Meeting

**President's Announcements: Dwayne Paul**

- The date for LINC is changing and a new date will be announced soon

**NEXT UPC MEETING: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017**

**PROGRAM: SECONDARY SCHOOL PREPARATION SERIES (COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS)—SESSION 1: MIDDLE SCHOOL**