

OCTOBER 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

- Dr. Lee attended the AADA Equity Summit and was able to share resources with districts around the country and hear meaningful stories. “To have an equity lens you must have an equity mirror.” Dr. Lee was very proud to share the work that PVUSD is doing with the DELTA group and required equity training for PVUSD staff. We have become a leader in equity for school districts across the country.
- School letter grades
 - Parents choose schools for all kinds of reasons but letter grades give scores for specific things that may not be meaningful to parents
 - Dr. Lee advocates for a dashboard view, not a letter grade and cautions parents not to put too much weight on a school’s letter grade
 - Read Dr. Lee’s OPED Article: <https://azcapitoltimes.com/news/2017/10/12/we-have-made-arizona-teachers-test-prep-robots-slaves-to-the-test/>
- If the M&O Override doesn’t pass it will have to go to election again next year, which costs the district up to \$500,000 per election and if it doesn’t pass in 2018, PVUSD will have to reduce their budget by 7.5 million a year for three years potentially resulting in a pay cut for staff

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

- Ballots are out – in 20 days we will have an outcome
- Don’t mail ballots after November 1st – turn it in to a ballot center (District Office will be a ballot center)

Committee Reports:

Special Ed: Deb Kozak

- Dyslexia Teacher/Staff Training November 18th 8:30am-3:45pm at Wildfire Elementary
 - Morning schedule is for all staff;
 - Afternoon sessions more focused on lower grades and specialists
 - Volunteers are needed
- There will not be another parent seminar until 2018, as the committee works through communication channel issues

Gifted: Marisha Geraghty

- The Dr. James Webb seminar from September was recorded and is available on the PVUSD Gifted Website
- October 18th 6-7:30pm parent program: Illuminating Creativity in Mathematics for Gifted Students
- December 6th Dr. Paul Beljan: Topics in Gifted Intelligence – A Psychological Perspective

UPC Quick Tip: Susan Matura, Grayhawk

Getting volunteers for Fall Festival – The PTO drafted an email letter for teachers to send to their families requesting parents to be part of their ‘teacher team’ for Fall Fest, and that personal touch allowed Grayhawk to fill all volunteer timeslots.

President's Announcements:

- Calendar committee – need 1 elementary school parent
 - Meetings are 11/6, 11/27, 12/11, 2/20 from 3:45-5 in DAC West
- Secondary World Languages committee – need 2 MS and 2 HS parents
 - Meetings are 11/2, 12/5 (1:45-5 Site TBD), 12/7, 2/8 from 3:30-5 in the Professional Dev Training Room
- K-8 Math committee – need 2 ES and 2 MS parents
 - Meetings are 11/13, 12/12, 1/16, 2/6, and 5/15 from 4-6 in Professional Dev Training Room

Next Meeting: November 15, 2017 9:00am

November Program 10:15am: notMYkid: Body Image and Self Esteem