

SEPTEMBER 26, 2018 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

Threat Protocol – When a threat is made, the process is: (a) gather as much information as possible (b) if the threat is credible, administration works directly with law enforcement. PVUSD has SROs on campus and also works with local law enforcement. Parents of offenders as well as the parents of any potentially impacted children are notified as quickly as possible. The community is then notified. A post-incident disciplinary process, including a hearing board, is followed.

Aire Libre & Arrowhead Transitions – Schools will be repurposed for the 2019-20 school year. Some options are: selling the building, district and community athletic fields, professional meeting space, professional development spaces, childcare and preschool opportunities, community resource center. PVUSD is committed to ensuring that the repurposing of these buildings will enhance the community and contribute to positive property values.

Student Count – Decreasing student population, particularly south of the 101, projected. District population is down 600 students from last year. Growth will be in the north, however birth rates have gone down 25%. Charter schools are also contributing to declining enrollment in PVUSD. The focus is on ensuring that legislation and taxpayer dollars continue to improve.

Retirement - Dr. Lee will be retiring after 10 years in PVUSD at the end of this school year.

Committee Reports:

Special Ed: Deb Kozak

- Committee meeting will be scheduled shortly – Wednesday, October 10th around 11:30 at Panera Bread near PV Mall

Gifted: Marisha Geraghty

- Thursday, September 27th 6-7:30pm – Karen Brown “Understanding the Social and Emotional Needs of Gifted Learners”
- Tuesday, October 16th 6-7:30pm – Dr. Paul Beljan “Topics in Gifted Intelligence: A Psychological Perspective”
- Tuesday, December 4th 6-7:30pm – Dr. Laura Wingers “Mindfulness”
- marishageraghty@gmail.com - for any feedback, questions, etc
- Bring a friend!

Immersion Education: Kea Carota and Laura Miyazaki

- Sandpiper Elementary – Spanish immersion
- Whispering Wind Academy – Mandarin immersion
- Met with Dr. Courson recently to start conversations about the future of immersion programs and addressing current concerns

Social Media: Jessica Wani

- Check-in to our events to broaden UPC’s reach throughout your network
- Arizona PTA has taken a formal stance against 305, as has the PVUSD UPC
- Arizona PTA encourages PTAs and PTOs to adopt their own position on 305 – you can request a rep from Save Our Schools Arizona PAC to speak to your PTA/PTO about Prop 305

Uniquely Gifted – Lisa Hoberg

- Tuesday, October 9th there will be a meet-up for parents of students of UG children or anyone interested in this topic; see Lisa for more information

President’s Announcements: Melissa Schwartz

- We have committee openings – upcmail@hotmail.com
 - If you are interested in helping, please sign up on a clipboard and let us know which schools your children attendee
 - Topics/Committee openings are: Title I Funding Work Group, 3G Elementary School Parent (District Technology and IT Committee), District Emergency Response Team DERT
- District Fall Leadership Training on October 29th from 10:30am-12:30pm in DAC East/West: Parent Leadership & Restorative Practices in PV Schools

Next Meeting 9:00am: October 17, 2018

October Program 10:15am: PVEA – Advocacy Through Collaboration; Who are They and What Do They do? – Leah Knaeble