



-General Meeting Minutes August 18, 2021-

Call to Order and Welcome

- General Meeting of the UPC called to order by UPC President, Kea Carota, at 9:04am
- Welcome to all. We will be holding the business portion of the meeting first and then we have the traditional “Opening Bell” with Dr. Bales.
- Please sign in through our attendance link in the comments.
- If you have any questions you can submit them in the chat box. You will also use the chat box to vote. Please remember to turn off your camera when we get to the program.
- I am pleased to be the new UPC President. I have three kids in the District and have been involved in UPC for the last three years. I’ve had the opportunity to take advantage of a lot of different opportunities to volunteer in the district.
- All of our meetings are open to the public so please bring a friend.

Approval of [Minutes](#)

- Approval [May 12, 2021 General Meeting Minutes](#) (provided via screen share, the chat and via email to UPC Representatives distributed prior to meeting)
- Minutes from the May 12, 2021 General Membership Meeting were reviewed and considered.
- Motion to approve minutes as submitted Julie Blumenreich
- Second: by Jessica Wani
- Called to vote, all in favor, none opposed. Motion passes as introduced.

Officer’s Reports:

Approval of [Proposed Budget](#)

- Presented by Hara Dembowski. Ms. Dembowski introduces herself as new to UPC Executive Board
- Budget shared via shared screen.
- Ms. Dembowski provides an overview of the budget, explaining that UPC has a pretty slim budget. UPC tries to base the projected budget on past years. The last two years have been unique which makes it difficult to estimate what our needs may be. We are hoping for more programming this year and more schools to be able to participate.
- In terms of income, school memberships is one of our two bigger income streams. We do have people who support as general members and our two vendor showcases. Our budget reflects those streams for income.
- In terms of expenditures, we are hoping our high schools can do their graduations. We are supporting Sweetwater and Roadrunner and we have on-going business expenses similar to other parent groups.
- With respect to programming, UPC did not have programming related expenses last year. However, this year the budget includes an allocation for speaker fees.
- The budget does show a deficit. Accordingly, if this budget is approved we will need to approve a deficit budget as well with a second motion.
- Conversation is opened for questions. No questions submitted.
- Melissa Schwartz comments that the UPC needed to look back two years to see a budget that reflected a more typical year. Ms. Dembowski explains that she looked back over 4 years of past budgets in crafting the 2021-22 budget.
- Motion to approve the budget as presented from Julie Blumenreich
 - Second - Jessica Wani
 - Called to a vote. Ayes carry. Motion passes



- Motion to approve the use of UPC Bank reserves to cover any expenses for this 2021-22 school year Melissa
 - Second Jessica Wani and Matt Rine
 - Called to a vote. Ayes carry. Motion passes

Membership

- Julie Blumenreich presenting for Rachel Williams
- Becoming a UPC Representative: <http://www.pvupc.org/becoming-a-upc-representative.html>
- UPC Membership webpage (Membership Registration Form can be accessed here):
<http://www.pvupc.org/membership.html>
- Each school can have two voting representatives and two alternates. Each school can choose how to elect/appoint their UPC Representatives.
- Representatives will bring information to the schools. We are so thankful for all of our representatives at the schools.
- Any questions, please contact Rachel Williams Membership@pvupc.org
- You can also contact the UPC Outreach Team at outreach@pvupc.org
- Keep your eye out for the virtual new representative meeting.

Programming 2020/21

- Julie Blumenreich presenting. This is my second year with programming and we will try to have a variety of programs and keep it current.
- We will use the information you shared with us in the surveys last year.
- At the end of the presentation today, there will be a link for you to give us feedback regarding this program. We welcome your comments, speak your truth and we will do our best to assist you.
- Shout out for our YouTube channel. Many of our past presentations are located on the YouTube channel. Everything from mental health, college applications to specific PVSchools programs.

Standing Committee Update

These are committees that provide information on specific issues important to our community

Special Education Committee

- Deb Kozak and Jessica Crain introduce themselves and give a general overview of the Special Education Committee.
- Email us at Specialed@pvupc.org if you have any questions.

Gifted Committee

- Melissa Schwartz introduces herself.
- Gifted does as many as 8 presentations during a year. We have several on the YouTube channel by both local and national gifted specialists as well as our own District presenters.
- We are working on programming and will get it to you as soon as it is finalized.
- Contact Gifted@pvupc.org with any questions.

Immersion Committee

- A few years ago the Immersion Committee was created four years ago. We have two chairs to represent both the Spanish Immersion program and the Mandarin Immersion program.



- Laura Miyazaki (Mandarin Co-Chair) and Melissa Fink (Spanish Co-Chair) introduce themselves.
- Programming details will be coming.

Outreach Committee

- Jessica Wani presents. The Outreach team is putting together strategies to support the various sites throughout the District.
- Hopefully, have an update at the next meeting.

Virtual School Vendor Showcase

- Raquel Kimball presents overview of the Virtual School Vendor Showcase.
- There will be several fundraising opportunities presented.
- If you have any businesses who would like to present, please contact

Closing Comments - Kea Carota

- We will be recording Dr. Bale's portion of the meeting so I will ask you to turn off your camera.
- We are out of space in this meeting, you can join us on our Facebook link.
- The next UPC Meeting will be Wednesday, September 22nd at 9:00 a.m. This meeting will be virtual.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:44.

Program: Opening Bell with Dr. Bales

Recording of the program portion only of the meeting is available at <https://www.youtube.com/c/PVUPC>

Minutes submitted by Megan Starr, UPC Secretary