



UPC General Membership Meeting Minutes April 15, 2020

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. via Webex.

Superintendent Updates - Dr. Jesse Welsh

Celebrations & Good News

- Four of our eleven 2020 National Merit Finalists have received Merit Scholarship awards, including students from HHS, PVHS, and PHS.
- Our Nursing Services and Bioscience programs donated gloves to the Mayo Clinic.
- Our Fashion Design program students are sewing masks that have been promised to Banner Thunderbird Medical Center. The students are projecting to have 100 masks finished by tomorrow.
- Our high schools distributed 4,224 devices and our K-8 schools distributed 1,000 devices so that students could participate in distance learning.
- From 3/23-4/3, our teachers held 9,208 meetings with students equalling 277,467 minutes of learning.
- From 3/30-4/3, we provided 10,120 meal packs to children.

COVID-19, School Closures & Stay-at-home Order Updates

- School Closure Order & HB2910 - officially closed through end of this school year. Waiting on direction from AZ Governor's office to determine when/if we can offer summer school/programs. HB2910 affirms no impact to funding due to school closure; recognizing schools will continue to do their best to continue to support students but there will inevitably be some limitations; AZM2 is cancelled this year; no new school letter grades will be awarded this school year
- COVID-19 Response Team (CRT) - meets weekly or more frequently as needed; team consists of a wide variety of stakeholders
- Communications - initially sent communication on Mon, Wed, Fri and now are only communicating on Wed - will communicate outside of that if needs arise
- Instruction / Distance Learning & Grades - working with families on internet connectivity as needed; we have been putting together paper/pencil packets every two weeks for students who need them; doing our best to offer flexible options for learning; we are continuing learning and teachers are introducing new material to allow our students to progress
- Technology - have done a tremendous job keeping up with the help desk tickets and supporting students AND teachers
- Nutrition - doing a great job providing meals; now families can pick-up meals without students needing to be present; working on the option of providing multiple meals on a single day as opposed to daily meal pick-up - waiting to see if this is a feasible option
- Assessment/Accountability - on pause
- Facilities - doing deep cleaning of schools, playgrounds, sanitizing high-touch surfaces; made the decision to close all "amenities" (e.g., fields, basketball courts, etc.) to support the stay-at-home order
- Funding - there is a potential for a very large "hit" financially overall; not currently looking at funding cuts; sales tax revenue and gaming dollars will be down - this will impact school district funding
- Graduation Requirements - AZ State Board of Education confirmed students who are on track to graduate at time of school closure will still graduate; extending the opportunity for students to complete/pass the Civics exam; however, AZ State Board will not let this requirement preclude students from graduating.

- CARES Act - significant amount of money set aside, \$286 million across AZ, for K-12 education

Major Events Updates

Moved Online

- Governing Board Meetings - now held via Webex

Postponed

- Empty Bowls / Presentation of Permanent Art Collection
- Awards/Recognitions at Governing Board meetings
- Strategic Planning

Cancelled

- PVSchools Education Foundation Golf Tournament Fundraiser - many of our vendors who historically have provided donations will continue to provide donations
- High School Proms - some schools MAY hold the event at a later date
- Bagels with the Board (April 29)

Rescheduling/Reworking

- Silver Anniversary/Retirement Celebration
- High School Graduations - working on some potential ideas - holding event at a later date; live streaming from a field with appropriate social distancing; drive-in/through ceremony - caps/gowns still being delivered

Questions

- *Why were certain virtual meeting platforms selected, Google Hangout/Webex versus Zoom?* (Dr. Jesse Welsh) Zoom presented too many security concerns and our district already had structures in place to support Google Hangouts and Webex.
- *How is hiring going?* (Dr. Troy Bales) We are continuing the hiring process using online tools. Support staff positions are on hold except for 12-month positions. All certified positions are posted and HR staff is processing things quickly. All contracts will be distributed middle of this month.
- *Will online summer school program still be offered?* (Dr. Jesse Welsh) We plan to continue offering these classes - may expand this program.

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 provide access to your Superintendent, and we provide relevant programming of interest to you. Ultimately, we ADVOCATE for Students, EDUCATE Parents and Community, COLLABORATE with PVUSD and other Educational Organizations, and PARTNER with the Superintendent to increase the presence of the UPC. Please contact us with any ideas, comments or questions you may have at president@pvupc.org.

UPC Communication and Goals:

- UPC communicates via monthly E-Bulletin, Snapshot, Principal email as well as via UPC website (pvupc.org) and various Social Media outlets (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn)
- UPC Goals:
 - Help develop UPC across the state
 - Continued development of immersion programs at Whispering Wind and Sandpiper, Middle and High School programs, including Sunrise
 - Regular quarterly reports for UPC members from all of the other committees
 - Food Recovery program - assist schools that wish to implement an external food donation program
 - Provide more resources for parent leaders (fundraising ideas, tips/tricks)
 - Add a page to UPC website as a resource directory for parent group leaders
 - More opportunities for parent leader training - continue to involve district staff/leaders at the trainings
 - PV Parent Group coffee/happy hour
 - Outreach Team - Parent Group/Site Liaison Initiative

- School Vendor Showcase (formally LINC) - creating a vendor tab on our website as a resource for parent leaders

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the March 11, 2020 General Membership Meeting are pending approval via virtual vote later today.

UPC Announcements:

- Vote today via virtual ballot - current UPC Reps or designated alternates
 - March 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes approval
 - Bylaws Amendments approval
 - UPC 2020-21 Slate of Executive Officers:
 - President: Jessica Wani (year 2)
 - Treasurer: Jenn Stockhill (year 2)
 - VP Membership: Rachel Williams (transition from Secretary)
 - VP Programming: Julie Blumenreich (transition from Membership)
 - Are there any nominations from the floor for any of these four (4) positions? None nominated.
 - Secretary position is open - Lisa Hoberg nominates Megan Starr for this position - Megan accepts the nomination
- UPC Community Cares Award - recognizing PVUSD volunteers who are going above and beyond during this challenging time - please submit nominations on our PVUPC site and our PVUPC Facebook page
- UPC / PV Emergency Food Bank - Venezia's Pizza fundraiser on April 20th from 10:30am-9:00pm (10% of all purchases will be donated to PV Emergency Food Bank) - mention UPC when ordering - delivery and curbside pick-up available.
 - They are still looking for volunteers as well. Contact Jessica at president@pvupc.org to learn more.
- Save The Date! May 13th @ 9:00am for last UPC meeting of the school year - Dr. Welsh will present *Closing Bell*

Committee Updates

- Please see April 13th newsletter (sent via email) for updates

Other Announcements

- May 7th (tentative) Webinar - How to plan for HS summer school/programs in light of school closures presented by Koni Withers and counselors at each of the five (5) PVUSD high schools. Program is for students AND parents. Email will be coming out soon with details.

Officer's Reports:

Treasurer's Report | Budget: Jenn Stockhill

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Membership: Julie Blumenreich

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Monthly Programming: Jessica Wani on behalf of Allegra Fullerton

- April 15th, 10:15am - *Information & Technology in Learning: Classroom, Home and Beyond*
- May 13th, 10:15am - *Closing Bell* by Dr. Jesse Welsh, Superintendent

Committee Reports:

CLN: Lisa Hoberg, Committee Chair

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Teacher/Staff Appreciation: Shannon Hanna, Committee Chair

- Nominees will receive their nomination letters electronically - will be recognized publicly in the Fall and on social media
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Geri L. Morgan Volunteer Award: Jen Mozilo, Committee Chair

- On hold until Fall 2020
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Special Ed: Deb Kozak & Jessica Crain, Committee Chairs

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Gifted: Melissa Schwartz, Committee Chair

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Immersion Education: Kea Carota and Laura Miyazaki, Committee Co-Chairs

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Social Media: Jessica Wani, Committee Chair

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Website: Susan Matura, Committee Chair

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Outreach Team: Robbie Mosely, Lori Berman and Raquel Kimball

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School Vendor Showcase: Jenn Stockhill, Committee Chair

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President's Announcements: Jessica Wani

- Join us for this month's programming event, *Information & Technology in Learning: Classroom, Home and Beyond*, immediately following this meeting
- Next UPC meeting is May 13, 2020 @ 9:00am via Webex
 - Programming Event @ 10:15am: *Closing Bell* by Dr. Jesse Welsh, Superintendent via Webex

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:58am.

Program: *Information & Technology in Learning: Classroom, Home and Beyond*

Minutes submitted by Rachel Williams, UPC Secretary