



## UPC General Membership Meeting Minutes

### March 11, 2020

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. in the PVUSD District Administration Building - East/West Conference Rooms

#### Superintendent Updates - Dr. Jesse Welsh

#### Celebrations & Good News

- 11 National Merit finalists
- Region II Spelling Bee winner, Amara Ellisor, Copper Canyon Elementary School (State Bee March 21)
- Luke Padwe, Pinnacle High School, Division I Boys Wrestling State Champion
- Raphael Masella, Horizon High School, Division II Boys Wrestling State Champion
- Pinnacle High School DECA- 77 competitors, 40 qualifiers for International Competition, and 12 first place winners
- Perri Hawkins, Shadow Mountain High School, one of 57 students participating in the National Honor Orchestra of America

#### District Strategic Plan Update

- Main Themes: 1) **Student experience** (climate, culture, safety, socio-emotional leaning, vaping, facilities); 2) **Personalized and engaged learning** (extracurricular; college, career and life ready; class sizes; whole-person instruction; special education support/needs); 3) **Community engagement** (partnerships; competitive and relevant schools; create and connect opportunities for stakeholders); 4) **Staff** (professional development [learning, curriculum > high quality instruction]; best- and research-based practices; equity [economic, ethnic, LGBTQ, when "seen" motivated to engage])
- Community meetings will be held in English and Spanish

#### Other Items:

- Vaping - meeting with student groups to determine needs to address this issue; this is a significant challenge we are facing as a district in our middle- and high-schools. We need parents help on this too - please have regular conversations with your students about this. Working on putting together a list of prevention services.
- COVID 19 - getting resources out to school sites to monitor this concern and continue engaging proactive measures to keep school communities safe. Working with local health agencies to monitor the issue and will take steps necessary to maintain health and safety at schools. Deep cleaning schools with high rate of absences. Will clarify what is communicated to our school nurses to make sure we are standardizing the health expectations at school sites. Use the District Web site blue button for further information for parents.

**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](mailto:president@pvupc.org).

#### UPC Communication and Goals:

- UPC communicates via monthly E-Bulletin, Snapshot, Principal email as well as via UPC website ([pvupc.org](http://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 February 12, 2020 General Membership Meeting were approved as submitted.

Motion to approve: Lori Berman

Second: Jen Mozilo

Motion passed unanimously.

**UPC Announcements:**

- Save The Date! Spring Parent Leadership Workshop - March 27, 2020, 9:30am-12:30pm. Please RSVP if you can attend. Please send in questions, challenges, etc. that you would like resources for via the event link, [tinyurl.com/springupc](http://tinyurl.com/springupc). Please invite any new parent group leaders or team members to attend!
- 2020-21 Slate of Officers - President: Jessica Wani, Treasurer: Jenn Stockhill, VP Membership: Rachel Williams, VP Programming: Julie Blumenreich, Secretary: OPEN
  - Election will occur on April 15th.
  - Must be a UPC Rep for at least 6 months to be nominated

**Committee Updates**

- Committee Reps needed for Elementary K-7 Social Studies Curriculum Resource Adoption - please sign-up

**Officer's Reports:**

Treasurer's Report | Budget: Jenn Stockhill

- \$10k+ currently in account
- Credits: \$55.35 at BJ's event
- Expenses: SVS cookies and \$140 room rental/custodian; made contribution to Sweetwater and Roadrunner to support graduation activities
- Costco flyers - please take to schools - discounted membership rates for teachers

Membership: Julie Blumenreich

- Community Member appreciation month!! Thank you for your support!

Monthly Programming: Allegra Fullerton

- March 11th, 10:15am - *Rising Phoenix Wellness Service - Health and Wellness for Families* @ DAC East/West conference room
- April 15th, 10:15am - *Information & Technology in Learning: Classroom, Home and Beyond*

## **Committee Reports:**

CLN: Lisa Hoberg, Committee Chair

- Gender athlete bill passed through the house, now is in senate - reach out to your senator on this bill now
- We are keeping an eye on other education bills
- ELL item - is an HCR that will put it on the ballot
- Consider taking your children to the State Capitol during spring break to explore the legislative process
- CTE - one of our district's biggest assets - April 16th: evening presentation - please take flyer

Teacher/Staff Appreciation: Shannon Hanna, Committee Chair

- Nomination period closes today (March 11) at 10pm
- **Not a competition - opportunity to celebrate the dedicated efforts of our teachers/staff**
- Nominations can be completed [online](#) or hardcopy (download form online)
- Can only nominate current year teachers/staff - can nominate more than one person
- Nominations can be made by parents and students only - District Administrators and Principals are not eligible for nomination
- 2019 - 598 total nominations, 2020 - 555 nominations submitted to date (online only - more coming in mail)
- Award Assembly project: April 9th, 9-11am in Critical Thinking Room of PVUSD Admin complex. RSVP if you can help out at [appreciation@pvupc.org](mailto:appreciation@pvupc.org).
- Awards will be sent out with UPC Reps on April 15th - these should be delivered to the respective site principal
- Recipients acknowledged at May 14th Governing Board meeting

Geri L. Morgan Volunteer Award: Jen Mozilo, Committee Chair

- Nomination forms are available here as well as on the [UPC web site](#)
- Outstanding volunteer award to honor a volunteer for his or her outstanding service contributions to a school community. The winner will receive a \$100 donation to a school group or organization of his or her choice.
- Recipient honored at May 14th Governing Board Meeting
- Nominations open March 11 through April 15, 2020 - Nominations can be submitted via email to [gmaward@pvupc.org](mailto:gmaward@pvupc.org), regular mail or interoffice mail.

Special Ed: Deb Kozak & Jessica Crain, Committee Chairs

- Great program on building an effective IEP this month. Please visit the [UPC Facebook](#) page to watch the video of this presentation. If you have any questions about the content shared, please contact us at [specialed@pvupc.org](mailto:specialed@pvupc.org).

Gifted: Melissa Schwartz, Committee Chair

- Dr. Dan Peters presented on March 10th - great presentation - please watch/share the video of this presentation on the [UPC Facebook](#) page
- Mountain Trail Journey program orientation tonight
- Check [Gifted page on UPC web site](#) for more programming updates

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

- Sandpiper is currently interviewing for a new Principal
- Great immersion program this month and still working on middle school transition program

Social Media: Jessica Wani, Committee Chair

- No report

Website: Susan Matura, Committee Chair

- No report

Outreach Team: Robbie Mensely, Lori Berman and Raquel Kimball

- No report

School Vendor Showcase (formerly known as LINC): Jenn Stockhill, Committee Chair

- Thank you to everyone who came out to the 2020 School Vendor Showcase!!
- Please take a list of vendors to share at your school site with your parent leader group

**President's Announcements:** Jessica Wani

- Join us for this month's programming event, ***Health and Wellness for Families***, immediately following this meeting
- Next UPC meeting is April 15, 2020 @ 9:00am (doors open at 8:45am)
  - Programming Event @ 10:15am: *Information & Technology in Learning: Classroom, Home and Beyond*

**Closing Act:** Dr. Sue Skidmore

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 10:03am.

**Program:** *Rising Phoenix Wellness Service - Health and Wellness for Families*

Minutes submitted by Rachel Williams, UPC Secretary