



September 22, 2021 General Meeting Minutes

-Minutes-

Call to Order

- General Meeting of the UPC called to order by UPC President, Kea Carota, at 9:04am
- Please take a moment and fill out the attendance link.
- Please note that participants are muted. This is just to keep the meeting moving. If you have questions please use the chat box.
- Today's links are available here.

Approval of [August 18 Meeting Minutes](#)

- August 18, 2021 Minutes shared via share screen. Link provided via the newsletter and included in the chat.
- 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:

Budget presented by Hara Dembowski

- Budget details shared via shared screen.
- Thank you to the schools who submitted their information regarding their UPC representatives and PTO/PTA/PTSA board members. Thank you to those who also submitted dues.
- As current income we have two general memberships and donations from Amazon Smile. For expenditures we paid for Arizona Corp Commission and fees for insurance, website and newsletter. Net balance is \$286.11
- If you have any questions, please contact treasurer@pvupc.org

Committee Updates

Math Curriculum Committee Update

Dr. Dan Courson, Amber Strang

- Dr. Courson shares that the District has been working on math curriculum resources and is in the process of sharing those with the community and invites the community to share feedback. The District appreciates all of the stakeholder groups for their participation.
- Amber Strang, secondary math curriculum specialist explains that the committee has met 5 times already. We have set up the materials in the DAC back lobby and are available for viewing btw 8-4:30. This is not just a textbook, but rather a curriculum.
- Math Courses included in the adoption: Algebra 1-2, Geometry, Algebra 3-4, pre calc & honors pre-cal, calculus, topics of college algebra and trigonometry, Statistics and AP statistics, applied math, computer science.
- Timeline:



- September 14, 2021 - In person meeting #5 - narrow list of proposed resources
- September 20-December 17 - 60 day viewing window for the public to review materials and provide feedback
- October 5, 2021 - virtual meeting #6. Groups will report back regarding rubrics.
- January 4, 2022 - in person meeting to look at community feedback and make final recommendations
- January 20th - first reading to GB and present recommendations.
- February 10th - second reading and final meeting with GB.
- March - hope to have all resources to teachers. Goal is to have all the materials in teacher hands 2022-2023.
- Kea Carota clarifies that all this information is also available on the District's website. As parents we are very grateful for being included in the decision. ([See math presentation here](#) and [access materials on line, here.](#))
- Questions - Ms. Strang clarifies that- materials will also be available to middle school teachers who are teaching the classes. Hardcopy textbooks are an important resource. Dr. Courson responds - PVOnline students will have the same resources. Will double check to make sure AP Calculus is one of the courses.

Membership Update Kea Carota presenting for Rachel Williams

- Membership registration is very important. It helps us with committees. Sometimes committees are looking for specific involvement. Also need to be able to reach out to specific sites when it comes to things like interviews.
- Role of the UPC Representative: <http://www.pvupc.org/role-of-the-upc-representative.html>
- Becoming a UPC Representative: <http://www.pvupc.org/becoming-a-upc-representative.html>
- Please make sure to fill out the UPC Membership Registration Form: <http://www.pvupc.org/membership.html>
- For questions please contact membership@pvupv.org
- It is very important to share information between school sites and District.
- New UPC Representatives event on October 12th at 9am. Keep an eye out for more information.
- We kindly request Membership Registration and Annual Dues payment be submitted by September 30th. (That's just 8 days away!)

Programming 2020/21 Julie Blumenreich

- September is Suicide Awareness month - direct you back to the presentation we did February 10, 2021.
- If you find yourself needing more information or resources, please contact Teen Lifeline. Teen Lifeline www.teenlifeline.org or call/text: 602-248-8336
- View all of our recorded programming here (Gifted, Special Education, etc.) <https://www.youtube.com/c/PVUPC>
- September also recognizes:
 - Childhood Cancer Awareness
 - Hispanic Heritage Month (9/15-10/15)
 - National Courtesy Month



- Today's programming will address school funding. It is non exhaustive, but will address current hot topics; ESSER 3 funds, Propositions that were recently on the ballot.
- October 20th program - Keeping Your Kids Safe at School - an overview and update on School Safety. Presentation led Dr. Mitch von Gnechten, Director of Student Services - Secondary
- Please fill out the programming response form at the end of the meeting
- If you have any questions or suggestions for future presentations, please contact me at programming@pvupc.org

Special Education Committee

Deb Kozak, Jessica Crain

- Happy to have back 2 of our school psychologists, PVSchools Psychologists, Leslie Gleason and Amanda Hackwell, presenting regarding IEP meetings.
- October 5, 5pm-6pm: IEP Meetings 101. This is a great meeting for anyone with a child with an IEP. Meeting is 10.5.2021 5pm-6pm. Link to register for the IEP program <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAocOyhrTsvHtGQoIB3cxcis1RXfnn48GJ>
- Project Search - some of our interns at Mayo are on free and reduced lunch. There is a list of requested food items that can be sent to support the students. If you are so generous as to support those interns over there, please email special@pvupc.org and we will coordinate getting them those items.
- Special education programs are recorded and will be available on the UPC YouTube channel.

Gifted Committee

Melissa Schwartz

- Upcoming presentations
 - October 20 -- Middle School Gifted Program Parent Night - Combined Presentation on Journey program at Mountain Trail MS and the Digital Learning Center at Sunrise MS. Gifted Dept, Teachers and Principals will all present!
 - October TBD -- Dr Emily Kircher-Morris: Raising Twice Exceptional Learners.
 - November 18 - Drs. Jean Peterson and Dan Peters: Bright, complex Childre: Supporting Their Social & Emotional Development.
- Invite anyone who is interested to attend the Arizona Association of Gifted and Talented (AAGT) Parent Institute this Saturday, Sept 25. The cost is \$25 and you can attend in person or virtually. [Access conference link, here.](#)

SVS - Kea Carota

- Postponed School Vendor Showcase (SVS) to the spring to allow groups to get organized. Will set a date and plan closer to the event.

Outreach Committee



- Lori Berman shares that the committee continues to work with parent groups. We are here for questions, resources, and help.
- Working with District to honor our bus drivers who are working really hard. We do have openings - we need bus drivers.
- Any PTOs/PTAs that would like to help out financially, or with ideas, we will take them. Please reach out to use at outreach@pvupc.org

Closing notes

- Eagles' nest thrift shop is open every Friday from 9am-12:30pm. Profits go to support the school. Donations are accepted whenever the school is open. Located at Campo Bello ES- 2625 E Grovers Ave
- Wednesday, September 29, 2021 6pm-7pm - College and career basics event is coming up. PVSchools Assessment Department will guide parents and students through the college and career planning process. ([Link for more information.](#))

Dr. Bales's remarks and responses to questions submitted in advance. Questions moderated by Kea Carota.

- Dr. Bales shares opening remarks. What an amazing offering this district provides community and staff. My kudos to everyone who is participating in these committees.
- Kea Carota shares that UPC received several similar campus safety questions, specifically as it relates to weapons, Dr. Bales replies that campus safety is a top priority. So happy to hear that UPC has a program on this issue planned for October.. Recently had a gun on campus incident at one of our elementary campuses. We do look at this from a holistic perspective. We share our parent student handbook and encourage parents to discuss it with students. At the building level we have programs that help build relationships with students (PBIS, Make Your Day) so they know they can go to an adult when they see something. We have a district emergency planning team (DERT), how do we plan and prepare for a crisis situation, we have bond initiatives, cameras, fencing, and single point ingress and egress. At the site level we have SERT who prepare in basket activities and drills. Anonymous tips.com provides an opportunity to give anonymous tips through <https://www.anonymoustips.com/>. There is an on-line social media monitoring tool in place and the police works closely with the schools and district. In the last event we had a weapons on campus versus a school threat issue. The timelines are different depending on the events. Not looking at incorporating metal detectors and backpack searches on our campuses.
- Anonymous tips go directly to the principal and/or police. You can speak to your principal to determine how these are addressed. This can be found on the district website under student resources. (Home > [Find it Fast](#) > Links for Students > [Anonymous Tips](#) District website to sign up for SMS Text Messaging for School Emergency and High Priority Broadcasts <https://www.pvschools.net/about/emergency-preparedness#smstexts>)
- Devious Licks - Latest "Tic Toc Challenge" where students post acts of destruction in school bathrooms. Students have been told that disciplinary action will be taken.
- Social Studies - what was the reason to eliminate DBQ Project? There were concerns regarding age appropriateness and the Board decided to remove it from middle school.
- Dr. Bales will address covid positive cases tomorrow during the GB meeting tomorrow. There is a court case that we are monitoring. A large number of students are being quarantine, although it is reduced since masks were implemented.



- Air purifiers - This is an extremely expensive endeavor with on-going costs. The distinct administrative team is trying to gather data. We have implemented nearly all of the CDC recommendations regarding air flow. We have opened the returns to increase air circulation. Trying to rebalance and readjust airflow. Running exhaust fans in bathrooms and making sure that they are running at full capacity. There is not a direct correlation to aiding airpurifiers into the classroom to reducing COVID.
- How are absences recorded for quarantine and how does it impact funding? Absences do not impact funding. Schools record absences with a special code. Those absences are not reflected on the student transcript.

The next UPC Meeting will be Wednesday, October 20th at 9:00 a.m. This meeting will be virtual.

Adjournment: UPC President Kea Carota adjourns meeting at 9:59

After adjournment, the September program begins. Program is recorded and available at <https://www.youtube.com/c/PVUPC/>

Program: Hot Topics in School Funding for PVSchools

ESSER III Grant Parent [Survey](#) - due back October 11th. [You are invited to fill this survey out.](#)

Programming Feedback Form:

<https://forms.gle/hzVXzfCQieuanqtA7>