

## JANUARY 16, 2019 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

Red for Ed – No walkouts or walk-ins are planned; PVUSD continues to hope for appropriate education funding through the legislature

Superintendent Search – Application process is closed. On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the search firm is meeting with the Governing Board to review applicants and then will proceed with 10-12 interviews, at which point finalists will be made public. Community interviews are also part of the process. The selected candidate will be presented to the Governing Board for approval at the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dr. Lee is prepared to be involved in a smooth transition.

Open Positions - Assistant Director of Technology, Greenway Middle School Principal, Director of Community Ed, Director of Fine Arts, Director of Marketing, Supervisor of Transportation, AVID Coordinator, Nutritional and Wellness Budget Coordinator

Other

PV High School STEAM event – January 26<sup>th</sup>

Fun Run on February 9<sup>th</sup> at Horizon High School

Parent Survey goes out January 18<sup>th</sup> and is open until February 3<sup>rd</sup> – survey has been upgraded and now has more targeted questions

Governing Board meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup> – annual State of the District from Dr. Lee and what to look forward to in the future

### **Committee Reports:**

CLN: Lisa Hoberg

- 2019 meetings have started
- Inaugurations are done and session is open
- The Governor has given the State of the State, his hashtag is #thingsthatmatter to refer to his goals
- Governor's education goals – commitment to raise teacher pay 20% by 2020; 5% raise will be included in base of budget; would like to use surplus to increase the rainy-day fund to \$1 billion; money towards AZ Teachers Academy and career and technical education and school safety through more school SROs
- House Ed committee meets on Monday afternoons and Senate Ed committee meeting on Tuesday afternoons
- ELL bill for more control over scheduling was already passed unanimously
- Legislative resources are on our website: pvupc.org

Special Ed: Deb Kozak and Lisa Hoberg

- Evening Program on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm Parent Advisory and AZ Resources - Raising Special Kids
- Discussed Raising Special Kids and the services they offer as a non-profit

Gifted: Marisha Geraghty

- Check out the FB page for the past gifted programs that were recorded
- Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm International Gifted Speaker, Tijn Koenderink – The Seven Challenges of the Gifted Child
- Tuesday, March 12 6-7:30pm Dr. Dina Brulles – They Say My Child is Gifted...Now What!

Immersion Education: Kea Carota and Laura Miyazaki

- Evening Program: February 12<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30pm Benefits of Second Language Immersion Education – Cristina Ladas, the World Language Coordinator, Cave Creek USD
- She is also providing professional development for immersion programs
- WWA Chinese New Year celebration at PV High School – not currently open to the public however that may change

Social Media: Jessica Wani

- Share all of our events on FB, Linked In, Twitter and Instagram if you can!
- Text pvupc to 22828 to be signed up for the UPC e-bulletins

Website: Susan Matura

- About ready to switch to the new website, the url is the same: [pvupc.org](http://pvupc.org)

**Teacher/Staff Appreciation:** Shannon Hanna

- Looking for thoughtful quality nominations for parents and students to recognition a current teacher or staff member who has made a difference during this current school year – recipients will receive their nominating letter(s) and a token of appreciation from UPC
- February 13<sup>th</sup> to March 13<sup>th</sup> with no exceptions
- Packet Delivery to UPC Reps at the April 17th UPC meeting
- Help will be needed to prep packets for schools
- Nominees recognized before the Governing Board meeting on May 16th

**LINC:** Jenn Stockhill

- Parent Group and Vendor Showcase - Local vendors and organizations showcase their programs and information – gather fresh ideas on fundraisers, field trips, festivals, etc.
- Monday March 11<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm at Explorer Middle School
- Who Should Attendee – Parent Group Leaders, Presidents, Treasurers, Fundraisers, Booster Clubs, Admin, etc.
- Questions or more info – email Jenn Stockhill [linc.upc@gmail.com](mailto:linc.upc@gmail.com) or call/text 602.881.2148

**President's Announcements:** Melissa Schwartz

- UPC Sponsored Evening Program on January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6-7:30pm – Deconstructing Barriers to Learning - Dr. Alison Reuter
- Reviewed open committee positions: Capital Campaign Planning Committee, Parent Student Handbook community, Director of Community Ed, Greenway MS Principal – email [upcmail@hotmail.com](mailto:upcmail@hotmail.com) for more information on meetings and to get involved
- Middle and High School Science Curriculum committee – vendor materials have been sent to schools
- Community Outreach – Special Olympics Regional Track Meet at Horizon High School on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>
- PVEA Clothing Drive for Prom – donations are currently being accepted

**Next Meeting 9:00am:** February 13, 2019

**February Program 10:15am:** Preventing Teen Suicide with Francine Sumner – Kid in the Corner