



August 24, 2022

Executive Board - 2022-2023

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Secretary: Laura Hill Secretary@pvupc.org

VP Membership: Erica Moriarty Membership@pvupc.org

-Agenda-

Call To Order

- UPC President, Kea Carota, called meeting to order at 9:02 am.

Explanation of UPC

Kea Carota

- Each school may send two Reps and two Alternates
- General meetings are as follows: Business meeting at 9 am followed by presentation at 10 am; the presentations offer wide a variety of topics of interest to parents at all school levels
- Meetings will be help in person and will also have a zoom link to attend.
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Approval of Minutes for May 2022 General Meeting

- Shared via screen
- Lori B. moved to approve
- Julie B. seconds. Called to vote, none opposed. Motion passes.

Officer's Reports:

Approval of Proposed [Budget](#)

Hara Dembowski

- Budget presented via screen; no new additions proposed to the budget, however budget is currently not balanced (proposed expenditures outweigh proposed income for the year)
- Motion by Elaine, second by Melissa S. to approve budget
- Motion by Melissa S. , second by Lori B. to ok unbalanced budget and remove money from the bank account to cover budget if needed
- Will vote after meeting via google form ballot

Membership

Erica Moriarty

- Membership form sent out to last year reps to fill out; will also send to school principals; if a rep has not received a membership form, please send email to membership@pvupc.org
- IN addition to UPC rep information, the form also asks for info re: PTA leadership, if any

Programming 2022-2023

Megan Starr

- Today's programming: Opening Bell with Dr. Bales re: state of district
- Upcoming events: Governing Board Candidate Forum, Wednesday Sept. 28 7-8:30 ar PV District Administrative Center, presented by League of Women Voters



- September Program, Sept. 21 after general meeting: Gifted Director Karen Brown will speak re: Twice Exceptional (2E) learners; members of district special education department will also attend to answer questions

Committee Update

Presentation on National Board Certification for Teachers

Justin Price

- Instructional coach at Larkspur Elementary
- NBC is Highest level of accreditation that teacher can achieve; voluntary
- 25 cert areas (e.g. biology, cte, music, etc.)
- 4 components:
 - Content knowledge - exam
 - Differentiation in instruction - essays about problem solving
 - Teaching practice and learning environment - videotape lessons and analyze
 - Effective and reflective practitioner- provide evidence that prof growth are making difference in class and community
- Based on 5 core propositions
- Helps students:
 - Students taught by accred teacher make average of 1-2 months more growth; bigger gains shown in low income and disenfranchised students
 - Provides opportunity for teacher growth in
 - Teacher efficacy leads to recommitment to the profession
- PVUSD
 - We were leader in state but no longer
 - 54 NBCTs in district, including 4 administrators
 - 22 elem and 4 HS
 - 29 current candidates - have 3 years to complete components
- Pre-candidacy offered in the Spring in partnership with AZ K12 Center
 - Helps to subsidize fees (\$2,000) - our teachers have to pay \$75 fee only
- Helps with recruiting students/families to district
- Teachers receive additional 4.6% of base teacher salary– about 2K; also get stipend for completing a component; behind other districts
- No masters required to apply; can start in 1st year of teaching but can't achieve Certification until 3rd year
- nbinfo@pvschools.net
- How can parents support?
 - Help make it a big deal at school when teacher achieves certification
 - ask principal if there are NBCTs at school
 - ask district leadership what they are doing to promote

Special Education Committee

Deb Kozak, Jessica Crain

- Linda Taylor will partner with Karen Brown at next September general meeting re: 2E students



- Sept 27 evening seminar in this room (exact time: TBA)- intro to special ed, services, programs, process, rights of parents, meet the district team
- Project Search - 1 year unpaid internships with Mayo Clinic
 - Last years interns, all but 1 were hired by Mayo for paid positions
 - Needs: lunch assistance
 - Because lunch at Mayo Clinic often costs more than lunch at school, assistance is needed to help subsidize lunches for interns
 - Amazon Wish List created for lunch-see: Project Search-Mayo Clinic

Gifted Committee

Melissa Schwartz, Rachael Mikalsky

- Two programs already occurred this year; if missed, find them on the UPC YouTube Channel
 - "Gifted Curriculum Night"
 - "So You Say My Student is Gifted"
- Upcoming events:
 - Sept. 13 6:00 pm: "Understanding The 2E Learner" presented by Emily Kircher-Morris
 - This event will also be recorded for the UPC YouTube channel
- Sept 17, parent day at the AAGT Conference
 - <http://arizonagifted.org/annual-conference>

Immersion Committee

Laura Miyazaki, Melissa Fink

- Spanish Immersion
- Chinese Immersion
- Must start in immersion program by 2nd grade

Outreach Committee

Jessica Wani, Lori Berman

- Purpose of outreach is to help provide assistance for district where needed
- CURRENTLY Collecting personal care item for PVHS and Title I schools
- ONGOING NEED
- UPC will have a collection box at future meetings for donations

Affiliation with AZ Cardinals

Kea Carota

- Tickets for the upcoming Arizona Cardinals will be available through a QR Code; Buy tix through link, will give \$5 back to UPC
- UPC will also have an affiliation with PHX Suns as well for their upcoming season to purchase game tickets
- Find link on UPC Website



Call for Committee

Kea Carota

- 2 parents are needed for a district on Class Size Task Force
- If interested in serving, email president@pvupc.org
- This committee will have virtual meetings from 4-5 pm on October 3, November 1, and December 6

M & O Override Information

Kea Carota

- FACT sheets – Should be in school lobby, if you don't see, ask
- If M&O does not pass, \$9 million loss to district each year for the next 3 consecutive years
- There will be no tax increase if it passes
- The District will host forums to explain the M&O Override - see PV District Website for times and dates
- Yes for PV Students is PAC supporting passage of M&O override
 - yesforpvstudents.com
- UPC Reps will Vote this afternoon on potential support for the M&O Override
 - Melissa S. makes motion and Jen Izenstark seconds that UPC votes to support passage of M&O override
- School Parent Groups can also vote to support measure should they choose

Trivia with Sue Skidmore

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am

Committee Chairs - 2022-2023

Jessica Wani, Lori Berman *UPC Outreach Team* outreach@pvupc.org
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The next UPC Meeting will be Wednesday, September 21st at 9:00 a.m.