

## October 19, 2011 UPC Meeting Minutes (Yolonda Topasna)

PPES parents/Rep attended, Nancy Kuta(PTO committee lead/member) and Yolonda(UPC Rep)

- Reminder from Tami Taylor/Pres., the Community Education surveys are on there way (Nov.1) to take a pulse on our Programs, please respond.

### Dr. Jim Lee, Superintendent PVUSD

- PLC's (Professional Learning Communities) – our teachers will track student progress; growth, intervene when needed. 3 key questions they will keep in mind...1)what are we teaching? Are we aligned and aiming for success? 2)How are we teaching 3)Assessment; use of best strategies, they want to incorporate 21<sup>st</sup> century skills.
- Compass 2015 includes the 3 questions above and identifying tools used to conduct assessment. Dr. Lee stressed Pedagogy as the focus.
  1. Remedial help needed
  2. Opportunity for enrichment
  3. How to help kids not “getting it.”
  4. Accountability
    - a. Committee has formed – Tami Taylor is looking for feedback. AIMS is not reflecting all subjects – it misses.
    - b. Treatment of parents and treatment of students is very important according to Dr. Lee – he reminds us of this at every UPC meeting.

### Dr. Allen spoke on Assessment:

- He oversees AIMS
- District website provides new label system.
- Public school has federal label either yes or no
- 3 labels currently in district
- 8 years running -- Arizona learns label is State's label
- A to F system; AZ Dept of Education's label
- Legacy system(old system); ex. Excelling School description.
- Using this DUAL system for the next 2 years.

#### A-F Accountability Letter Grade Scores

Grade A	140-200
Grade B	120-139
Grade C	100-119
Grade D	0-99

New A-F label/grading system

16 A's  
19 B's  
5 C's  
3 D's

Legacy label/grading system

20 Exceeding  
6 Highly  
13 Performing Plus  
7 Performing

Mr. Hiemstra retired Principal (former Grayhawk Principal):

- The importance of the upcoming Nov.8 initiatives, and that all principals in district are in support and would like to offer their support but are not able to speak freely. Spoke of the Mountain Trail air conditioning problem at the beginning of school and luckily it was an easy fix and not a complete replacement of a system -- if it were we could not pay for it. The initiative is important he supports the YES vote. Pass override election to get our physical improvements and program improvements.
- We need to get our students prepared as 21<sup>st</sup> century thinkers
- Part of Compass 2015 dialogue -- What do we do to get our students to compete in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? To get kids into good colleges – they must be competitive as world thinkers.
- Every student has potential.

Approval of officers reports:

- Treasurer
- Membership
- Programming (introduced Tom Elliott “money man” as our speaker today)
  - Reminder: Dr. Karen Gasket Assistant Superintendent Human Resources joins us 11/16/11 at 10:15am location 15002 N. 32<sup>nd</sup> street, Phoenix. She will speak on the new teacher evaluation, legal changes that impact HR, Q&A.
  - Mixer coming 12/14/11 at the District(will get more information)
  - Special Education = meeting location changed to Einsteins on **Tatum and Shea**; same day/time.
- CLN – Community Legislature Network – new lobbyist in place, this person will be revealed soon. Rick Barth is the current chairperson.
- **Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools(REMS) Julia Scotti – explained** Terror liaison officers(TLO's) and when they are alerted. They work in tandem with local law enforcement and 911 team. Discussed District Emergency Response Team(DERT) and School Emergency Response Teams(SERT) -- emergency response folks that work with Scottsdale PD and Fire and/or Phoenix PD and Fire. **See website for details....<http://www.pvschools.net/profdev/newsletters/May2011.pdf>**

- Curriculum Resource Adoption Committee(Cynthia Cyper explained her group's status briefly)
  - Each member will develop a Priority list of subject areas
  - Discussions taking place now
  - Next meeting November 1, 2011
- Common Core Standards Reporting Language Committee = 2011-2012 kindergarten already using new standards and in 2012 -2013 first graders; 2013-2014 all grades to implement common core standards. PVUSD website gives you a draft, from Home Page go to Quick Links on the right, District committees, click on Common Core Standards Reporting Language –draft on the right, take time to write in your comments/suggestions. Next meeting Nov.7, 2011.
- Tami Taylor = reminder, all UPC committees are in Quick Links.
- School Day = PLCs reiterated, Dr. Lee spoke earlier on this. Attend November meeting for straw Model presentation. The committee formed will provide a recommendation.
- Volunteer Policy = the change has gone through a “shock and awe” stage it seems according to Tami Taylor. Tami welcomes feedback -- email her directly.

Tom Elliott Assistant Superintendent:

- Staffing numbers currently...
  - process payments 15
  - proposal control 2
  - payroll 7
  - facilities 81 (total of 5 million square feet of building space + 600 acres maintained)
  - staff 155; side note \$27K/day for food and supplies on average
  - transportation 200 (133 are drivers)
  - purchasing office 7 (1 Dir., 1 Sr.Buyer, 3 buyers, 2 bid coordinators)
  - warehouse 10
- 2011-2012 budget is \$337,461,617.00; maintenance operations \$182,669.443; debt services \$449,711,520.
- PVUSD prop taxes pay for all voter approved items; M&O, capital overrides. On overrides approved by its voters PVUSD receives approximately \$30 Million per year from tax payers.
- Major Capital: How much can the district spend? Spends what is provided by the state for facilities, currently state provides PVUSD \$0.00 for facilities. District can spend any approved by voters in bond or capital override.
- 203 million: 137.8 million facilities; 40.1 million technology; 10 million land purchase ex.north of the 101; 9.4 million furniture and equipment, 5.7 million for buses.
- In initiative/special election pamphlet; perspective not fact, anyone can write on this initiative paper, not necessarily verified or correct. (some discussion surrounding the “20-25 year debt” piece.)

Meeting adjourned 11:30 am.

Next UPC meeting: November 16, 2011 begins 9:00am

