

UPC Meeting 11/16/2011

PPES members Eileen Friedman and Yolonda Topasna.

Maricopa Department of Public Health

- Office of Preparedness and Response.
- PVUSD is a participant of Point of Dispensing (POD) where medical treatment can be received in an event of a disaster, for example a public health emergency such as a bio-terrorist attack or pandemic influenza. There are 7 schools where treatment can be received - the 5 district high schools, Greenway Middle School and Roadrunner Elementary School.
- They are looking for parent volunteers to assist in the practice and in the event of a disaster. Training will be provided - 6 hours in February. Those that are POD "members" get 1st priority on treatment.
- More information to come in January so that the information can be shared at school.
- Next POD exercise will be held at North Canyon High School on April 14, 2012.

Dr. Lee

- Bond and Override passed. The Override passed by 44 votes. We are the only district to pass on both the bond and override. Paradise Valley High School auditorium will have priority. Instruction materials will get updated.
- Good news but not out of the woods. \$38M was cut from the budget over the past 3 years. To maintain this year's budget, the district has gone into reserves which is a 1 time use only.
- Question - another Basis charter school is opening. What are we doing to get the word out of what we have to offer? We are "advertising" what we do. For example, the solar projects are of no cost to us. We will be sending home flyers before each project starts so that the parents know more about it.

Approval of last month's minutes accepted as presented

Officer's reports:

- Treasurer: Rick Barth reviewed the past months income and expenses
- Membership and Programming – Stacey Huscher encouraged the group to come to the Coffee and Conversation with the Cabinet on Dec.14, 2011 at 8:45am meet and greet, 9am business meeting and 10:15am Program with the Cabinet members at district office/East West conference room. Dr. Lee, Dr. Gasket/HR, Mr. Elliott, Dr. Sweeney and Dr. Baribault. These members have had their children go through our district schools.

Committee reports:

- Special Education – meeting at the regular location Einsteins Tatum and Shea, **their guest speaker in November was Mr. Paul Carollo who is the Clinical Coordinator for the Family Center Autism Program at Touchstone Behavioral Health, tel#623.930.8705.**

- CLN – Rick Barth reported that the RFP is out and they obtained a firm to be approved 12/1/11 by the board. There is an advisory committee to the superintendent on this task.
- Curriculum Resource Adoption – Cynthia Cypher absent; parents on this committee and not all districts have this available to them.
- Common Core Standards/Shannon Hanna Committee reported that Kindergarten grades already integrating the new core standard and will do new report card next year Fall 2012.
- School Day – Tami Taylor passed out the **Straw Model** and sought feedback from all members. Handout is attached to minutes. Students K-6 M/T/Th/Fri – 9am to 3:15pm and Wed 10am-3:15pm to accommodate PLC's (professional learning communities). Member asked why change and do Wednesdays as the late start – Tami said due to bussing and a need to pick a day. Another member asked if anyone asked other districts if they have tried something similar and nobody could answer. **NOTE: to see actual straw model from committee go to www.pvschools.net, on left side of page click on "About PVschools" then choose from dropdown "District Committees"/ School Day/ go to last entry left side at the bottom of page for "clarification of straw model" pdf.**

President's announcements;

- Shoes that Fit drive – donate new athletic shoes, gift cards or money to next UPC meeting.
- Community Ed survey – reminder to do it.
- Volunteer policy update – met w/HR and HR handling now; processes will be clarified going forward.
- Governing board study session is Dec.8, 2011; budget discussion 9am at district – see front desk for meeting room location.

Program today: Dr. Karen Gasket, Asst. Superintendent, Human Resources;

- Explained her staffing responsibilities, overseeing areas such as bargaining, employee evaluations, investigations, dismissals, retirement and all volunteers. She briefly discussed the screening process – video interview, fingerprint and background check.
- Passed out the InTASC model core teaching standards at a glance(2011).
- New teacher evaluation system (TES) – to be approved in 2013 but they all are working toward this now and ongoing.
- Her philosophy on new hires, to hire correct first time out, support with professional development and support in teaching practice and if growth then do our best to keep them.
- Member questions; how do you evaluate Special Education teachers? This is being worked on.
- Note: state tests math, science, reading, writing but not social studies.
- We are invited to HR's wellness event – Horizon High on 2/11/12 for a 5K run, walk.

Next UPC meeting Dec.14, 2011 at 9am, district office.

