

Superintendent's Student Advisory Council

January 15th, 2012 Board Meeting

Good afternoon and Happy New Year everyone. First I'd like to welcome our newly elected board members Ms. Kristel Ann Foster and Mr. Cam Juarez, congratulations. My name is Evelyn Sanchez and I'm the President of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council. I would like to give you a brief synopsis of our purpose and tell you a bit of what we do. Our main purpose has been to provide Dr. Pedicone with insight into the district from a student perspective. We discuss issues that concern us from both a site and district level. We also take on different leadership projects; most of you might be familiar with the "Be Kind" Murals that are present at every high school. These works of kindness were part of our effort to decrease bullying last year and continue to beautify our campuses in unimaginable ways. This year, "Courage to Be Kind Week" will continue but we have let each individual high school decide how they would like to approach it. Our second initiative is to bring more attention to students becoming more college and Career ready. This campaign is focusing on the achievement of underclassmen.

Our meetings are held monthly every Tuesday at a different high school and we actually just had our January meeting today at Sahuaro High School and I would like to thank Principal Sam Giangardella and Learning Support Coordinator Jessica Harris for their hospitality. We had delicious chorizo with egg, heard about the Bowdoin College experience from Bill de La Rosa the previous vice-president of SSAC, participated in a pig drawing exercise lead by Juana Moreno our vice-president which sparked some introspection about our personal leadership. We also had time to ask Dr. Pedicone about issues that affect us such as the future of UHS and school safety

We discussed the opportunity for SSAC to develop a workshop for the Youth and Peace Conference and also began the process of developing activities for this years Kindness Week in April.

Every time I have a meeting I ask the members of Tucson High SSAC what they think would make the next meeting better. This always causes me to think about the type of leader I wish to be and the types of leaders there are. I would like to find out the type of leaders you are and your personal thoughts on leadership so it would be an honor if you came to one of our meetings and provided your insight. Our next meeting will be held at Catalina High School the 12th of February from 9 to 11. Hope to see you there.

Thank you.

