

## Guests (Jan 20<sup>th</sup> meeting)

MacKinzi Blank (UHS) and parents

Sheshna Vinay (UHS) and parents

Judy Zhang [JUNG] (UHS) and parents

Dean Packard (UHS)

Lori Huggins (UHS art teacher)

Jenna Gardner & husband

Kristi Chapman & guest

Terra Bennett & guest

Anne Abbott-Gee & guest

Carina Kennedy & guest

Jessica Jaeger & guest

Liliana Muñoz & guest

Kristine Ramos & guest

Allison Richter

Kendra Citron & guest

Seth Aleshire (Pueblo Gardens Elem Principal)

Anna Schwartz-Warmbrand (Vesey Elem Principal)

Larry Haynes (or other Holladay Rep)

Robin Weldon (or other Miles Rep)

Frank Armenta (or other Cholla Rep)

Jose Olivas (or other Roskruge Rep)

Janet Jordan (or other Sam Hughes Rep)

Robin Dunbar (or other Utterback Rep)

Kristina Allen (or other Title I Rep)

Jeff Marchant [MARSHAUNT] (Rincon/UHS Band Director) and drum majors (will come in from the hallway)

Amanda Tobak (community member and 5 guests)

Venessa Morales (Doolen Principal)

Melissa Molina-Garcia (Doolen AP)

Tammy Case (Santa Rita) plus Guest

James Palacios (Santa Rita Principal)

Beth Braun Misçione [MISSEEOWN] (UHS) plus Guest

Oscar Dotson (or other Soleng Tom Rep)

Chandra Thomas (or other Robins rep)

Dan Schulter (or other Dodge rep)

While we live in the town of Bear Down and Beat ASU.. Tonight we recognize three of our students who took top spots in an Arizona State University Contest.

**MacKinzi Blank... Sheshna Vinay [Shesh-nah Vin-A].. And Judy Zhang [JUNG]** all of University High School.. Please come up... along with **Dean Packard**, their principal.

These young ladies took first, second and third place in the ASU Martin Luther King Jr Celebration Bookmark Contest in the secondary division. Their work is on the screen for you.

Mr. Packard says there were more than 14-hundred entries from students across the state!

An awards ceremony will be held on January 30<sup>th</sup> at ASU. Good job!

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Next up.. . a very long list of teachers... and that's a great thing for our district. Could our 2014 National Board Certified Teachers please come up along with their principals.

Jenna Gardner, Holladay Magnet School

Kristi Chapman, Miles Exploratory Learning Center

Terra Bennett, Pueblo Gardens Elementary School

Anne Abbott-Gee, Cholla Magnet High School

Carina Kennedy, Roskruge Bilingual Magnet

Jessica Jaeger, Sam Hughes Elementary School

Liliana Muñoz, Utterback Magnet Middle School

Kristine Ramos, Doolen Middle School

Allison Richter, Vesey Elementary School

Kendra Citron, Title 1, Grants and Federal programs

These teachers are to be commended on their hard work, dedication and perseverance.

The rigor that is a part of this national movement toward quality educational reform ensures that earning National Board Certification is a mark of distinction.

Thank you to each of you for what you do for our kids and your commitment to education!

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**Could** Jeff Marchant [MARSHAUNT] of Rincon/University High School please come up?

Mr. Marchant [MARSHAUNT] is here to introduce his drum majors, who are here to represent the 200-member band.

**(band members come in from back)**

The band placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the State Marching Championship held on November 15<sup>th</sup> at Glendale Community College. This is the highest any TUSD band has placed in division one competition since the Championships began.

Representing the band tonight are our drum majors: Seniors Eric Zheng and Hannah Bergmann, and Juniors Abbie James and Alex Windle, and our Colorguard Captains: Senior Elyse Robles, and Juniors Milena Starobinskaya and Xarlie [CHARLIE] Gutierrez.

Thanks to: our principals Cathy Comstock and Dean Packard for all their support, TUSD Board of Supervisors, Joan Ashcraft from Fine Arts and our parent group, RUMBA.

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**Next**, I would like to recognize two outstanding teachers who are among the finalists for the University of Arizona and Circle K Outstanding High School Teacher of the Year Award.

They are **Beth Braun Miscione [MISSEEOWN]** of University High School and **Tammy Case** of Santa Rita High School along with their principals.

They will be recognized at tip off at U of A basketball games. Ms. Miscione [MISSEEOWN] will be on the court on January 17, and Ms. Case's game is on Jan. 30.

The final Teacher of the Year will be announced in March. I wish them both luck and am excited to recognize them here today.

The great thing about our schools is that each one is it's own community.. it's own family unit. Today we get a glimpse into one of those families.

Late last year, tragedy struck the Doolen community when one of their students passed away suddenly. The family's tragedy was compounded by the fact they just couldn't afford a funeral.

A community member.. who just happens to also be a former Doolen student.. stepped in and helped.. covering the cost for this family. What an amazing way to show you care.

So today I recognize Ms. Amanda Tobak and her staff at Industrial Chemical of Arizona Flooring and Cleaning Supply for this and other contributions they've made to Doolen students and families. On behalf of the entire TUSD family, Doolen's principal and staff---we thank you.

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Every month, we recognize the schools that had the best attendance percentage. This is part of our attendance awareness campaign. Attending classes is incredibly important for student achievement, and I'm always happy to recognize schools that are succeeding in the area of attendance.

The first place winners have the honor of flying a special attendance flag on their flagpoles.

So here are the winners for December:

For elementary schools, congratulations to **Soleng Tom**.

For K-8, I'd like to congratulate **Robins**!

For middle schools, the first-place winner is **Dodge**.

And for high schools, the winner is **University High School**.

Keep up the great work!