

Meeting Summary SCPC

School Community Partnership Council – District Council General Meeting

Date: October 26, 2015

Location: Tucson High Magnet School Cafeteria, 400 N. 2nd Ave

Call to Order: Michelle Simon at 6:02 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Michelle Simon (Moderator)

Attendance: Michelle Simon (Moderator), Joan Dawson-Werner (Secretary), Kristen Bury (School Board Liaison), Eugene Butler Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, Teresa Guerrero, Title 1, Dr. Kristina Allen, Ed.D. Title 1 Director, Designated SCPC representatives (see attendance record).

1. District Update, Eugene Butler Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Student Services

- Update from Arizona Department of Education: They overturned Arizona Common Core Standards this morning voting 6-2.
- Last week October 19th AZ Merit at Duffy: Military parents wanted information about state testing.
- September was Library Awareness month. A major campaign between the Tucson Public Library and TUSD that helped 3739 students signed up for library cards.
- Stories that Sore from Literacy Connects was at Wakefield last week with local student's works performed.
- October 28th Tucson High Magnet School Open House
- October 29th Governor to be at Duffy Center to address education. 10 am -2 pm open to public and 2:30-5:30 pm full council session.
- Steps to Success, a program aimed at bringing students who dropped out of high school back to school. In the past two years they have brought back over 200 students and 31 have graduated so far. January will be Steps to Success 5.0

2. Presentations:

Expect More Arizona: Selena Llamas

- Statewide nonpartisan organization dedicated to ensuring every child has access to a world-class education from the early years through college and career.
- Move parents to vote and take action for better education
- 140+ partnerships throughout Arizona
- They will do presentation to any parent group
- Website: <http://www.expectmorearizona.org>

Enroll America: Damian Alzua

- Health Insurance Marketplace for those who do not have health insurance.
- To see who is eligible, how to enroll and what the benefits are visit the website www.coveraz.org/connector
- For questions contact Damian at Dalzua@enrollamerica.org

TUSD Title 1: Teresa Guerrero and Dr. Kristina Allen, Ed.D.

- What is Title 1? Title 1 is the nation's oldest and largest federally funded program dating back to 1965 providing schools money for students at risk of failure and living at or near poverty.

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- How many Title 1 schools are in TUSD? 80
- How are schools identified as Title 1? Schools qualify for Title 1 services based on percentage of students in school who are eligible for free or reduced price meals.
- What is the difference between school wide and targeted assisted Title 1 schools?
Schoolwide: Funds are used to upgrade educational systems at the school, benefiting all students and families. Title 1 resources may be used to serve any low achieving student in the school. School must write a Continuous Improvement Plan to improve the reading and/or math achievement of their most at risk students. Targeted Assisted: All schools begin as Title 1 Targeted Assisted Schools. Title 1 resources may be used only to serve eligible targeted students and their families. School must write a Continuous Improvement Plan to improve the reading and/or math achievement of their most at risk students.

3. Revisited last meetings Mission, vision and group goals and Site Priorities: Michelle Simon Moderator

- **What school sits say need to be changed:**
- Parent Participation
- Recognition for parents and students for being involved.
- Lack of school materials/textbooks
- Transportation
- Communication from Administration
- Not enough personnel in the front office of schools.
- AP classes not available to all
- Is 27:1 Student/ teacher ratio really happening (not seen in some school classrooms-middle school)
- Borman community concerned about becoming K-8.
- More focus on OMA, diversity, and parent involvement.
- Retaining teachers
- Student Discipline policy not being followed appears to be open to individual school interpretation.
- Why are community members who are willing to offer services (such as karate) to our children at their schools for a minimal cost being charged to use the facility (gym, etc)
- Concern over the possible move of 7th and 8th grades from Magee to Sabino High School
- Some hard of hearing students going without services because there are not enough to serve all.
- Filed trip packet for teachers has become very long and requires permission slips be turned in far in advance of field trip.
- Students being charged \$3.00 for free field trips (Drachman)
- Why is the district not recruiting form the long-term sub pool? They should help those that want to become certified teachers. (A long-term sub who is a certified teacher said she has seen the district try and do this within the sub pool from certified teachers).
- There continues to be NO library funding. One member of SCPC said it would only cost \$420,000 to fund every library in TUSD.
- Why has there been a reduction in Title 1 funds for family engagement?
- Some schools have facilities issues such as paint chipping, bugs, rodents in basements, plumbing problems, not enough janitorial staff, etc.

Reviewed Group vision, mission and goals.

One major question:

How are we going to get answers back from the governing board?

What is the mechanism for feedback?

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Major concern: How do we get more people to come to the SCPC meetings?
Chamber of commerce's (we have many here in Tucson)
Talk to people personally

IB Diploma questions can contact Katherine Jensen at Cholla High School.

Next Meeting is about legislative advocacy. How to advocate to change education in the State of Arizona.

Decembers meeting will have Advanced learning in TUSD.

Our next meeting location Tucson Magnet High School Cafeteria on November 16, 2015

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 PM (Michelle Simon)

Summary prepared by: Joan Dawson-Werner 11/3/2015

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