

Superintendent's Student Advisory Council Report February 9, 2016

Good evening,

Our last meeting took place Monday, January 25 at Catalina Magnet High School. Mr. Hicks was present as well as Dr. Sanchez, who thanked the members of the council who participated in a focus group that met a few weeks ago to discuss discipline in high schools. Mr. Sam Brown, part of legal counsel for TUSD, was also at the meeting to discuss the TUSD's desegregation order. Many students and members of our district are unaware of the full extent of this court order, so SSAC members had the opportunity to learn about its history, its role in the district, and its future impact.

In preparation for our next service project, Dr. Anne Dudley, the principal of our Teenage Parent High School, gave a presentation on TAP and its helping TUSD's parent students. Now through March 14, all high schools will be hosting a baby items drive. If you have any diapers, bottles, formula, wipes, and gently-used toys, socks, shoes, or clothing for babies 0-3 years old, I encourage you to bring it to your local high school and ask to donate it. Excess donations will be given to the Southern Arizona Community Diaper Bank. Each high school is competing for who can make the largest donation, so please, help out your local school, your parent high school, and your overall district and community! Keep an eye out around the district for fliers with more information and I thank everyone in advance for participating. SSAC looks forward to making this a huge success. In addition, the district will be hosting the annual Kindness Week from March 7-11. More information about that will be available by our next meeting, set to take place Monday, February 15 at Manzo Elementary School from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This will be SSAC's first meeting at an elementary school as part of its efforts to represent the district as a whole.

As you can see, SSAC is taking on big projects and discussions this semester and expanding its presence in TUSD. I am very excited to see where our service and advocacy will take us.

Thank you.
Michelle Howard
SSAC President
2015-2016 School Year