

Tucson Unified Community Council (formerly SCPC)

Year End Report 2017-2018

Restructure and Name Change

- Restructured Community Council meetings toward a community engagement model and initiated a Community Forum +Plus Council Meeting format.
- Location and calendar were changed based on stakeholder input: community forums are held at Catalina High School the first Wednesday of the academic calendar when school is in session, September through May.
- Community Council Planning meetings are held bi-monthly on the Thursday following the Community Forum +Plus Council Meeting.
- Created a Facebook Page for the Tucson Unified Community Council and coordinated with the Communications Department to joint share events and posts.
- New Name: Council discussed and voted to change the name to Tucson Unified Community Council in order to rebrand the council and to move away from the use of unfamiliar acronyms.
- The Community Council focus and values: Community Engagement, Continual Improvement, and Capacity Building; student leadership development, community partnerships, and equity. These will be integrated into the revised bylaws scheduled to be reviewed in 2018-2019.
- Held an interdepartmental meeting with Tucson Unified Superintendent, Governing Board, Employee Relations, and Communications department in January. Discussed increasing interdepartmental meetings to 3x/year for the upcoming 2018-19 calendar. These will need to be scheduled for mid-August, January, and April or May.

Activities

- Facilitated Community Forum +Plus Council Meetings in October, November, December, January, March, April.
- Hosted the first annual March for Education in correspondence with the UA Festival of Books, March 10, at 10 am at 1010 E 10th: over 60 participants, including Board Members Kristel Ann Foster and Adelita Grijalva in attendance.
- Community Council Board Member Participation during the 2017-2018 Academic Year: Kristel Ann Foster, Adelita Grijalva, Mike Hicks, and Mark Stegeman.
- Community Forum in April included the GSRR presentation and invitation to public to provide feedback. Feedback was submitted to Michael Konrad.
- Community Council Liaison attendance at the GSRR Town Hall hosted by the TUSD Governing Board.

- Attended the Annual Sports Physical Day at Catalina High School for community engagement and publicity.
- Collaborated with Catalina High School Culinary Arts as a school program/student spotlight.

Strengths

- Worked collaboratively with the District Administration and Communications Department to coordinate Community Forums including topics, presenters, facilities, interpreters, and childcare services.
- Improved attendance consistently throughout the year. Ending Community Forum +Plus Council meeting attendance was 6x higher than past several years in March and April, typically when attendance dropped off to less than ten.
- Facilitated Community Forums, open to public, based on current topics and feedback from the attendees/stakeholders at previous forums and planning meetings. Board and District Leadership request for community engagement and feedback.
- Hosted public events such as the Community Forums and March for Education.
- Stakeholder Representation: Attendance included certified and classified, administration, board members, nonprofit organizations, media/press, students, parents, and community members.

Areas of Improvement for 2018-2019

- Increased partnership and collaboration with Board Members as a Community Council of the Board.
- Work with Communications Department and the District's master calendar events for planning.
- Increase publicity and knowledge about the Community Council as an opportunity for community members, board members, students, and employees to engage in developing effective strategies collaboratively.
- Develop a format to report relevant Community Council data, gather community feedback via surveys and comments from stakeholders.
- Revisit the former legislative, curriculum, and budget/finance standing committees which were a part of the School Community Partnership Council former structure and active until approximately 18 years ago (according to historic Council Bylaws changed in 2013-2014).
- Revise Community Council Bylaws.
- Integrate Student Leadership into Community Council
- Request Board Member and District Administration participation, collaboration with Community Council for welcome, coordination, planning, and agenda. This is similar to the 'site-council' facilitator model implemented within the schools. The Community Council serves the role of facilitator for the Community Forum yet collaborates with the Board and District in a partnership stakeholder engagement model.

Upcoming Events 2018-2019

- Community Council Kickoff & First Community Forum +Plus Council Meeting: Wednesday, September 5th.
- Education Town Hall with Mayor Rothschild: date tentatively September 19th, location and agenda TBD; will include the state legislative property tax targeting Tucson Unified.
- Tucson Unified School Board Candidate Panel Discussion: Wednesday, October 3rd at Catalina High School.
- Festival of Students & March for Education: Saturday, March 2, 2019 (in correspondence with the Festival of Books 2019 event).

Community Forum +Plus Meetings for 2018-2019

Catalina High School Auditorium or Library, 6 – 8 pm

First Wednesday of the Academic Calendar

2018

Wednesday, September 5

Wednesday, October 3

Wednesday, November 7

Wednesday, December 5

2019

Wednesday, January 9

Wednesday, February 6

Wednesday, March 6

Wednesday, April 3

Wednesday, May 1