

Superintendent's Report 10.14.14

For the Superintendent's Report tonight the Board and I would like to begin by recognizing a great group of students at Tucson High and some wonderful volunteers in the community.

According to Tucson High Principal, Dr. Karyle Green, "The Tucson High marching band parent boosters operate a concession stand on the visitor side of the football field. The existing building had been there for at least 15 years. The structure was dilapidated and the wood was rotting even, though through the years, parent volunteers made every effort to repair the building. The building didn't have electricity or water. Concessions sold by parents at football games and other events account for a third of the Band Booster budget with all funds directly benefiting the band programs at Tucson High."

For two years, George Sabin, the lead concession parent volunteer, complained about the condition of the building. His son, Eric, saw this as a community project opportunity.

Eric Sabin organized and helped to build a concessions stand for Tucson High and the Boosters as an Eagle Scout service project.

Eric Sabin is a senior at Tucson high and a trumpet player in the Tucson High Marching 100. Eric is also an Eagle Scout. One of the primary purposes of the Eagle Scouts is to help other people at all times and to demonstrate and develop leadership skills in a service project helpful to an organization within their community. After it was approved by district administration, Eric designed the structure, recruited volunteers and solicited donations from local businesses.

The new concession stand is currently in use and has access to both electricity and water. Not only are the parent volunteers happier but it also improves the aesthetics of the Tucson High football field.

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We would like to recognize **Eric Sabin and his co-band members, Brandon Rivera and Nolan Veneklasen** with certificates and also acknowledge the dedication, donations of time, material and services from the following people:

Mr. Christopher Anderson

Mr. George Apalategui

Mr. Rafael Gallego

Knights of Columbus

Mr. Daniel Barney-Manager, Lowe's, Valencia branch

Mr. David Luna

Mr. Gabriel Parra

Mr. George Sabin

Mr. Bob Templeton

THMS Band Boosters

Mr. Tom Veneklasen

Mr. Jorge Zepeda

Thanks, to all who took that extra step to benefit the school and future students and parents!

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Next I feel it is important that we recognize the Technology Services staff members who played key roles in moving the **District's datacenter** to a new collocation facility. This complex and risky project went so quickly and smoothly that users had no idea.

I would like our **Chief Technology Officer, Damon Jackson**, to join me as we call up current TUSD TS employees:

Rabih Hamadeh

Paul Marcek

Todd Allen

Tobin Jeffery

Jim Keown (unable to attend)

Scott Wilging (unable to attend)

Wes Babcock

These staff members implemented a new virtual server environment, new security solutions with no interruption to service and they are currently in the process of implementing Office 365.

I would like Damon to speak to the difficulty and incredible skill it took to process this with no down time for district data users.

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We would now like to discuss the **Natural Power and Energy award the District has received from Arizona Forward for our solar generation project.**

I would like to call forward **Stuart Duncan, Tina Cook, James Baker** and **Marcus Jones**, who would like to present the award to the Board.

The project involved installing solar photovoltaic at 43 sites around the District at no incurred up-front cost, to reduce electrical costs, and incur no maintenance and operations costs for the life of the project.

The project is a 20-year Solar Service Agreement (SSA) with no escalation factor for the term of the contract. This is the FIRST SSA with no local utility (TEP) incentives.

At more than 11 megawatts, TUSD's groundbreaking solar generation project is the largest distributed school solar project in the nation without utility incentives. It represents TUSD's commitment to renewable energy, reducing our carbon footprint, saving money and serving as a model of environmental stewardship to students and other school districts.

The project will ultimately supply about 80 percent of the electricity needed at each site, save an estimated \$170,000 in energy costs in its first year, and save more than 11 million over the 20-year term.

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Finally, tonight, I would like to call forward our **Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Karla Soto**, to discuss the budget.