

# Meeting Summary SCPC

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## School Community Partnership Council – General Meeting

**Date:** 9/15/14

**Location:** Tucson High Magnet School Cafeteria, 400 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

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**Call to Order:** Michelle Simon, 6:03pm

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Michelle Simon

**Attendance:** Michelle Simon (Moderator), Dr. HT Sanchez (TUSD Superintendent), Dr. Adrian Vega (Deputy Superintendent-Teaching and Learning), Steven Holmes (Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction), Ana Gallegos (Assistant Superintendent of Elementary and K-8 Leadership), Dr. Abel Morado (Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Leadership), Eugene Butler, Jr. (Assistant Superintendent of Student Services), Anna Maiden (Chief Human Resource Officer), Damon Jackson (Chief technology Officer), Karla Soto (Chief Financial Officer), Scott Morrison (Director of Project Management), Dr. Maria Figueroa (Director, Mexican American Student Services), Joan Dawson-Werner (Secretary), Kristen Bury (School Board Liaison), Adelita Grijalva (President of TUSD Governing Board) Mark Stegeman (School Board Member), Designated SCPC representatives (see attendance record).

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### 1. Introduction of District Personnel, Eugene Butler Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Student Services

- **Dr. HT Sanchez, TUSD Superintendent:** Welcomed everyone to the group. Introduced his Superintendent's Leadership Team (SLT).
  - Dr. Adrian Vega (Deputy Superintendent-Teaching and Learning)
  - Steven Holmes (Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction),
  - Ana Gallegos (Assistant Superintendent of Elementary and K-8 Leadership),
  - Dr. Abel Morado (Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Leadership),
  - Eugene Butler, Jr. (Assistant Superintendent of Student Services),
  - Anna Maiden (Chief Human Resource Officer),
  - Damon Jackson (Chief technology Officer),
  - Karla Soto (Chief Financial Officer),
  - Scott Morrison (Director of Project Management),
  - Dr. Maria Figueroa (Director, Mexican American Student Services)
  - Stewart Duncan (Chief Operations Officer)-Not present because he is prepping for the expected storms.
- Dr. Sanchez touched on the following points:
  - This is the first time in 147 years that TUSD has had a 5-year Strategic plan. This plan helps to know where we are going and what the priorities are and how to achieve them. The new curriculum covers the standards and was created by TUSD teachers. This was rolled into the strategic plan. The first report of the plan activities is on September 27 at Duffy.

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- \$4.4 million from the budget was used to fix student teacher ratios. Still have to work on this, but we have started. There will be no layoffs this year.
- We have talked about what to do with closed schools. We reopened Schumaker and Brichta Schools as Early Learning Centers. Our goal is 150 children at each site. Currently there are 160 at Schumaker. It is first for TUSD employees then it was opened to the community with discounts given to military personnel, U of A and other governmental agencies. The focus of these centers is to prepare children for kindergarten and beyond.
- New software is coming which will decrease the 41 days it takes to hire a teacher to about 7 days. It will allow more transparency of financial reports.
- **Adelita Grijalva, TUSD Governing Board President:** Welcomed everyone and spoke of the importance of this group and the two communications between the School Board and SCPC. She emphasized that the school board does hear what SCPS is saying. She also thanked everyone on attendance.

Michelle Simon thanked TUSD Administration and Ms. Grijalva for being Champions for education of our children.

## **2. SCPC Orientation of New Members, Michelle Simon, SCPC Moderator.**

- Michelle introduced herself, Joan Dawson-Werner, Secretary and Kristen Bury, Board Liaison. Co-Moderator, Bonnie Klahr not present due to family emergency.
- SCPC is all about conversations, what do we want to do to help our district help our children (See Attachment 1: PowerPoint).
  - Who are we? School Community Partnership Council (SCPC) is an advisory committee to the TUSD School Board. It was established in 1973 to increase communication between school sites, the district office, and the school board.
  - What are we? A resource for information and a discussion group for topics important to the group.
  - When do we meet? General meetings are held monthly. Planning meetings are held at the discretion of the executive committee. All meetings general or planning are open to the public (everyone). With begin at 6 pm and end promptly at 7:45 pm unless consensus of the group agrees to a longer meeting based on the subject matter on the agenda.
  - Where do we meet? We currently meet for general meetings at Tucson Magnet High School. Planning meeting are usually held at the TUSD main office, room TBD.
  - Why? SCPC is a platform for increased communication between the community and the school board and district. SCPC is the conduit for continued communication.
  - How to do we do it? Issues+solutions = recommendations. We have a positive focus with constructive feedback being respectful of others. We

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come to decisions by group consensus. This group is not a platform to address personal issues.

- Duties of SCPC representatives:
  - Come to general meetings
  - Get as much information as you can from the meetings and take that information back to your sites. Get information from you site and bring that to the group.
  - There are always topics of discussions see monthly agenda for topics and speakers.
  - The more student involvement the better the conversation.
- SCPS Website information. We have been added to the parents page <http://tusd1.org/parents.html> as well as the community page <http://tusd1.org/community.html>
- SCPS Website: <http://tusd1.org/contents/distinfo/scpc/index.asp>

### 3. Discussion of Priority Topics:

**Notes:** Breakout sessions occurred with members in each area of town grouping to prioritize their top 5 topics of discussion for the upcoming school year (See Attachment 2: Priority List). The group will finalize the topics of discussion at the upcoming SCPC meeting in October.

### 4. Discussion of Proposed Bylaws:

**Notes:** Proposed changes to the SCPC Bylaws were established during the August planning meeting. Copies of the bylaws changes were given out to members. Members were asked to review and send in feedback/suggestions for additional changes to Michelle Simon. The group input will be reviewed at next SCPC meeting. The proposed changes reflect the current functioning of SCPC as a unified group.

Next General Meeting: October 20, 2014 in the Tucson High Magnet School Cafeteria

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:50pm (Michelle Simon)**

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**Summary Approved:** MS, 9/28/2014