

## School Community Partnership Council:

### Board of Governors Report for October 24, 2017

The School Community Partnership Council has undergone several changes since the change in Superintendent Leadership last spring. There was a sudden resignation of the moderator, Michelle Simon, and Joan Dawson-Werner, the Secretary. During the process to remove Dr. Sanchez, Superintendent, the SCPC Meetings were rescheduled to align with Board meeting dates or they were cancelled at the last minute without the cancellation being posted on the Tucson Unified website, nor communicated to the School Representatives, or Executive Council Officers, Kristen Bury and Trinidad Tester. There was a final meeting scheduled at the end of the 2016-2017 school year, however, it was minimally attended. Reporting from the District Leadership and SCPC Executive Officers: Dr. Trujillo, the Interim Superintendent, and Dr. Morado, and SCPC Officers, Kristen Bury and Trinidad Tester. At the meeting, there was a roundtable discussion looking at some of the feedback and effectiveness of the current structure, continual improvement throughout the district, and the need to create a community engagement model for the 2017-2018 academic year.

SCPC is in a transition phase. The SCPC Executive Officers, Trini Tester and Kristen Bury, met with District Leadership in August, 2017, to discuss the partnership and leadership between the District and SCPC. The new format for the SCPC will focus on community engagement, continual improvement, and capacity building. Future meetings will be held at Catalina High School, the first Wednesday of the academic calendar, at 6 p.m. The 2017-2018 meeting schedule is provided in this report. The school representatives were not in place as of that date due to the leadership change and the absence of a communication plan between the Board, the District, and SCPC. This glitch is being addressed. The SCPC Executive Officers are requesting a meeting with the School Board President, Mike Hicks, to discuss the new model and to address the communication plan between the Board and SCPC.

October Meeting Overview: The first meeting was held October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at Catalina Magnet High School. The agenda for the October meeting is attached for your review. At the meeting, the new community engagement model with an emphasis on continual improvement and special committees were introduced. The Tucson Unified website was displayed to show the attendees where to find SCPC and the Bylaws on the website. The item of the Arizona Department of Education School Grading model was the topic of the night and it was decided that District Leadership would present the school grading model, school grades, and the District plan, at the next meeting. Future meetings will be transitioned into a Community Forum +Plus Community Council model, whereas stakeholders will be invited via parent link, the intranet, website, and through school communications. The SCPC will facilitate the Community Forum, and then it will invite the Community Forum attendees to stay for the remaining SCPC meeting and agenda items and special committees as an option, following the Community Forum. There will also be a focus on integrating school showcase and student achievement within the future structure of the meetings. Programs such as the culinary arts, Mariachi, and the Student Advisory Council, will have a chance to showcase or present at future meetings. Last, we discussed creating a

proactive communication model with the Board that adds significant Board decision items to the SCPC agenda in order to seek community feedback and engagement. We look forward to working with you during this transitional year and strengthening our partnership and community engagement model.