

# Meeting Summary SCPC

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## School Community Partnership Council – District Council General Meeting

**Date:** October 17, 2016

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

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**Call to Order:** Michelle Simon, 6:05pm

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Michelle Simon

**Attendance:** Michelle Simon (Moderator), Dr. Abel Morado (Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Leadership), Trinidad Tester (Co-Moderator) Kristen Bury (School Board Liaison), Adelita Grijalva (School Board President), see attendance record for additional attendees.

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### 1. Welcome and Introductions, Michelle Simon, SCPC Moderator

### 2. District Report, Dr. Abel Morado, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Leadership

- Return from fall break and the second quarter is underway. Administration is reviewing what has happened during the first quarter: discipline, suspensions, USP data comparison, grades and student achievement.
- Systemic review of grades by a central committee at all levels. This committee involves principals and administrators.
- Synergy is a dynamic project and we are continually working on it.
- The upcoming election is important to the community and whoever can vote, should vote.
- Please feel free to ask questions throughout the meeting.
- Adelita Grijalva provided a brief update about Board activities:
  - School Board was mandated by the Attorney General to have a training related to open meeting law. This training will occur after the election.
  - They have asked the Board to have a community-wide conversation about open meeting law.

### 3. Review of Priority Topics and Breakout Sessions

- Explanation of what occurred at September's meeting and why the discussion of priority topics is important to the group as a whole.
- Brainstorming session occurred in order to begin the process.
- Technology questions and comments were addressed with the TUSD Chief Information Officer, Scott Morrison about Synergy. Office managers should be receiving training on Synergy and principals should be notifying staff about the onsite training to happen.
- Review of September summary with categories of topics discussed during the meeting.
- The categories had comments as follows:
  - Discipline/PBIS-15
  - Food Service-12
  - Curriculum-21
  - Transportation-10
  - Technology-12
  - Safety-9
  - Budget-8
  - Communication-19
  - Family/Family Resources-15
  - Facilities-12
  - Administration-18
  - Teachers-17

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- Discussion of how topics were categorized and what this means for the breakout session
- Breakout groups will work together to identify the top 10 topics to address as a group for the remainder of the year.
  - Goal: gather information about the topics, return to the school sites with the information in order to gather feedback and bring it back to the SCPC meetings
  - Group consensus of the top 10 topics and then we will come together to find the common theme and identify 5 priorities that will be the focus for SCPC

## 4. Results of Breakout Session:

### Group 1

- Teachers: enough to fill positions at better rate of pay, equitable
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Curriculum
- Discipline: uniform structure, following stated consequences
- Communication: overall transparency; district, school, teacher, parent, students
- Budget: clear & effective understanding of monetary inputs/outputs (how it is spent)
- Safety: Better trained monitors
- Fair Pay for All non-teaching staff: i.e. nurses, counselors, coaches, T.A.'s – Teacher Assistants, office, etc...
- Food Service: healthy and allergy friendly choices
- Increase Enrollment through community outreach/partnerships
- Bond for Facilities upgrade

### Group 2

- Curriculum: appropriate alignment & instruction of standards
- Discipline/PBIS: policies & consequences should be consistent
- Technology: bandwidth is outdated & not enough technology equipment; improvement on technology support
- Safety: students should feel safe at all times
- Communication: more effective communication all around; improve Synergy
- Teachers: accountability, PLC's, MTSS, Dibles, Common Core
- Family Resources: advertise, all school community events/programs
- Food Services
- Transportation: communication, very long rides, monitors (not all buses have them), every bus should have seat belts
- Facilities: improvements sooner than later

### Group 3

- Curriculum: pacing, scope & sequence of math, ELA – English Language Arts, Science, Social Studies; too many assessments
- Communication: Every school site needs a Community Liaison/Family Liaison; chain of command – district – schools – parents streamlined so accurate information moves from district to parent
- Food Services: parents are not notified in a timely manner that students are not receiving lunches or are out of money in their account; Free or Reduced lunches; too long for lunch lines/processes
- Facility: heating, cooling; portables
- Discipline: making sure district leadership supports
- Technology: lack of technology; too much at one school
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- Teachers: professional development; Administration; discretionary funds (to reward??); 301 Money ???; teacher & substitute shortage; Special Education, Math, Science
- Fine Arts: OMA, more extracurricular

## **Group 4**

- Curriculum: assessments, formatives, standardized, too many & starts too early
- Health & Food Resources for Families
- Discipline: teacher support, not enough monitors, PBIS training
- Teacher Shortage & Lack of Substitutes: larger classes, increased teacher responsibilities, lack of autonomy, and agency specialists such as PE teachers
- Parent/Family Engagement & Support: communication
- Finance: slow turn around within district purchasing, etc.
- Facilities: repairs & updates as needed

## **Group 5**

- Family & Food Resources: hunger in schools, waste in schools, best practices & community resources
- Finding ways to Save Energy: single pane windows, facilities, save \$\$\$\$ , budget/finance
- Discipline/PBIS: tardiness & absence accountability & program (how to discipline/help improve attendance)
- Transportation: checklists, family help; improve coordination & communication
- Safety – transportation
- Communication

## **4. Report Back and Discussion:**

### **Entire Group Consensus:**

The top 5 topics determined by the group:

1. Curriculum
2. Teachers
3. Safety-school sites/transportation
4. Facilities
5. Family Resources-Food Services

Scheduling of future meetings will include presentations from TUSD departments to address these topics. SCPC members are encouraged to form committees around the priority topics we have identified as a group.

Question: Volunteers-fingerprint clearance requirements and communication related to the process. Dr. Morado will bring back specific information about the process for all members at November meeting.

Next General Meeting: November 21, 2016 in the Tucson High Magnet School Cafeteria

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

**Summary prepared by:** Michelle Simon, 11/5/2016