

SPC General Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2009

- The meeting was called to order by SPC President, Christine Roadifer.
- Updates were given on the Superintendent search.
- Please check the SUSD website for a place to give suggestions on the budget. Where can we cut to make up for the expected \$26 Million in budget cuts to the SUSD. Please give any feedback you have here.
- Joe Yuhas, of Solutions Through Higher Education gave a presentation on the Long Term effects of cutting Higher Education, or the University level. Cuts made here will affect the workforce for many years to come. The United States already lags behind many other countries in math and science in the Universities. Currently, many companies recruit outside of the US for Advanced Degreeed personnel, and it will only get worse if cuts are made to Higher Education. The US will have a lack of Doctors, Dentists, Engineers and more if this trend continues. See their website:
<http://www.highereducationsolution.com/>
- Francesca Thomas, SPC Legislative Liaison reported on the State of the Budget Crisis. She said we, as parents, must pack Hearing Rooms when bills for Education are being heard. Please write letters to the Governor regarding education issues. Please be respectful and brief. We don't know what impact the budget cuts will have on the district until the Legislature approves a budget.
- Co-Interim Superintendents Katy Kavanaugh and David Peterson discussed the timeline in which cuts and notifications will be made throughout the district for both the midyear cuts announced by the legislature, and preparing for anticipated cuts for the 09-10 year.