

Scottsdale Parent Council General Meeting  
Wednesday September 26th, 2018  
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Meeting Minutes

Meeting was brought to order by Co-Presidents Nikki Territo and Karen Gifford at 9:30a.m.

- ❖ Welcome by Co-President Nikki Territo and Karen Gifford,

Nikki announced that the meeting was being videotaped by Edmond Richard

- ❖ A General explanation of the re-launch of Scottsdale Parent Council was given. A special committee was appointed by outgoing President Mike Peabody to relaunch SPC and to update its Bylaws. The special committee members that were present and introduced included:

Co-President Nikki Territo

Co-President Karen Gifford

Secretary- Maryann McAllen

Members at large:

Wendy Clifford

Susan Hughes

Jan Voelkel

Lara Palles

Lisa Kanarish

Michael Lucero

Calvin Lowrie

- ❖ After introductions Co-Presidents did a short informational presentation explaining our Purpose Statement and goals. (Presentation is on the Scottsdale Parent Council website).
- ❖ Co-President Nikki Territo introduced our guest speakers from: AZ Ed 101. Presenters were Margo Ingram, Emily, and Becky. (The Presentation will be posted to the SPC website)  
The Presentation was a Non-partisan explanation of the State of Arizona's Education funding process.  
The presentation was exceptional and very informative.

- ❖ Introduction of Dr. Kriekard, who gave brief comments on the re-launch of SPC and how encouraged he was to have this active and valuable organization back in place.
  - Dr. Kriekard explained that a healthy and vibrant school district includes 3 things:
  - A. Students should be treated with respect
  - B. Teachers should be treated with respect and as professionals in their field.
  - C. Parents treated with respect and as partners in the education of their students.
  
- ❖ Dr. Kriekard introduced his leadership team that was present:
  - Dr. Ibi Haghghat, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education
  - Dr. Milissa Sackos, Assistant Superintendaent of Secondary Education
  - Michelle Marshall, General Counsel
  - Amy Bolton, PIO
  - School Board members Allyson Beckham and Sandi Kravitz
  
- ❖ Dr. Kriekard gave an update on the search for a Superintendent.
  - The Board chose firm of MacPherson and Jacobson to consult on the process and they will do Community outreach forums and online input for all who want to have input on the process. The finalists will be looked at after the 1st of the new year and new Board Members will be able to sit in on the process as well as a few Community Leaders (ie Charros, Chamber or City).
  
- ❖ Dr. Kriekard gave a summary of a meeting he had attended earlier in the morning about school safety and the state of our District's preparedness. He said the meeting was with
  - James Doer, Security officer, Milissa Sackos and Amy Bolton, PIO
  
- ❖ Q & A for Dr. Kriekard from the Group:
  - Michelle Woodard (Arcadia Complex) asked about School Security and wanted to know when new updates would be made as well as training for Volunteers on the front lines.
    - Dr. Kriekard: assured her that staff is very well trained and that panic buttons were installed and he would check on the rest of her concerns.
  - Katarina Purvase (Navajo PTO) wanted to invite everyone to their Open House on Thursday 9/27, 2018 and she also thanked everyone for their help and donations. She said continued support is still needed and appreciated.
  - Sandi Kravitz: School Board, assured everyone that the process for the search for a superintendent will be open and transparent.
  - Gina Larson (Saguaro Complex) voiced her concerns about the EVIT buses leaving and arriving with no staff on campus during those times and asked that Dr. Kriekard look into that. He said he would.
  - Susan Hughes (Saguaro and Desert Mountain complexes) voiced her concerns that newly elected Board members be a part of the process in the search for the new superintendent. Dr. Kriekard and the school board members both assured her that it was a part of the plan to have them involved.

- Susan Spear (Arcadia complex) urged that the community meetings be widely advertised so all will have input.
- Krisse Kelly (Laguna) was very interested in and urged Dr. Kriekard to have a SRO on all campuses at all times. She asked how they are funded
  - Dr. Kriekard explained that the City of Scottsdale pays for 20% and the district pays 80% for SRO's.
- Michelle Williamson (Arcadia) also voiced the importance of Community Input into the SI search.
- Wendy Clifford (Chap. Complex and Mesa teacher) explained that the Mesa Schools videoed the interviews for public viewing for their SI.
- Jan Voelkel (Chap.) voiced a very large concern in her community is the importance of Mental Health on Campuses. We do not have enough Psychologists available for our students to help them.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35am.