



Meeting Agenda

Scottsdale Parent Council

February 27, 2019; 9:30 am

Location: Mohave District Annex, Room D

8500 E. Jackrabbit Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85250

Attendees: Allyson Beckham, Wendy Clifford, Kathryn Paulson, Patty Beckman, Veronica Luper, Mark Steinbeck, Virginia McGregor, Katarina Pavese, Jessica Rosas, Jill Lassen, Dave May, Mia Gregor, Laneya McCullough, Grace Stombres, Rose Smith, Mark Greenburg, Kris's Wagner, Dante Hopkins, Richelle Hopkins, Ann Wurth, Shalie Elbert, Danita Shumard, Lori Porter, Jenny Koelsch, Amy Mariucci, Jennifer Palmer, Lilach Keren, Jane Trapp, Susie Ning, Laura Weeshoff, Katy Campinini, Michelle Brierton, Kate Gookin, Sandy Kravetz, Maryann McAllen, Jann-Michael Greenburg

1. Welcome and Call to Order, SPC Co-President, Nikki Territo and Karen Gifford, SPC Co-Presidents **meeting called to order by Karen at 9:33**
 - a. Reminder to submit any questions for Dr. Kriekard
 - b. Approve minutes from January 30, 2019 **move to approve minutes by Lara, Wendy second, unanimously approved**
2. Treasurer's Report, Lara Palles **brief Treasurer's report provided by Lara, one new personal donation, one new member school donation since last month. 1425.79 collected so far this year in total.**
3. Committee Reports
 - a. Sponsorship and Fundraising
 - i. Introduction of new Chair, Phil Ramos **Nikki introduced Phil. Phil spoke about his background. He moved here with his family from Philadelphia several years ago. He served as a volunteer firefighter for many years and was an active member of their nonprofit board for 15 years, 8 years as president. He also has experience working with Hope Kids and PTOs. He discussed the importance of fundraising and encouraged all SPC members to reach out with any ideas. He is planning on sending out surveys soon to get member input. He reviewed our immediate fundraising needs including purchasing liability insurance, filing for 501c3, and annual operating costs.**
 - b. Membership, Brehan King
 - i. Welcome and introductions: New School Representative Members **Brehan briefly reviewed new SPC reps, encouraged members to contact bking@scottsdaleparentcouncil with questions or to arrange visit to school parent groups.**
 - c. Communications, Lara Shemen
 - d. Emergency Preparedness, Calvin Lowrie **looking for more committee members, next SPC general meeting will have James Dorer, SUSD Security**



- e. Exceptional Student Services, Wendy Clifford **Wendy reviewed committee's progress. Recent meeting with Margaret Rehberg. Looking for more parents to join. At committee meeting they developed areas of focus including student safety, post-secondary planning, 2E students (gifted and exceptional students), and parent buddy program. Transition Fair is tonight at Coronado HS.**
 - f. Curriculum and Instruction, Nikki Territo **committee recently had first meeting**
 - g. Excellence and Inclusion, Jan Voelkel or Susan Hughes **looking for additional committee members to address issues throughout district**
 - h. Legislative, Lisa Kanarish **all bills to be heard by house and senate this Friday. Join the SPC legislative FB page to follow**
 - i. Gifted Education, Karen Gifford **had first meeting recently to discuss goals, mission, and vision. SUSD holding an event for gifted on April 17th, SPC will have a table**
 - j. Prevention and Wellness, Karen Gifford **first meeting scheduled for March 4th, will include SEL, mental health, physical health and nutrition, chemical dependency issues**
 - k. Family-School Partnerships, Karen Gifford
4. Julie Bacon, Arizona School Board Association
- Extensive presentation given by Julie Bacon, email JBACON@AZSBA.org ph 602-254-1100**
- Ms. Bacon also serves on the PVUSD board**
- Arizona SBA is a private, nonprofit organization, its board includes members from every county in AZ**
- they provide school board training information, advocacy (Facebook live every Friday at 3 PM), policy and legal services, superintendent search services**
 - to join, anyone may sign up on the AZSBA website**
 - School board duties and obligations include familiarity with state laws, knowledge of education aims and objectives, accept will of majority, vote and act impartially for district good, refer complaints and refrain from individual counsel or action**
 - Open Meeting Laws and the Board-members cannot be in a location where more than 2 members are present unless posted in advance, cannot have one way communication with a board member suggestive of legal action**
 - ASBA Code of Ethics-norms and expectations, not legally mandated**
 - Reviewed role of board president**
 - Power and authority of board-no official power, only power is as a group in a meeting with a quorum where a vote happens**
 - Board's role is to govern, superintendent's role is to manage**
 - Senior leadership team-governing board + superintendent**
 - 8 characteristics of a successful school board (board that follows these principles have high-achieving students) (1) set high expectations (2) shared beliefs and values about student possibilities (3)**



accountability driven (look at data), (4) collaborate with the community (5) data savvy, embrace and monitor data (6) align and sustain resources (7) work as united team with superintendent (8) build shared knowledge

-Q and A:

Q1: Example of inappropriate one way communication by board member

Q2: Please discuss executive session A2: no decisions/votes made, supposed to include discussions only, confidential

Q3: What is a study session vs. board meeting? A3: study session aka work sessions, study-work sessions, these meetings are less formal but still open public meetings, actions can be taken in a study session but must be properly noticed

5. SUSD Governing Board, Remarks by the board members below regarding each of their visions and goals for the remainder of their term*
 - a. Patty Beckman, SUSD Governing Board President **Ms. Beckman described her vision for SUSD, district known for excellent education for all, premier destination district. Discussed idea of trajectories, seamless transitions from elementary to middle to high school. Described importance of supporting our educators, attract and retain the best. Discussed need for social emotional support for students, hiring more counselors. Encouraged community input as we rebuild campuses. Best marketing is word of mouth.**
 - b. Allyson Beckham, SUSD Governing Board Vice-President **Ms. Beckham thanked Karen, Lara, and Nikki for helping to reorganize SPC. She encouraged audience to reach out to friends to attend future meetings. Her 3 main points of focus are transparency, accountability, and communication. She supports parents becoming empowered advocates, talk to your teachers and principals.**
 - c. Jann-Michael Greenburg, SUSD Governing Board Member
 - d. Sandy Kravitz, SUSD Governing Board Member **Ms. Kravetz explained that she ran for the school board because of the many parents she had heard were unhappy with the district at that time. She also encourages improved communications with the district. She would like to see SPC include its "Myths and Facts" piece to help clarify district rumors.**
6. Remarks and Q&A, Dr. Kriekard, SUSD Superintendent **Dr. Kriekard reviewed his 3 core values, treat students with respect, staff with respect and include parents as partners. Dr. Kriekard supports SPC and provides meeting space. He emphasized the importance of community schools, encourages parent voices are heard.**

Q and A:

Q1: With expansion of comprehensive gifted program throughout district, Redfield and Desert Canyon lack program funding A1: District working to challenge all students at their levels including gifted students, must balance issue of declining enrollment/declining budget, he is attempting to reallocate



funding to student programs by reducing admin costs, also trying to increase identification of gifted students

Q2: What is the plan for increasing psychologists/counselors? A2: currently have 5 psychologist positions vacant, budget for next year will include 3 additional counselor positions, actively recruiting from around the country, have raised the pay scale for next year to attract more counselors, also considering hiring social workers to provide social emotional services for students

Q3: When will you have office hours? A3: Will be scheduling soon

Q4: How are we handling racial sensitivity (recent occurrences of racial insensitivity)? A4: Will continue to educate students on this issue, encourage tolerance, embrace diversity, help students better understand history, need to treat these occurrences seriously

7. Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 27; 6:00 pm Guest Speaker James Dorer, District Security Chief

*All SUSD Board Members in attendance will be available after the meeting to answer questions. Please be respectful of their time and the time of others as multiple people may have questions.