

WELCOME



MARCH GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

SPC Mission: Uniting our educational community for the success of all students.

SPC Purpose: To promote communication and collaborative relationships between SUSD families, district leadership & staff, to support and to advocate for the highest quality of education for all students attending schools managed and governed by SUSD.

SPC Executive Board:

Lara Palles, *President*. Emmie Cardella, *Treasurer*.
Megan Prince & Brehan King, *Secretaries*
Lisa Kanarish & Karen Gifford, *Vice Presidents*

6:00 pm

Welcome & Call to order

- Dr. Kriekard Q&A

6:15 pm

General Business

- Consent Agenda
- Announcements
- SPC Rep Announcements

6:25 pm

Small Group Discussions

20 minutes each

- Amy Palatucci, Principal at Coronado HS
- Theresa Wnenta, Play it Safe AZ
- Kristin Fruen, Be SMART

7:30 pm

End



Dr. Kriekard Q&A

SUSD Superintendent



Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda: A consent agenda allows the board to approve and/or adopt items together by discussing and reviewing the matters between general meetings. Items, once adopted, will be posted on our website.

- General Meeting Minutes [2/12/2020](#)
- Executive Board Minutes [02/24/2020](#)
- Treasurer's Report [3/03/2020](#)

General Announcements



- **Executive Board Elections Timeline:**
 - March 15 - March 30: Call for volunteers (SPC Reps) for Election Committee
 - April 5 - April 20: Nomination period
 - April 21 - April 28: Ballot Preparation
 - May 1 - May 12: Voting Period
 - May 13: General Meeting: Election Results & CELEBRATIONS!
- **Meeting Norms**
- **SCP Reps - Announcements vs. Agenda Items**

**Get Involved.
Have Your Say.
Make A Difference.**

Advocacy



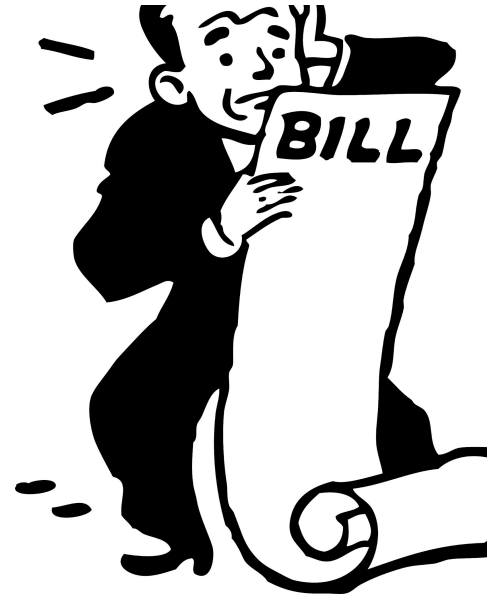
“Like” SPC Advocacy For All Students in SUSD Facebook Page for legislative updates

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Bills that passed their original chamber have “crossed over” to the opposite Chamber and go through same process all over again.

- SB 1224 (ESA Voucher Expansion) - passed the Senate and is now awaiting a committee assignment in the House.



***SOS AZ estimates that the ESA voucher program is growing by an average of 167% each year.*

Outreach



SPC Spring PTO Roundtable Save the date!

Date: Tuesday, March 31st from 9:30 to 11 AM

Topic: School Events: Fundraisers and Community Builders

Location: Mohave District Annex, 8500 E Jackrabbit

Project Prom! Donations and Volunteers Needed

Sponsored by SEA and SUSD Governing Board VP Patty Beckman

- Drop at Saguaro HS March 7th 10 am -1 pm
- Pick and Choose Party Saguaro HS
 - March 19th 5 - 7 pm,
 - March 20th 5 - 7 pm
 - March 21st 10 am - 1 pm



Tabling at Tonalea

Tonalea K-8 has invited SPC to table during parent teacher conferences, March 18th, 19th and 20th.

Come join us!

Communications



Laura Weeshoff, Desert Canyon Elementary School

<https://www.greatschools.org>

Programming



Next general meeting:

Wednesday, April 15 at 9:30 am - 11:00 am
Discussion topic: Moving Forward in SUSD

Contact Karen Gifford at
kgifford@scottsdaleparentcouncil.org

SPC Rep, Molly Simpson: Spotlight on Kiva

- *Gifted Learning*

I had the opportunity to meet with Kiva's principal Alice Spingola in January, and I'd like to share a few great things that are happening at Kiva with you. Kiva's enrollment continues to grow is at 602 (as of January this year). Kiva is currently home to several self-contained gifted classes, and their comprehensive gifted program (CGP) will be expanding next year, to include a 1st/2nd grade combo class, along with self contained classes for 3rd, 4th, 5th and gifted prek. Parents of students interested in CGP can reach out to the district's gifted learning services to inquire about having their child tested for the gifted program.

- *Kiva Ambassadors Program*

In addition to the expansion of their self contained gifted program, principal Spingola shared more on Kiva's Ambassadors Program. Students in the Ambassadors program are nominated by a teacher, and serve as student ambassadors on the campus and out in the community. These students recently went with the Paradise Valley police to visit each school in the Saguaro learning complex to deliver pastries to the teachers to let them know they are appreciated.

They give back at Kiva and show leadership by assisting with hallway duty, playground duty and helped with a Veterans assembly. They participated at the Paradise Valley Town Hall meeting recently to help lead the assembly in the pledge of allegiance during the opening of the meeting.

- *After School Clubs (funded by tax credits)*

Principal Spingola also shared some of the after school activities that are offered at Kiva and run by Kiva teachers. The kids love these after school clubs and they include: tutoring, Spanish club, Running club, Creative clay, Advanced art club, Harry potter reading

Spotlight on Kiva continued

- Herbicide Report / Kiva

Kiva parent Baron Gordon has been working with the district regarding discontinuing the use of RoundUp as a herbicide (week killer) on the grounds of Kiva Elementary.

He reported at Kiva's January PTO meeting that he spoke to the district and the lead groundsman for SUSD has been out since November so no spraying of Round Up has been happening on any SUSD campuses. Kiva has not been sprayed with Round Up in 1 1/2 years.

The commitment to not spray at Kiva continues as we search for an alternative to Round-Up. The weeds are still being cut manually. The manufacturer we are working with, Natural Armour is a herbicide product that is eco-friendly, oil based, and does not kill bees. It is sold in 55 Gallon drums at a great price which is probably cheaper than Round-Up

Natural Armour is sending samples to be tested that will be there when the groundsman gets back. After a conversation with Superintendent Kriekard, it is apparent that we have unified support in replacing Round-Up.

STUDENT SAFETY:

Prevention



- Amy Palatucci, Principal at Coronado HS - Prevention and safety through effective school climate using Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), Restorative Practices, and mentoring.
- Theresa Wnenta, Play it Safe - ABCs of self-protection, awareness, boundaries and confidence
- Kristin Fruen, Be SMART - Gun safety through the Be SMART framework to help parents and adults normalize conversations about gun safety and take actions to prevent child deaths and injuries.