

Scottsdale Parent Council General Meeting
Wednesday, September 11, 2019 6 PM
Mohave District Annex
8500 E Jackrabbit Rd
Scottsdale AZ 85250

Attendance:

SPC Board: Lara Palles, Lisa Kanarish, Karen Gifford, Megan Prince, Emmie Cardella, Brehan King

SPC Reps: Natalia Adamek, Andrea Augustine, Amy Bonnett, Katy Campanini, Shanda Carrithers, Francie Donkerbrook, Ted Gillan, Susan Hughes, Leslie Jones, Jill Lassen, Rachel Loftin, Quita Love-Cheramie, Calvin Lowrie, Jill Mullin, Ann Newman, Carrie Nielsen, Shon Parsons, Kay Pavese, Charity Recla, Edmond Richard, Paige Rogers, Amanda Schlosser, Stefanie Swiergol, Nikki Territo, Jan Voelkel, Melissa Willis

General attendance: Alyson Beckham, Jann-Michael Greenberg, Patty Beckman, Sandy Kravetz, Amanda Bonnett, Katie Hedderin, Mike Norton, Becky Williams, Sharon Rea, Kelly Brown

Gifted Education SPECIAL EVENT: Tuesday, September 24 at 9:30 am

Next SPC Meeting: Oct 2nd 9:30 am, Topic: Prevent Bullying

SPC Rep issues presented

- Chaparral - Sexual Harassment at all schools and how can we better prepare our children**
- Mohave - Bullying, specifically between girls**
- Desert Mountain - open enrollment causing some schools to be overcrowded while others are struggling with enrollment**
 - Directed to Dr Kriekard**
 - The law says only expulsion from another district can prevent enrollment**
 - Enrollment numbers are looked at often**
 - Capacity studies are being done throughout this year for every facility - the Saguaro Complex will be presented at Tuesday's board meeting**
- For these topics, if anyone has an interest in these topics please reach out - this helps SPC to plan programming and for ad hoc committees**

Donna Davis, Expect More Arizona (attached Powerpoint)

- Excellent Education for all Students**
- Progress Meter shows where we are at as a state**
- Set Goals based on where we are and where we want to be by 2030**
- Polls in the last 4 years show voters #1 priority is Education**
- Question: What is done throughout the year to educate voters on school funding? - Parking Lot for SPC, if interested in this please let us know**

Bryn DeFusco, Yes to Children

- ❑ Political Action Group in favor of the M&O Override
- ❑ Last override was in 2014 passed, this will not increase property tax it is an extension
- ❑ Will fund instructional staff and maintain/reduce class sizes, fund art and music programs, full day kindergarten, technology

Dr Kriekard Q&A

- ❑ Flagstaff School District hacked with malware
 - ❑ Closed school to repair
 - ❑ SUSD is planning and continues to put in preventative measures
 - ❑ Examples: Flag for any external emails, closing down sites that are not secure for use on district network
- ❑ How are Growth Schools Progressing
 - ❑ Echo Canyon - Small increase
 - ❑ Yavapai - stable
 - ❑ Navajo - stable but not in their permanent school and test scores increased in 2 out of 3 grades last year which is impressive
 - ❑ Anazazi - increasing from bringing back students from charter and new IB program
 - ❑ Consolidation? Will be discussed in the November board meeting as that will be 1 year later, board decision
- ❑ How does SUSD market for tax credit dollars?
 - ❑ Always market for it based on age of citizens and have a strategy
 - ❑ What has happened, how money can be spent has opened up after so long of it sitting unused
- ❑ What happens if Override doesn't pass?
 - ❑ Will Mandrin program at Desert Canyon get cancelled?
 - ❑ Hopefully not but there will be hard decisions and cuts
 - ❑ Biggest M&O expense is people - if cuts have to happen with teachers they will also happen at district admin
 - ❑ No one thinks we are overstaffed
 - ❑ If Override passes Dr Kriekard will look at lowering some class sizes
- ❑ What is the district doing to market growth schools?
 - ❑ Tuesday's board meeting there will be a communication report and update
- ❑ Health Screening at schools, what happens if a school doesn't have volunteers?
 - ❑ Health staff get 2 subs to use and the district is investing in new equipment
 - ❑ Suggestion for list of volunteers for all schools of people who have done it many times and could volunteer at other schools