

Meeting type: General Monthly Meeting

Date: 11/17/2021

Time: 9:00:00 AM

Location: Mohave District Annex, 8500 E. Jackrabbit, Scottsdale, AZ 85250

Meeting called to order at: 9:02:00 AM

Executive Board Members Present: Emmie Cardella, Jane Trapp, Lulu Faraj, Kim McClure, Kathy Samuels

Executive Board Members Absent: Tina Drews, Brad Duell, Alexandra Young, Deborah Tait, Erika Flores, Cindy Krawczyk

Quorum Present? N/A

Names of guests in attendance: Dr. Scott Menzel, Margaret Serna

Q & A with Dr. Menzel, SUSD Superintendent – Dr. Menzel answered questions submitted in person for 15 minutes

Update with Margaret Serna, SUSD Executive Director of Title 1 - Ms. Serna introduced herself and gave an overview of Title 1 programming and funding in SUSD.

- Title 1 monies are federal monies to help students living under the poverty line, but these funds impact all SUSD students
 - Many services funded with Title 1 monies are mandated by the state, so losing these federal funds means other funding sources, like M&O funds, will have to be used
- Currently 16% of SUSD qualify for free and reduced lunch, down from 26% a few years ago
- Possible reasons for the decrease in students qualifying for free and reduced lunch are:
 - housing affordability
 - enrollment decreases
 - identification: breakfast, lunch free for everyone with covid relief funds, so families might not have filled out applications
- Purpose of Title 1:
 - equity for all children; every child should have equal opportunity
 - Ensure high quality education and ensure proficiency on state academic standards
 - Title 1 funds supplement student academic programs and services
 - Help families connect to school to receive nutritional and social emotional services
 - Increase family engagement
- Title 1 funding challenges
 - \$2,545,230 budget total
 - 80% goes directly to schools, 20% covers staff and management of programs
 - Decrease in number of students who qualify for free and reduced lunch translates to possible loss of 800K+ in federal funding each year

- There are 9 SUSD Title 1 schools: Coronado HS, Ingleside MS, Echo Canyon K-8, Tonolea K-8, Pima ES, Tavan ES, Hohokam ES, Yavapai ES, Navajo ES
- “Beyond” Move On When Reading
 - State of Arizona mandates that 3rd grade students not proficient in reading cannot advance
 - Started Progress Monitoring program for students enrolled in Beyond Move On when reading program began, progress now monitored from 1st to 12th grade
 - Reading Case Workers: Title 1 Instructional Specialists who work one-on-one with students in 12-hour program
- Recent SUSD Title 1 programs and events:
 - Elementary schools Innovative Minds Science Kits (similar to Camp Invention)
 - Coronado HS Minds in Motion Celebration
 - Ingleside MS Parenting classes: parents can earn GEDs, learn financial information, parenting skills
 - Tonalea School Pride Nights
 - Echo Canyon Chefs in the Garden program
 - Ingleside/Tonalea Summer Fine Arts Band Camp
 - Navajo ES Steam Showcase
 - Pima ES Math and Literacy Nights
 - Hohokam/Yavapai Nest Parent education classes
 - Programs and events open to all SUSD families
- Equity access to Science Technology Engineering Arts and Math (ESTEAM)
 - Innovative Minds Science Kits
 - STEAM kits based on what is on AIMS science test
 - Arts camps
 - Tonalea and Ingleside band camp
- *ALL* SUSD parents and families should complete the income eligibility form
 - Form asks to choose one of three options: Option A is free lunch, Option B is reduced lunch, Option C is do not qualify
- Parent and community support is needed to help everyone understand that Title 1 funds impact all students and are important for SUSD to keep consistent services

Executive Board Updates-

Treasurer’s Report - Jane Trapp presented recent budget transactions:

- collected additional donations from schools; there are still some schools outstanding
- most recent expenses have been for translation, interpretation to reach a wide audience
- discussed how to support SPC through Amazon

President - Emmie Cardella mentioned upcoming SPC events:

- listed schools that still need representatives
- General Meeting, December 8th @ 6:00-7:30pm

Subcommittees

- **Gifted Education Committee** (Kim McClure) has their first meeting on November 18th @ 6:00-7:30pm. Karen Brown will speak, and parent input will be solicited for future meeting topics.
- **Special Education Committee** (Andrea Temerantz) has an IEP training in-person at Mohave and also on zoom on December 1 @ 6:00-7:30pm
- **Social responsibility** (Emmie gave update for Karen/Lisa) – The bully awareness flier has been updated with QR code that goes directly to the SUSD incident report form; they created a FB page to educate parents about SEL and anti bullying practices and SUSD policy; they have reviewed SUSD’s anti bullying policy and will be meeting with SUSD general council to discuss improvements in the language. It was also mentioned that Shannon Cronn, Director of Support Services for SUSD, will be at the next SPC General Meeting.

SPC Rep Announcements - None

Member Agenda Items: None

Board Action(s) taken (including consent agenda): None

Other: N/A

Next Meeting (Location, Date & Time): Mohave District Annex, December 8 @ 6:00PM-7:00pm

Minutes submitted by: Kim McClure

Minutes recorded into record: 12/2/2021