

Meeting type: General Monthly Meeting

Date: 1/12/2022

Time: 9:00:00 AM

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

Meeting called to order at: 9:05:00 AM

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

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

Quorum Present? Yes

Names of guests in attendance: Dr. Scott Menzel, Rachael Clawson, SOSAZ, Erin Scherer, SUSD Director of Career and Technical Education

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

SPC Audit Report Committee (Sara Solem) - SPC is required to do an audit every two years. This audit covered the fiscal years 2018-2019, 2019-2020, and 2020-2021. Recommendations included establishing a template budget report that lists all year-to-date transactions, clearly identifies which transactions are for the current month, and includes the current bank balance. It was also recommended that consistent coding language for revenue and expense categories be used and details for transactions.

Legislative preview with Rachael Clawson, Save Our Schools AZ - SOS AZ is a nonpartisan, community-based organization working to support Arizona's public schools and thus the local economy. The constitutional spending cap was discussed, which is a legislative limit that was created in 1980 that regulates what public school districts can spend on education. The legislative spending cap does not affect charter schools because they did not exist in 1980; it only affects public school districts. If the cap is not overridden by the legislature by March, school districts statewide will have to cut almost 1.2 million dollars for the final quarter of this school year. Overriding the legislative spending cap requires a 2/3 vote and thus bipartisan support. The contact information for the Representatives and Senators that represent SUSD constituents was shared.

If the legislature does not override the spending cap, SUSD will have to cut 27 million dollars from the current budget by April 2022.

Erin Scherer, SUSD Director of Career and Technical Education - Ms. Scherer introduced herself and gave an overview of CTE at SUSD.

- CTE offers 16 two-year programs for careers that are high tech and high wage
- CTE begins in high school, open to students in grades 10-12
- sometimes there are options for 9th grade students, but contingent on funding

- SUSD receives federal, state, and local funding for CTE programs
- many programs lead to industry-approved certification; these are high-stakes exams
- biotechnician assistant credential, certified or licensed nursing assistant, Adobe, Microsoft Office Suite, OSHA 10 (technical theater and sports medicine), ProTools (audio production, CMAS at Arcadia) ServSafe (hospitality), CSWA (Certified Solidworks Associate, engineering)
- some classes are offered in a block schedule (double class period)
- many of these jobs require practical skills, and SUSD CTE programs offer opportunities for hands on experience
- dual enrollment: earn college credit while in high school, most CTE credits through Scottsdale Community College transfer to Arizona public universities
- Career and Technical Student Organizations are aligned to national student organizations (except Arizona thespians, which is state level)
- EVIT - open to SUSD students, usually grades 11 and 12
- EVIT has aviation, cosmetology, sports medicine programs that let students go into EMT program

Executive Board Updates-

Treasurer's Report - Jane Trapp presented recent budget transactions

- deposited membership donations from schools

Encouraged members to make individual donations to SPC. All donations are tax deductible.

President - Emmie Cardella mentioned upcoming SPC events:

Legislative Preview with SOS AZ, January 25, 6-7:30 PM

Gifted Committee, January 26, 6-7:30 PM

SPC PTO/PTA Roundtable, January 27, 9-10:30 AM

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, February 16, 2022, 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Minutes submitted by: Kim McClure

Minutes recorded into record: 2/10/2022