

Meeting type: General Monthly Meeting

Date: 1/18/2023

Time: 9:00:00 AM

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

Meeting called to order at: 6:04:00 PM

Executive Board Members Present: Kim McClure, Emmie Cardella, Lena Moses, Brian Novak

Executive Board Members Absent: Kathleen Horowitz, Carrie Fancher, Kirsten Markson, Denise Gonzalez, Alex Dunn

Quorum Present? Yes

Names of guests in attendance: Dr. Scott Menzel

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

Community Specialists - Shawn Crosier, Director of State and Federal Programs

- Community Specialists support student success and learning
- They bridge families and the community, are communication channels between schools and families, are liaisons between families and teachers, and connect families with resources within and outside SUSD
- All community specialists are bilingual
- All SUSD schools have a community specialist; some serve more than one school
- Examples of what community specialists do:
 - Provide students who need it with clothing, shoes, toiletries, school supplies, etc. from community donations
 - Food box distribution to families
 - Facilitate food drives for holidays, like Thanksgiving
 - Follow-up with families if children are tardy or absent, connect families with resources to help their children get to school on time
 - Help families complete free and reduced lunch applications
 - Communicate with families about back-to-school nights, parent-teacher conferences
 - Family trips to the Phoenix Zoo and Aquarium
 - Get to know each student by name
 - And more...
- Community Specialists helped the Afghan Refugee families find affordable housing and get settled
- There is a “warehouse” of donated supplies at Coronado, called the Coronado Closet
- Community Specialists send out emails and newsletters with requests for donations

Executive Board Updates - There were no updates to the budget or expenses from last month. The topic of the next general meeting in February is the SUSD Governing Board.

Committee updates - The Special Education committee's next event is in late January and will be on SUSD services. The Social Responsibility Committee shared their current goals and upcoming meetings. The Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee will meet the third Sunday of the month. The Gifted Learning Committee is working on programming for the semester.. Anyone interested in joining committees can contact Kim at president@scottsdaleparentcouncil.org.

SPC Rep Announcements - none

Member Agenda Items - none

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

Other: N/A

Next Meeting (Location, Date & Time): February 15, 2023 at 6-7:30 PM

Minutes submitted by: Kim McClure

Minutes recorded into record: 1/19/2023