

Meeting type: General Monthly Meeting

Date: 3/22/2023

Time: 9:00:00 AM

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

Meeting called to order at: 9:03:00 AM

Executive Board Members Present: Kim McClure, Emmie Cardella, Kathleen Horowitz

Executive Board Members Absent: Carrie Fancher, Denise Gonzalez, Lena Moses, Brian Novak, Kirsten Markson

Quorum Present? Yes

Names of guests in attendance: Nan Strohmaier, Kristin Cox, and Juliana Norvell with the SUSD Foundation and Officer Mike Yavello, Officer Devon Lines and Canine Copper, Officer David Steel and Canine Rocket, Sergeant Kevin Bingham from Scottsdale Police Department.

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

SUSD SRO and Crisis Canine Programs - Officer Mike Yavello, Officer Devon Lines and Canine Copper, Officer David Steel and Canine Rocket, Sergeant Kevin Bingham from Scottsdale Police Department

Arizona was the second in the country to have police officers in schools (Tucson in the 1960s)

The role of the school resource officer (SRO) was discussed. They include:

- Law enforcement
- Teacher
 - Teach about the 4th amendment in government classes
 - Math classes: collision diagrams
 - Conflict resolution
 - Internet, social media safety
 - How to interact with police
- Counselor
- Mentor
- Role model

Scottsdale Police Department's Restorative Justice Program was discussed:

- Available to first time offenders, kids ages 10-17
- Includes counseling, community service
- Allows kids to learn from mistakes
- Is purged from system after 1 year
- Designed to divert youth from offending again, lets them learn and bypass the courts
- 2016 Scottsdale PD developed program
- great asset with youth and family services

- not all cities have these resources
- SPD gets calls from all over the country on how program works
- For the time that SPD can track, see these kids do learn from mistakes
- Chaparral: close to 100 kids put through restorative justice program, maybe have seen 2 get in trouble again
- This program is only available through Scottsdale Police Department, so does not apply to kids attending schools outside of Scottsdale city limits

Crisis Canine Program

- 2007-2008 Scottsdale PD became first PD to have full time crisis canine
- since then, SPD has helped other police agencies get crisis canines
- Crisis canines help crime victims and with mental health issues
- All started in Scottsdale
- after working as an SRO for a while, started to see mental health strain on kids
- What can we do to help this on our campuses
- attended mental health trainings, saw data
 - 20% of kids have diagnosable mental health condition
 - but 70% of kids in the juvenile justice system have diagnosable mental health condition
- conducted survey with SUSD counselors — in a given week how many kids report stress, anxiety, depression, suicidal thoughts
- 5% of kids are actively seeking help
- What about the remaining 15% (of the 20% with a diagnosable mental health condition) who are not seeking help?
- During daily SRO duties, have major conversation piece walking next to us
- our dogs act as bridge to communication
- During the first week Rocket was at Chaparral, SRO Lines talked to kids who had never spoken to him even though he'd been on campus for years
- Work closely with counselors and psychologists
- Since beginning of the Crisis Canine program, have seen a decrease in mental health breakdowns on campus, decrease in crime
- A success story
 - At the request of a counselor, Rocket sat with a student who usually takes 1-2 hours to calm down enough to be able to return to class, to learning
 - Sitting with Rocket let the student calm down in ~10 minutes
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- Crisis usage: 609 citizens, 43 hours
- Outreach usage: 4000 citizens, 116 hours
- 850 classroom visits
- Crisis canines also assist other agencies and school districts around the Valley
- Spent a few days working with students and counselors in another school district following the death of a student there

Executive Board Updates - Budget updates included income from passive fundraising and a grant. Expenses included a Mailchimp subscription. The topic of the next general meeting in April is Information Technology..

Committee updates - The Special Education committee's next event is April 26 and will be on the transition from elementary to middle school and the transition from middle school to high school. The

Social Responsibility Committee and Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee had no updates. The Gifted Learning Committee is planning an in-person coffee and wanted to let parents know about a SENG facilitator who is offering a book club. Anyone interested in joining committees can contact Kim at president@scottsdaleparentcouncil.org.

SPC Rep Announcements - Cocopah gave an update on a recent trip to Washington DC.

Member Agenda Items - none

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

Other: N/A

Next Meeting (Location, Date & Time): April 19, 2023 at 6-7:30 PM

Minutes submitted by: Kim McClure

Minutes recorded into record: 3/24/2023