Meeting type: General Monthly Meeting

Date: 4/19/2023

Time: 6:00:00 PM

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

Meeting called to order at: 6:03:00 AM

Executive Board Members Present: Kim McClure, Kirsten Markson

Executive Board Members Absent: Carrie Fancher, Denise Gonzalez, Lena Moses, Brian Novak, Emmie Cardella, Kathleen Horowitz

Quorum Present? Yes

Names of guests in attendance: Dr. Michelle Watt, SUSD Chief Systems Officer

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

Information Technology - **Dr. Michelle Watt, SUSD Chief Systems Officer**

She is a former Kindergarten teacher and was the first CETL in Arizona: experience and knowledge in education, IT, leadership

Used generative AI to make sure she covered all the topics we might want to hear about

Student technology
- Student devices
    - Chromebooks (K-8)
    - Windows (HS)
    - bring your own device (supported on network)
    - Goal is to get 4 years out of a device before refreshed
    - 21K devices across SUSD
    - Grateful for support from community for passage of DAA Override
    - Internet access
        - Two filters: network firewall, client on each SUSD device (this is why there is filtering when on internet at home)
        - Client-based filter is Lightspeed
            - Weekly email of sites student visiting, option to turn internet access off when device not at school
        - website/software approval
            - IT and teaching/learning collaborate on requests for specific YouTube video, programs, etc
- External facing website: student help center
    - Access to classwork sites

- Do not currently have a policy in place that requires students to change password
- Students can change passwords

School safety
- Work together with other departments like safety and facilities
- Access control systems
    - Badges to open doors
    - Remotely lock/unlock doors that are controlled with badges
    - Lockdown: front door can be secured by button press
        - Doors not able to open with/without a badge
    - Next year's budget includes support for more of these systems
- Intercom systems
    - Finished upgrading intercom systems last year, similar systems throughout all schools
    - Have built-in redundancy
        - Back-up system is phones
        - If 911 is called, location is known based on where phone is
- Cameras
    - Have cameras at every school
    - In next year's budget requested to expand and respond to unique needs
    - Working with director of security to look for system to place temporary cameras
    - Intergovernmental agreement with Scottsdale Police Department
        - They can see cameras when there is a school emergency
        - Camera administrators familiar with requirements and restrictions around sharing footage

Coming soon
- ParentSquare
    - Testing at Saguaro and Copper Ridge this year
    - Replaces: In Touch auto dialer, Remind
- Student badges with RFID
    - Track kids on bus
    - Safety department: students get badge from day 1, has student ID barcode for lunch, library
- Tested feature at high schools that lets tardy students scan barcodes and go straight to class
- Upgrade transportation and school radios
    - Cocopah safety test showed limitations of some radios
    - Bus radio system had to go through dispatch to talk to schools
    - Will work on cellular network and wifi
- Visitor check-in kiosks
- Volunteer management software
- Employee intranet
- Update external website

Executive Board Updates - Budget updates included income from grants. Expenses included Mailchimp and zoom subscriptions. The topic of the next general meeting in May is School Celebrations

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. They

will be celebrating the school year on May 9th. The Social Responsibility Committee and Gifted Learning Committee had no updates. The Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee are seeking ideas for projects for next school year and invite parents to join the committee. Anyone interested in joining a committee 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): May 17, 2023 at 9-10:30 AM

Minutes submitted by: Kim McClure

Minutes recorded into record: 4/19/2023