



May 15, 2024

General Meeting Minutes

Call to Order-

Jessica Crain

- Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM

Q&A with Dr. Bales

Dr. Bales

- Last days of the school year!
- Question: Dress Code: since the District dress code was implemented a few years ago, there are many new principals who are creating dress codes that are more conservative. Which dress code should be followed?
 - District Cabinet will revisit dress code enforcement
- Question: Are any state testing results posted for high schools?
 - AZS School Report Cards on AZ DOE website
 - Comprehensive data, including if students attended all year vs. part year
 - Followup: Does the state testing do school ACT average as well?
 - We think so
- Question: Holding children back in middle school?
 - Not a regular practice, but will sometime have discussion in kindergarten about hold back; otherwise on case by case basis
- Question: Not all elementary school parents knew about District Science Fair, how to improve communication?
 - All schools knew, left it to the schools to determine who participated; go back to school and ask
- Happy Retirement to Dr. Bales and Dr. Jeras!

Approval of [General Meeting Minutes April 2024 .docx - Google Docs](#)

Jessica Crain/All

- Minutes displayed via agenda link, displayed, and attached to UPC Newsletter; motion to approve October minutes by Lori B., Seconded by Megan S., minutes approved
- Thank you to Laura Hill for being Secretary for 2 years!

Officer's Reports:

Programming

Megan Starr

- Thank you to Megan Starr for being VP Programming for 2 years!
- Today's presentation: Closing Bell with Dr. Bales
- August: Opening Bell with Dr. Jason Reynolds, Wednesday Aug 21, 2024
- Jen Izenstark will be VP Programming for the 2024-25 school year

Treasurer [Financial Report April](#)

Laura Miyazaki

- Expenses:



- Donated High School Graduation
- Donated \$1100 for Teacher/Staff Appreciation
- Paid Program \$250 to Kid in a Corner
- Monthly Expenses

Membership

Andrea Convey

- Membership Survey will go out soon
- Also, if you know who PTA President and UPC Rep will be for the next school year, let Membership know at membership@pvupc.org (or fill out paper form circulated at today's meeting)

Committee Updates

Teacher and Staff Appreciation

Julie Blumenreich

- Appreciation event was a success! Very meaningful for the teachers and staff.
- Thank you to everyone who helped with the event and letter assembly!
- Thank you to school PTA's who donated food for ceremony
- Looking for Chair of Teacher/Staff Appreciation committee for next year, email president@pvupc.org

Special Education

Deb Kozak

- Thank you to Deb for great work as Special Education Chair! (Deb will still stay to help with Project Search)
- Thanks for the donations received from the wish list; Amazon Wish List link displayed if anyone wants to donate

Gifted Education

Rachael Mikalsky

- All PV Gifted programming on PVUPC YouTube
- Thank you to Racael and Melissa for bringing amazing programs to students!

Outreach

Lori Berman/Jessica Wani

- Thank you to Lori and Jessica for being Outreach chairs this year!
- We started a Teacher/Staff appreciation grant for Title I school and schools without a parent group
 - Funded 11 schools for Teacher/Staff Appreciation week with \$100 each, plus a donation from Safeway
- Thank you to the schools who donated on membership form at the beginning of the year: Desert Shadows Elementary, Desert Cove Elementary, Quail Run Elementary, North Ranch Elementary, PVHS

Call for Committee



- District Emergency Response Team (DERT) Committee - meets 4-5 times per year, usually Friday mornings
 - Discusses Safety Practices and creates emergency drill for the year
 - DERT committee works with SERT committees at school level

School Vendor Showcase

- Thank you to Hara for work on the School Vendor Showcase!
- To find vendors, click on "Partners" on PVUPC page

Additional Thank You's

- Thank you to the UPC Reps!
- Thank you to Kea for doing Communications this year!
- Thank you Susan for Website and Fixing Tech issues!
- Thank you to Laura M. and Erica for chairing the Immersion committee this year!

2023-24 UPCie award awarded to Shannon Hannah

Trivia with Sue Skidmore

Adjourn meeting

Jessica Crain

- Meeting adjourned at 9:48 am

Executive Board - 2023-2024

President: Jessica Crain President@pvupc.org

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Committee Chairs - 2023-2024

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The next UPC Meeting will be in August 21, 2024