



January 21, 2026

**-Minutes-**

I. Call to Order & Welcome

Julie Blumenreich, President  
[president@pvupc.org](mailto:president@pvupc.org)

Julie called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

II. Superintendent Q&A

Dr. Dan Courson, Acting Superintendent

The Superintendent thanked the Cabinet members for being present and shared that he would provide a brief update due to time constraints. There was discussion about Community Education and the district budget. The bell schedule was also discussed. The current schedule creates challenges for families, including students arriving home later than desired. The company that reviewed the district's transportation system recommended adjusting bell times to help address these issues. The district must now determine whether to change the bell schedule or explore alternative solutions. This remains an active discussion. ParentSquare has launched, and the district is excited and hopeful that it will improve communication with families and staff. The Science Adoption Committee has met and is close to making a decision. A recommendation will be presented to the Governing Board. There was also an update on SchoolLinks, more information will be shared at a later time. The district views SchoolLinks as a resource for students and families.

Regarding the superintendent process, the district is preparing for a hearing and provided an overview of how the process will work. Comments were shared, and a question was raised about whether the district has learned anything from this experience. It was noted that this question would need to be addressed by the Governing Board.

There were questions and a longer discussion about the bell schedule, including when more details would be provided and whether there is a better way to communicate updates to parents.

There was also discussion about ParentSquare, including how it works and what features it offers, can it include photos and videos, not just text. The district is hopeful that ParentSquare will help streamline communication. A comment was made about whether ParentSquare could also be used to communicate late buses or transportation updates to parents.

Update on the calendar committee, the district will be sending out a preliminary calendar survey to families. The feedback from this survey will help guide the Calendar Committee's work and will impact district calendars for the years 2027–2031. Survey results will be used to help inform decisions about fall and winter breaks. A question was raised about attendance data during weeks that are interrupted by breaks and whether those weeks have lower attendance.

A question was asked whether it would be possible to begin the library committee process earlier in the year. Representatives were encouraged to speak with their school media technicians to gather their feedback, including whether the current process starts too late or moves too slowly. Representatives will return with input and discuss the process further at the February meeting

III. Officer Reports:

A. Secretary: Approval of Minutes

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Kristin Trautman, Secretary  
[secretary@pvupc.org](mailto:secretary@pvupc.org)

November minutes were presented and approved.

B. Treasurer: Financial Update  
[Budget Report](#)

Holly Grover, Treasurer  
[treasurer@pvupc.org](mailto:treasurer@pvupc.org)

Holly presented a budget update.



C. Membership Report

Laura Hill, VP Membership  
[membership@pvupc.org](mailto:membership@pvupc.org)

Laura attended the meeting virtually but did not have an update to share. Representatives were asked to watch for additional information regarding the upcoming lunch.

D. Programming Report

Jen Izenstark, VP Programming  
[programming@pvupc.org](mailto:programming@pvupc.org)

Jen is out of town, no update to share.

IV. UPC Committee Updates

A. Gifted Education

Kristin Trautman & Dorothy Jokerst, Chairs  
[gifted@pvupc.org](mailto:gifted@pvupc.org)

Dorothy provided updates on gifted parent programs, the gifted flowchart, upcoming dates, and the change to the Gifted Showcase date.

B. Special Education

Jessica Crain, Chairperson  
[special@pvupc.org](mailto:special@pvupc.org)

Jessica shared an update on the Community Resource Fair, which will take place on Wednesday, February 18, at 5:30 PM at Pinnacle High School. She also noted that recordings are available on the UPC YouTube channel.

C. Technology

Rebecca Guglielmo & Nisha Shah, Chairs  
[technology@pvupc.org](mailto:technology@pvupc.org)

Rebecca provided an update on ITC, which meets throughout the year. She also shared that the district's AI guidelines are being looked at and will be implemented as guidelines rather than Governing Board policy. Rebecca provided an update on the AI Ambassadorship program, which has launched at the high school level and is open to all students. Current student participants will help inform and influence how the district's AI guidelines are implemented. A question was raised about how information about the AI Ambassadorship program is being communicated to students and families.

D. Immersion Education

Laura Miyazaki, Chairperson  
[immersion@pvupc.org](mailto:immersion@pvupc.org)

Laura will provide an update at the February meeting.

E. PV Parent Expo

Kea Carota, Chairperson  
[communications@pvupc.org](mailto:communications@pvupc.org)

The PV Parent Expo will take place on February 10. Information for vendors is included on the presentation slide, and details will be shared with all PTO Presidents. The event is open to everyone and is a great opportunity for families to learn more about the district and its schools. Door prizes are still needed for the event. A question was raised about whether discounts are available for small businesses. Schools and nonprofit organizations are not charged for tables. The CTE program expressed interest in participating.

F. Teacher & Staff Appreciation Program

Kerry Baker, Chairperson  
[appreciation@pvupc.org](mailto:appreciation@pvupc.org)

Kerry was not present, but Susan provided an update. The kickoff for UPC Teacher Appreciation will begin next month. Anyone interested in helping is encouraged to contact Susan. The program is an opportunity to recognize not only teachers but also other staff members.

Nominations will open on February 18 and close on March 11. Susan also noted that the distribution of letters went well and encouraged continued communication with principals.

G. Geri L. Morgan Volunteer Award

Megan Starr, Chairperson  
[GMaward@pvupc.org](mailto:GMaward@pvupc.org)



Megan provided an update, sharing that nominations will open on February 18 and close on March 11. Representatives were encouraged to consider volunteers they would like to nominate. Any questions should be directed to Megan.

H. Outreach

Kea Carota & Susan Matura, Chairs  
[outreach@pvupc.org](mailto:outreach@pvupc.org)

Kea provided an update on the Transportation Department breakfast and expressed appreciation to the sponsors for their support.

I. Sponsorships

Kea Carota & Susan Matura, Chairs  
[communications@pvupc.org](mailto:communications@pvupc.org)

There was a sponsorship update, Cactus Day Camp was highlighted as the featured sponsor.

V. Announcements & Adjournment

Julie provided updates, including information about PVSchools Night and the upcoming 5K Fun Run. She also shared that Dr. Skidmore would be present for trivia following adjournment.

Motion to Adjourn Rebecca Guglielmo, Second Rachel Barzee. Adjourned 10:11 AM

**Monthly Program: “You’ve Got This (and So Do They): Preparing for Middle and High School” to begin at 10:00 am.**

NEXT MEETING: February 18, 2026, 9 am Extended Business Meeting with Mid-Year District Updates, 10:15 am Parent Program