

**Revised DRAFT – Unofficial Until Approved**

Meeting Minutes 10/8/2013

The Governing Board of the Tanque Verde Unified School District #13, Pima County, Tucson, Arizona held a Regular Session on October 8, 2013 in the Board Room, at the Tanque Verde Unified School District Administrative Office, 2300 N. Tanque Verde Loop Rd., Bldg. #1, and Tucson, Arizona 85749. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Board Members present:

Mrs. Claire Place, President (absent)	Mr. Jeffrey Neff, Board Member
Dr. Peter Livingston, Clerk	Mr. Carlos Ruiz, Board Member
Mr. Steven Auslander, Board Member	Amanda Grimshaw, Student Board Member

Administrative Staff:

Dr. Doug Price, Superintendent  
Mr. Marty O'Shea, Business Manager

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Mr. Neff made a motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Auslander seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

**3. REPORTS**

- **Student Board Member** – Amanda Grimshaw presented her Student Board Report to Board Members:

**Past:**

The TVHS student council collected 325 pounds (a new record) of non-perishable goods for Youth on Their Own.

The Emily Gray NJHS brought Rural Metro, Sheriff's Department, Police Department, and two City of Tucson Fire Departments gift baskets to express their thanks, appreciation and to honor of all the sacrifices made on 9/11.

On September 18<sup>th</sup>, EGJH hosted "Eat Wings, Raise Funds" at Buffalo Wild Wings - the restaurant was packed! The Emily Gray PTSG received 15% and it was a huge success.

On Friday, September 28 the PE classes at Emily Gray, held their first annual Dash -n- Dunk! Students received pledges to raise money by shooting baskets, and by dashing across the football field. Mr. Miller wants to thank all the wonderful parent volunteers who helped make this happen.

On Tuesday, Oct. 1 the Emily Gray Student Council went on their annual field trip to Rocks 'n Ropes. On this trip they learned many fundamental concepts of team building and group dynamics.

**Current:**

TVHS is hosting a canned food drive called Trick or Treat so Kids Can Eat. Student Council, NHS, FFA, and the drama troupe are all competing in it to see who can collect the most cans. The food drive is to benefit the Food Bank.

The Emily Gray Cross Country, Flag Football and Volleyball teams are all wrapping up their very, very successful season with upcoming league tournaments.

**Future:**

On October 18th the TVHS student council and cheerleaders are wearing bald caps to support cancer research.

On October 19th the TVHS student council is hosting the first ever Halloween Dance in the TVHS MPR – Hallow Waltz!

On October 21st the TVHS DE chemistry class is splitting up and attending Tanque Verde Elementary and Agua Caliente to perform science experiments for the 3rd grade classes. This is all possible because of a grant to promote the sciences TVHS Science teacher, Dr. Zreda was awarded.

On November 1st TVHS student council is having a BBQ for the last Home football game of the year. A chili cook off is being held and Board Members and Dr. Price are invited to be the judges!

November 2nd is the Fall Festival hosted at TVHS by all four schools. It is from 3:00-9:00. There will be an assortment of activities. Ranging from carnival style rides to lots of yummy food!

• **Superintendent's Report** – Dr. Price addressed the Board regarding:

- **Make a Difference** – Today, a tactical walk through with the some of the volunteers and district personnel took place. The projects will consist of placing DG, rock, and wood chips on the campuses as well as some planting at the sites. We will have approximately 120 volunteers in total with Eller college student volunteers and the LDS volunteers. We initially thought about cement work projects at the high school, but it turned out we won't be ready for this, or have the volunteers experienced in this type of work.

- **Char's Art Fund** – Dr. Price met with George and Charlene Atkinson earlier in the week to discuss Char's Art Fund. They want to continue their support of Char's Art fund. They will encourage and solicit others to make donations to strengthen the elementary art program. They expressed an interest in meeting with the Foundation to discuss expanding the financial base of the Foundation – this meeting will be arranged within the next few weeks.
- **Baptist Church Park** – A grand opening of the park is scheduled for Sunday, November 3, starting at noon.
- **University of Arizona Organic Farm Collaboration** – Dr. Price asked Dr. Livingston to update the Board regarding the U of A Organic Farm Collaboration. Dr. Livingston said, a 3:00 p.m. meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 10 at the TVHS Greenhouse. TVHS JTED Teacher Mr. Bernal, and Aaron Ball from Pima County JTED are scheduled to meet with the U of A Students and Dr. Livingston to discuss the collaboration. Because Thursday, Oct. 10 is during Fall Break, Dr. Livingston asked if Board Secretary Judy Bower would call and confirm this meeting is still scheduled with TVHS JTED teacher Mr. Bernal and Mr. Aaron Ball.
- **Tucson Festival of Books** – Dr. Price said he would like to schedule a meeting with Mr. Auslander to discuss this March 2014 event.
- **Security Emergency Preparedness Plan** – Dr. Price said staff will be participating in a workshop later this month. After this training is completed, he will have more to report.
- **EFRG Fee Schedule** – Dr. Price updated Board Members regarding the Education Finance Reform Group (EFRG), letting them know the fee schedule is based on ADM.
- **Enrollment** – Mr. O'Shea reported the October enrollment is 1990; we are down a total of 7 student's district wide. TVHS is at 502 – down a net total of 3 students, EGJH is at 369 – down 3 students, TVES is at 634 – down 3 students and ACES is at 485 – is up 2 students. Most students with drawls were due to family relocation.
- **District Report Card** - Mr. O'Shea reported we are off to a good start. The Soft Capital is no longer in existence. Things as this point are pretty normal.

- **Legislative update** – Dr. Price announced Senator Bradley will be shadowing him visiting the school district the morning of Wednesday, October 30. Dr. Price asked if Board Members would be available to visit with the Senator. We will have a breakfast and lunch meeting arranged, and Board Members are welcome to attend. Once the details are finalized, board members will be advised.

The next Education Finance Reform Group (EFRG) meeting is on Friday, Oct. 18 in Phoenix, Dr. Price said he will attend and update the Board when he returns.

Mr. Ruiz updated Board Members on the ASBA 'Are You Prepared?' training he attended on October 7. Representative Ethan Orr was a guest at the training. He stated he feels the upcoming Legislative session will be contentious. Representative Orr thinks it's important to build alliances between education and business.

Some of the training was relating to communication with the community, explaining "Why the change" – attendees were encouraged to check out the ASBA website to help develop their message. Another resource available to the community is through Stand for Children their link is: <http://stand.org/az/accrs>. Some of the points made during the training were:

- a. Business and Education need to change; work together better preparing students regardless of the path they take whether it be formal education, technical training or right into the job force.
- b. How students are taught, teaching methods need to change.

The Common Core Standards will now be known as Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards.

These standards were voted and approved by majority through the Governors Association. During the discussions, concerns relating to the imposed Standards were expressed about losing local control.

Another concern with this change from AIMS to PARCC is how this may impact school grades and levels – which will impact District grades.

Dr. Price said there will be a transition period, we are testing differently, and scores will look different.

Mr. Ruiz said sample tests are online and available. Dr. Price added, the administrative team is currently reviewing the tests.

Mr. Auslander said he hopes the district continues to press for the pilot testing dates we want. Dr. Price spoke up saying the dates we currently have indicate testing will be in April. He continued, our hope is to have them in March, and he will be continuing to addressing this directly with Arizona Department of Education.

- **Facilities report** – Mr. O'Shea said Climatec is working on the final punch list, it should be wrapping up by the end of the week. He said he completed the TEP Rebate agreement paperwork. Climatec Engineering Representative Taylor Jones is assigned to our district to oversee the management of our programs to maximize our energy efficiency.
- **Board comments** – Mr. Ruiz announced he was elected Chairman of the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce starting at the end of the month.

**4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

**There was no call from the Public**

**5. CONSENT AGENDA** *(see attached)*

**MOTION:** Mr. Auslander made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Neff seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

**6. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Community Linkage Meeting Schedule Update - This topic was tabled.

B. Tax Credit Donation Campaign – Dr. Price asked for a meeting to be scheduled with Mr. Auslander to begin developing a comprehensive plan.

C. *News and Views* Distribution Schedule – Dr. Price asked to meet with Mr. Auslander to talk about the frequency, and focus of the district newsletter, *News and Views*.

**7. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Statement of Action Taken with respect to Career Ladder Funding**

**MOTION:** Mr. Neff made a motion to approve the Statement of Action Taken with respect to Career Ladder Funding as submitted. Mr. Auslander seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

**B. Consideration for Tax Credit Donation eligibility status for Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) –**

**MOTION:** Mr. Auslander made a motion to approve the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) eligible for Tax Credit Donations. Mr. Neff seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

**C. FY 2012-13 Annual Financial Report -**

**MOTION:** Mr. Ruiz made a motion to approve the FY 2012-13 annual financial report as submitted. Mr. Neff seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**9. FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Auslander made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Neff seconded; the motion carried Unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Judy Bower, Board Secretary

Absent

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Claire Place, Board President

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Peter Livingston, Board Clerk

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Steven Auslander, Board Member

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Jeffrey Neff, Board Member

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Carlos Ruiz, Board Member

