

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
January 4, 2022

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Roger Rice, Superintendent

Ventura Education Partnership (VEP)

Kathy Asher & Debbie Golden, Co-Presidents

- Arts and Social Justice Grant Cycle will begin this month. The application window will be January 17 – February 1. Check website to apply: <http://www.venturaeducationpartnership.org/>.
- Grant readers are being requested. VEP is seeking volunteers from the community who are not employed by VUSD. Readers are being asked to read approximately 20 grants that are 2-3 pages. If interested in being a reader, one must submit an application and attend a mandatory meeting on February 15 at 5:30 (either via Zoom or at the district office). Scores need to be submitted by February 22. Please email Kathy Asher at kathyasher@roadrunner.com if you would like to volunteer.

Superintendent's Update

Dr. Roger Rice, Superintendent

- Work continues on establishing a **Declining Enrollment Committee**. Dr. Rice hopes to have a meeting later this month with the committee. Please see previous meeting notes regarding purpose of said committee.
- At next week's School Board meeting, the Board will be asked for guidance for staff on presenting the **General Obligation Bond** to public. Please see previous meeting notes regarding the bond. The School Board needs to pass a resolution in the spring for placing on the ballot. It needs to be determined whether or not to put it on the November ballot.
- **HR/Staffing issues:** The School Board has approved the appointment of the new Director of Student Support Services. There is speculation of site and district leadership will have many retirements in the near future, so many positions to will need to be filled.
- **Transporation:** Families that rely on buses need prepare for plan B. As of January 4, 10 drivers are currently out and were already shorthanded to begin with. VUSD is able to manage now, but be prepared for the future if things get worse.
- **Covid and VUSD's response:** Please see the attached ParentSquare notification sent on January 4 (today).

Communications Update

Martin Foley, Digital Communications Specialist

- VUSD will be launching Peach Star on Friday, January 7. More information to come this week.
- New district websites are still on track to launch between mid February and early March. Again, more information to come.