

Inspiring Every Child to Achieve



# APRIL 9TH, 2024 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

»» RECAP ««



**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS AT THE SALON DES ENFANTS ART EXHIBIT!  
LOOK AT PAGE 4 FOR THE LIST OF WINNERS!**

## »»» MARICOPA COUNTY NAACP TO HONOR PRINCIPAL SELLS



On April 26th, the Maricopa County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will recognize Bethune Principal Claron Sells during their Annual Freedom Fund Dinner and Community Awards Program. Ms. Sells will be honored for her commitment, exemplary service, and contribution to the community as the Education Award Honoree. This award recognizes individuals and institutions that are actively involved with giving back to the community through educational opportunities for striving young students and actively participating in leadership roles to advocate for academic excellence on behalf of students, parents, teachers, faculty members and staff. We are so proud of Ms. Sells and her accomplishments on behalf of our students and can't wait to see what the future holds for her.

## QUALITY FIRST 4-STAR PRESCHOOL RECOGNITION



QUALITY PLUS

EXCEEDS QUALITY STANDARDS

P.E.S.D.#1 - Kenilworth Elementary School

Phoenix Elementary School District #1



Quality First, a program of First Things First, has awarded our preschool program at Kenilworth a 4-star rating! Quality First assesses programs using valid and reliable tools that focus on what research shows are the key components of quality early care, including adult-child interactions, learning environments and staff qualifications. The 4-star rating indicates that our program exceeds quality standards for early learning! Kenilworth joins our other 4-star sites of Whittier and Magnet. Congratulations to the team at Kenilworth! We thank Faith North and our 4-star sites for providing high quality, developmentally appropriate, and relationship-based instruction for our earliest learners!



## DIAMONDBACKS MASCOT VISITS KENILWORTH STUDENTS

On March 6th, Kenilworth students got a visit from Baxter, the Arizona Diamondbacks mascot! To promote STEM and literacy, the Arizona Diamondbacks teamed up with Honeywell and created the illustrated children's book, "Baxter, Zac, and the Half-Moon Attack!" Baxter gave a copy of the book to each student, often toying with them to grab it from him, and challenging a few students to games of "Rock, Paper, Scissors." This visit was part of National Reading Month and Read Across America week activities. View more photos [HERE!](#)



## >>> CELEBRATING THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Last week, Phoenix #1 celebrated the Week of the Young Child, a tradition we started a few years ago to recognize the importance of early childhood learning. We started the week with Music Monday at Faith North. Our wonderful partners at Rosie's House came to play music with our young learners. The rest of the week included a series of fun-themed events to help celebrate the developmental approach to learning that incorporates all our senses. Our learners also enjoyed events for Tasty Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday and Family Friday. We are proud to be part of a nationwide recognition of early childhood learning and thank our teachers and families who helped make this week spectacular.



## >>> NEW PHOENIX #1 PRINCIPALS

We are proud to introduce two new principals to the Phoenix #1 community! As many of you know firsthand, our principals are among the very best in the Valley and the addition of Mrs. Erin Freriks at Whittier and Dr. Alicia Clynick at Herrera will further strengthen our amazing cohort of leaders. See their bios linked here: [Dr. Alicia Clynick](#) / [Mrs. Erin Freriks](#)



**DR. ALICIA CLYNICK**



**MS. ERIN FRERIKS**

## >>> AASA MATH AND READING ASSESSMENTS

Our students are starting their AASA math and reading assessments. We want to thank our amazing Child Nutrition Department led by Ms. Miranda Martin for ensuring our students are getting nutritious and delicious food and snacks to fuel them during testing, as well as our teachers and site Testing Coordinators who are working to organize schedules and ensure our test environments are secure so every student has a fair opportunity to show how much they know. Families, you can help your child feel better prepared by making sure they get plenty of sleep, have a nourishing meal, and remind them to take their time and do their best. We know when our students do their best, they get outstanding results. Most importantly, let your child know how much you love them and believe in them. Thank you for being partners in helping our children succeed.



# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

## >>> 2023-24 SALON DES ENFANTS AWARD WINNERS

I am pleased to announce the students recognized for their outstanding artwork at the Salon des Enfants held on April 5th. This event provides a gallery of our young artists' work from across the district and we are proud to recognize these outstanding young artists and their teachers:



### Superintendent's Awards

Left: Liyah Espinoza - Capitol (Zoe Soto)

Right: Laila Verdugo Soto - Dunbar (Anne Armbruster)

### Cabinet's Choice

Emi Alldredge  
Shaw Montessori  
(Miyuki Ketchum)



### Best in Show

Dalila Gutierrez Arredondo  
Garfield  
(Casey Runk)



### Governing Board Choice

Robert Perez Serano  
Kenilworth  
(Lauren Feldman)



#### **5th Grade:**

- 1st:** Javier Ibarra - Shaw Montessori (Miyuki Ketchum)
- 2nd:** Lynette Ventura Ramirez - Herrera Elementary (Susan Bauer)
- 3rd:** Mariah Molina - Herrera Elementary (Susan Bauer)
- Honorable Mention:** Faith Browne - Shaw Montessori (Miyuki Ketchum)
- Honorable Mention:** Maylihn Bustos Marquez - Garfield Elementary (Casey Runk)

#### **6th Grade:**

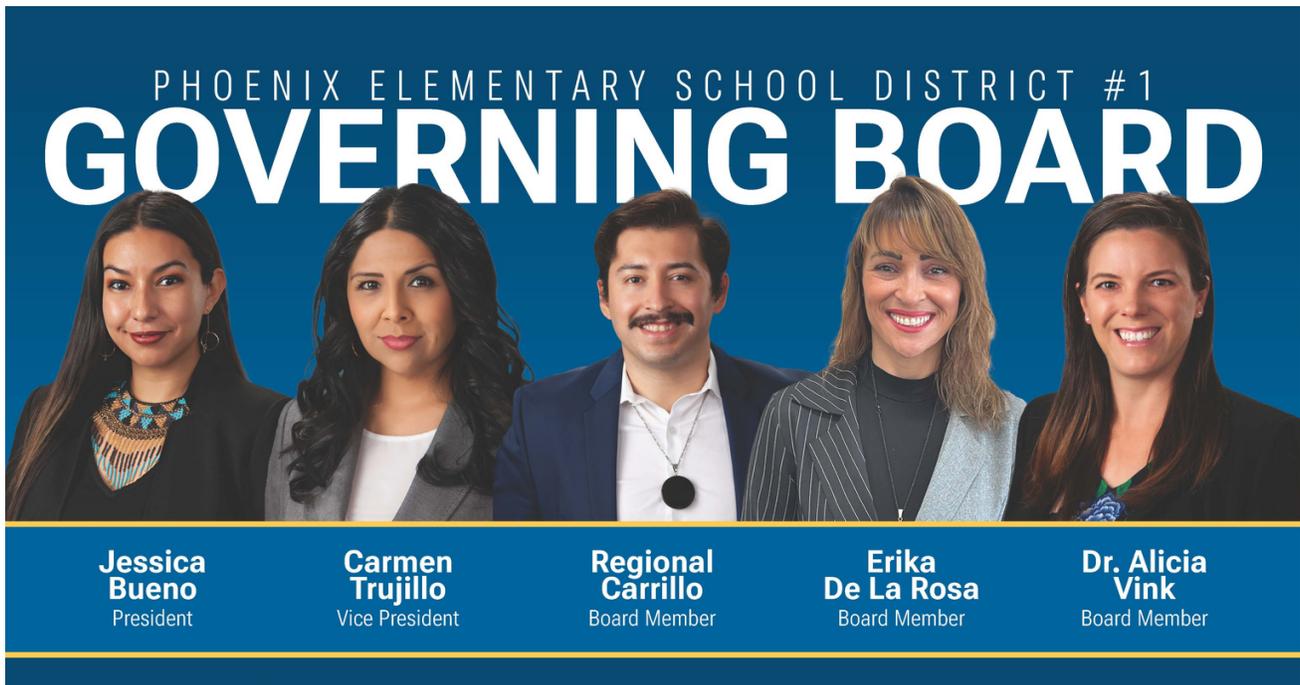
- 1st:** Vicente Bracamonte Felix - Dunbar Elementary (Anne Armbruster)
- 2nd:** Dianna Delgadillo - Herrera Elementary (Susan Bauer)
- 3rd:** Yaneli Perez Marroquin - Edison Elementary (Tara Maeshiro)
- Honorable Mention:** Carmen Cervantes Antonio - Herrera Elementary (Susan Bauer)
- Honorable Mention:** Lorelin Gaxiola Rios - Kenilworth Elementary (Lauren Feldman)

#### **7th Grade:**

- 1st:** Angela Vazquez - Lowell Elementary (Zachary Collins)
- 2nd:** Alessandra Rasco - Kenilworth Elementary (Lauren Feldman)
- 3rd:** Octavio Mena - Capitol (Zoe Soto)
- Honorable Mention:** Vada Ulibarri - Garfield Elementary (Casey Runk)
- Honorable Mention:** Anaurabt Patricio - Capitol Elementary (Zoe Soto)

#### **8th Grade:**

- 1st:** Estrella Botello Salazar - Herrera Elementary (Susan Bauer)
- 2nd:** Aaliah Sanders - Edison Elementary (Tara Maeshiro)
- 3rd:** Litz Rodriguez - Capitol (Zoe Soto)
- Honorable Mention:** Alison Maldonado - Kenilworth Elementary (Lauren Feldman)
- Honorable Mention:** Maria Jose Vasquez - Edison Elementary (Tara Maeshiro)



The Phoenix #1 Governing Board has a focus on student outcome focused governance. The framework is built around six research-informed competencies that describe school board behaviors and the degree to which they create the conditions for improvements in student outcomes: ***Vision & Goals, Values & Guardrails, Monitoring & Accountability, Communication & Collaboration, Unity & Trust, and Continuous Improvement.***

The April 9th meeting focused on one Board Goal and one Board Interim Goal:

**Board Goal 3** - The percentage of English learners increasing at least one proficiency level as measured by AZELLA will increase from 32% on August 2023 to 50% by August 2028.

**Board Interim Goal 3** - The percent of English learners increasing at least one placement level as measured by I-READY Reading Diagnostic will increase from 48% in Spring 2023 to 55% by Spring 2024.

**TO VIEW THE FULL GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA, ALL DOCUMENTS, AND STREAM MEETINGS, VISIT [PHXSCHOOLS.ORG/BOARD](https://phxschools.org/board)**



## ALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS WERE APPROVED INCLUDING:

1. Approval or Ratification of Payroll Vouchers in the total amount of \$2,641,193.50 (Policy: DKA)
2. Approval or Ratification of Expense Vouchers in the total amount of \$2,223,199.23 (Policy: DKA)
3. Request Approval of Multi-Term Determination for PESD RFP 24-5-29 Ready to Eat Pizza (Policy DJE-R)
4. International Rescue Committee Lease Amendment (Governing Board Policy: DFB)
5. Approval of Renewal of Agreement Between Teach for America (TFA) and Phoenix Elementary School District #1 (Policy GCF)
6. Student Activity Fund Raising Approval for Bethune Student Government (Policy JJE)
7. Approval or Ratification of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Support Staff (Policies: GCF, GDF)
8. Approval or Ratification of Employee Contract/Work Agreement Adjustments for Changes in Position (Policies: GCF, GDF)
9. Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Retirements (Policies: GCQC, QCQF)
10. Approval of Meet and Confer Agreement (Policy: HA)
11. Approval of Faith North Calendar 2023-24
12. Approval of School - Out-of-District/County/ Overnight or Out State Field Trips (Policy: IJOA)
13. Approval of Consent Agenda (Policy: BEDB)

## >>> CLUB STIPENDS

Pending budgetary limitations, club stipends will increase from \$750 to \$1500. The District will budget for five clubs per school at \$1500 per club, student council plus four other clubs. Additional clubs can be paid for using tax credit donations at the discretion of the site administrator.

## >>> \$1000 PAYMENT TO DISTRICT SPONSORED HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Pending budgetary limitations, \$1000 will be added to staff accounts who utilize the District Health Savings Account.



## >>> REHIRE RETIREES AT 100% OF THEIR CONTRACT

After a policy revision, the District agrees to rehire retirees at 100% of their contract after the mandatory 365-day separation of work.

## >>> BREAKFAST IN THE CLASSROOM

Breakfast in the classroom will become optional, so long as it is in accordance with Child Nutrition and Federal Statutes for Free and Reduced Lunch.

## >>> ONE TIME AND FINAL ESSER RETENTION STIPEND

For all employees returning in 2024 there will be ONE lump sum payment of \$5,000 to be paid on or before September 30, 2024. This retention stipend applies to all employees who meet the requirement of being under contract at the end of the 23-24 school year and return for the 24-25 school year.

## >>> ETR INCREASE AND ELIGIBILITY

Pending District budget limitations, extra time compensation will increase to \$45 per hour in the 2024-25 school year. Such compensation is available in circumstances where work performed outside of the workday is voluntary, planned, budgeted, and pre-approved by an administrator.