

June 7, 2022

Mrs. Deb Dillon, President  
Prescott Unified School District School Board  
300 E. Gurley Street  
Prescott AZ 86301.

Dear President Dillon:

The Republican Women of Prescott (RWOP) represents the interests of 941 women and men in the quad city area. Our organization's focus promotes our veterans, our students through the school volunteer program and annual student scholarships. We jealously guard our children and grandchildren as they are the future of America.

Recently, RWOP membership approached the Executive Board with questions concerning the direction of the Prescott Unified School District in relation to the utilization and inclusion of Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and Critical Race Theory (CRT) in Prescott schools. More recently, we were made aware of \$5.00 ticket sales for a Queer Prom party on May 21<sup>st</sup> spotlighted by The Launch Pad for 12 to 18 year olds.

In that light, the Executive Board began researching the questions and comments presented by our membership to determine if CRT and SEL are active curriculum within the PUSD. The PUSD's affiliation with The Launch Pad was also reviewed and it was learned the PUSD ratified their third 3-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with The Launch Pad on April 7, 2022. This MOU was also modified to incorporate the Boys to Men Mentoring Program under the umbrella of The Launch Pad.

During our research, we developed a better knowledge of Arizona's School laws, PUSD's governmental mandates, district funding, K-12 enrollment, proficiency ratings, graduation rates, impacts of the covid environment and the important role the School Board plays in the development of our children and grandchildren. We developed a number of significant questions we would appreciate direct answers from the School Board.

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It is the responsibility of the Executive Board to use due diligence in researching the questions and comments raised by our membership. This responsibility is twofold in that we are a conservative Republican organization with bylaws mandating the introduction of all Republican candidates to our membership to enable their informed choice, and to uphold/promote conservative values in the Quad City area.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Republican Women of Prescott be granted a place on the July 12<sup>th</sup> School Board Agenda to discuss our observations and present our questions; especially relating to teaching that falls outside of institutional academics; lesson plans that may sow bias based on identity groups and privilege and the scope of LGBTQ advertising on school bulletin boards allowed within the current MOU with The Launch Pad.

The RWOP Executive Board strives to better understand the demands placed on our school leadership/teachers, and how we can better improve our partnership with the PUSD while improving the academic curriculum and education of our students.


Respectfully,

  
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