

Kyrene Parent Network October 17, 2006 Meeting Highlights

It was an honor for KPN to have Dr. Shirley Miles, Superintendent of Tempe Union High School District as our October guest! Dr. Miles entertained the audience with her stories of travel, her visions for Tempe high schools and her beliefs about education today.

Her love of travel has brought her to many interesting places throughout the world including Tibet, where she traveled alone for 30 days!

She commented that the one thing she has learned from all of her adventures is that the common thread regarding education is that parents everywhere care deeply about their children's learning. Dr. Miles' advocacy for the Arts certainly came through as she talked about her personal love for dance.

Another interesting fact about Dr. Miles is besides having her PhD in Education, she also has some business background, with an MBA.

Dr. Miles, along with Greg Patten (KPN Vice Pres.) gave updates on the work of the state commissioned committee studying unification and answered some general questions regarding it. Everyone agreed it is very important for the community to learn all the facts and to provide their input to this process. In the end, voters will determine if any type of unification takes place.

Dr. Miles extended her thanks for KPN inviting her and said she would be happy to come back!