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Paulo Freire Freedom School prides itself on its cadre of qualified, passionate, and caring teachers. We strive to have 100% of our teaching staff deemed & “highly qualified” as defined by federal guidelines. Under the Federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001, we are required to provide parent notification of the qualifications of our teachers. Below are brief bios of our full-time teaching team.

**Abigail Wolfset** received her Masters of Education from the University of Arizona. She has a B.A in Creative Writing with a Minor in German Studies. Abigail is the lead teacher for 6-8 Humanities and an advisor. She previously taught English and Writing at Walden Grove High School in Sahuarita, AZ.

**Lin Lucas** has a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Western Washington University. He is a writer, illustrator, and dancer. Lin is an experienced facilitator with an expertise in race and equity training. He has taught at all grade levels from K-12, most recently in Seattle and Portland. Lin is an education assistant and an advisor.

**Ariana Garcia** earned her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Arizona in Biology with a minor in Spanish. Ariana is teaching Spanish 1, serving as an educational assistant for 6th grade math, directing the AfterSchool learning program, and guiding an advisory. Ariana previously worked at City High where she supported the Health and Wellness program and created curriculum for their advisory program.

**Tadeo Pfister** graduated from Prescott College with a B.A. in Environmental Studies and a minor in Marine Biology. Tadeo has many academic publications, primarily focused on marine biology, sustainability, and education. He has been a senior program coordinator for the U of A and for Prescott College. Tadeo is fluent in Spanish and has spent many years leading research and education programs in the Gulf of California. Previously, Tadeo worked at Doolen Middle School. Tadeo teaches 6/7 Science, leads the expedition program, and is an advisor.

**Steve Beall** graduated from Indiana University with a B.S. in Biology. He also earned his teaching certificate there in both biological and general science. Steve completed his Masters of Science from the University of Arizona. Steve has twenty years of teaching experience at the middle school, high school, community college, and university level. He is highly qualified to teach science. Steve will be taking the state test this year to become highly qualified in math as well. Steve teaches 8th grade Science, 6th grade math, and is an advisor.

**Carman Ryken** graduated from Mills College with a B.A in French and a minor in Math. She has taught for many years as a lead math teacher in addition to her roles as a coach, advisor, and dean in both Tucson and California. Carman is Tucson’s only accredited Khan Academy Ambassador. Carman is highly qualified to teach Math. Carman teaches 7th and 8th Math and is an advisor.

All staff resumes are available on file at PFFSU.
Please see the bios section of our website for more information.
Feel free to contact me if you have any further questions about our staff. We are excited about this school year, and we hope you and your student are as well.

Best,

Chad Blair
Principal, Paulo Freire Freedom School – University