

**Sequoia APT General Meeting
March 6, 2015**

Amy Mariucci called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Executive Board Officers in attendance:

Amy Mariucci, President; Courtney Odden, President Elect; Tracy Cheney, Recording Secretary; Lisa Kanarish, VP Community Relations; Tanya Kaiser, VP Services; Lara Vineyard, VP Communications; Sally Gnirk, Co-Deposit Chair

Executive Board Officers absent:

Shannon Myers, Treasurer; Michelle Moriarty, Co-Deposit Chair; Lisa Hoberg, Advisor; Bryn DeFusco, VP Fundraising; Jackie Wollheim, VP Arts

Total attendance: 10

VOTE Ms. Odden moved to approve the Minutes from the APT General Meeting held on February 6, 2015; Ms. Gnirk seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Principal Leiper provided an update on the Principal's meeting held on March 4. The meeting was well-attended. There was tremendous interest in the foreign language pilot program with all 60 pilot spots filling quickly. Principal Leiper reported she is getting a lot of support in the District for the honors program she is implementing. Principal Leiper previewed teacher moves for the 2015-16 school year and noted there are strong candidates for the open positions. She also noted she is working with GCU and NAU to be a training site for teachers. Asst. Principal Faeh reported that she has decided to purchase paperback copies of Out of My Mind, which will cost less than what the APT approved for the hardbacks. Principal Leiper announced a promotional postcard would be sent to the Chaparral complex as competition from charter schools intensifies.

Ms. Mariucci asked for input on donating to Project Graduation, Chaparral's alcohol-free graduation party. The APT supported donating if there was an effort to get reciprocal support from Chaparral, such as with student volunteers.

VOTE Ms. Odden moved to donate \$100 to Project Graduation; Ms. Gnirk seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Mariucci reported that the deadline for Chaparral students to apply for the APT's scholarship for former Sequoia students is April 20 and the scholarship will be awarded at a school assembly on May 13.

The APT discussed student safety concerns in the parking lot after school, particularly around the parking lot openings. Principal Leiper will review options. Ms. Leiper noted that she regularly extends offers for police to park and use office space on campus.

Ms. Mariucci reported preliminary APEX Fun Run proceeds and believes final proceeds will come in close to budget. APEX is offering incentives to re-sign now for next year but the APT will explore alternatives first.

Ms. Mariucci reported that replacement parts were ordered for one of the school's printers that was purchased by the APT many years ago. She reminded the APT that this printer was available for APT business use.

Ms. Odden reported that Young Author's Day volunteer sign-up is on track.

Ms. Kanarish gave an update on Family Nights and announced Jamba Juice will be on campus for Young Author's Day.

Ms. Odden reported that Chanen Brizula is seeking a co-chair for Silent Auction, as well as teams to secure and package donations. She also has a goal to fund 100% of the cost of the Give Smart platform through sponsorships in 2015. Ms. Odden is actively considering ideas to recruit more volunteers to free up the regulars.

Ms. Kaiser reported on Movie Night. She secured Sylvan as a sponsor and is reaching out to directory advertisers for additional sponsorships with a goal of offsetting 100% of the cost of the event. It was suggested that she reach out to summer camps who could set up registration tables at the event. Ms. Kaiser reported final yearbook sales, noting that the APT purchased yearbooks for families in need but did not purchase extra yearbooks for 5th graders who did not purchase one themselves as in prior years.

Ms. Vineyard reported that the school's email would be down through Spring Break due to IT upgrades. Ms. Vineyard demoed new SUSD and Sequoya websites. Feedback is requested. The APT discussed its preference that 4th and 5th grades use laptops instead tablets in the classroom, noting the benefits the 3rd graders are receiving using laptops.

Ms. Vineyard noted lessons learned with the sign-up process for the foreign language pilot program. An email will be sent to parents who received a confirmed spot to reinforce the commitment for the program, including expectations for attendance. A waiting list is available. The goal of the pilot program is to gather sufficient data to support the District paying for a permanent program. The APT is looking into an option for parents to purchase the program at discount for home use. The APT purchased 60 headsets with microphones for the program. These headsets are assigned to individual kids but stay in the classroom. Parents can purchase a headset for home use also.

Ms. Mariucci noted that preparations for Art Walk need to get started.

Upcoming Events:

- Spring Break March 9-13
- Family Night, March 18, 4-8 p.m., Paradise Bakery (Tatum & Shea)
- Young Author's Day, March 27
- Movie Night, March 27, 5:45 p.m.
- APT General Meeting, Apr. 3, 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.