

# MINUTES

## **Sequoia APT General Meeting December 5, 2014**

Amy Mariucci called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

### **Executive Board Officers in attendance:**

Amy Mariucci, President; Tracy Cheney, Recording Secretary; Shannon Myers, Treasurer; Michelle Moriarty, Deposit Chair; Courtney Odden, President Elect; Lisa Kanarish, VP Community Relations; Bryn DeFusco, VP Fundraising; Tanya Kaiser, VP Services; Lara Vineyard, VP Communications; Jackie Wollheim, VP Arts

**Total attendance:** 16

### **VOTE**

**Ms. Myers moved to approve the Minutes from the general meeting held on November 7, 2014; Ms. Odden seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**Principal's Report:** Principal Leiper and Asst. Principal Faeh were excited to announce the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to Jr. Achievement's Biztown March 26. There is \$25 per student fee, which is eligible for the tax credit. They are planning a tax credit push through December. Ms. Leiper and Ms. Faeh provided an overview of the AZ Merit test. Information is available at [www.azed.gov](http://www.azed.gov) and also at the Scottsdale Parent Council meeting at Coronado H.S. on December 10. The District is still deciding whether to administer the test on paper or online. The school will get its score but it will not count the first year. Ms. Leiper reported positive feedback on the Thanksgiving week events.

**Communications Report:** Ms. Vineyard discussed Grow with sUSd January 9 and Kindergarten Roundup January 22. Go to [www.segoyaapt.org](http://www.segoyaapt.org) for more information and to RSVP. Ms. Vineyard made posters promoting these events customized for specific locations (e.g., daycares, pediatricians, etc.).

Ms. Mariucci proposed funding small gifts for the Care Board program. There was a concern that not all teachers are participating in the program; Ms. Leiper will ensure all teachers participate.

### **VOTE**

**Ms. Wollheim moved to fund the Care Board program. Ms. DeFusco seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Ms. Mariucci reported that Mr. Finigian purchased headsets with microphones for the computer lab with the \$250 budget. He is testing this model for use with potential future foreign language software.

**Treasurer/Deposit Report:** The P&L statement was reviewed. Ms. Myers led a discussion of favorable and unfavorable budget variances. Ms. Myers noted the back-to-school supplies budget was adjusted to put it on fiscal year accounting; as a result, this line item is shown as over-budget.

The Silent Auction was a success. There was consensus that the Give Smart platform and staff made it easier to administer the auction. The APT will look at less expensive platform options or seek to get the full cost of the platform sponsored next year. It was recommended that classroom basket ticket collection be centralized next year.

Ms. Myers explained the options for receiving Book Fair proceeds: approximately \$6,600 in Scholastic dollars, which can be distributed to teachers to purchase supplies, or approximately \$3,000 in cash for the APT.

**VOTE Ms. Myers moved to accept all of the Book Fair proceeds in Scholastic dollars. Ms. DeFusco seconded. The motion carried.**

**President Report:** Ms. Mariucci provided the following updates:

- Photos from school events are wanted for the yearbook.
- Fifth grade parents should send in baby pictures for the yearbook ASAP.
- There are 17 remaining Christmas Angel gifts to purchase.
- Talent Show applications are due December 18.
- The APT successfully purchased 5-years' worth of "Success for All" books as noted in the prior meeting.
- APT supply bins have been purchased. Time will be scheduled in January to clean out the supply closet.
- The APT \$1,000 community scholarship will be discussed at the January meeting.
- The American Heart Association jump rope event will not take place this year due to a conflict with the APEX Fun Run.

Ms. Leiper discussed that she is exploring ways to bring foreign language programs to Sequoya.

The APT brainstormed ways to promote sales of Scrip gift cards.

The APT will purchase snacks and gift cards for Treats for Teachers on December 19.

**VOTE Ms. Myers moved to spend \$300 on Treats for Teachers. Ms. DeFusco seconded. The motion carried.**

Thank you notes from teachers to the APT were passed around.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Scottsdale Parent Council meeting, Dec. 10, 9:30 a.m., Coronado H.S.
- Jingle Bell Jog, Dec. 16
- Tax Credit Deadline, Dec. 31
- APT, Jan. 9, Express Lane 8:30 a.m. / General Meeting 9:00 a.m.
- Grow with sUSd, Jan. 9, 9:00-11:30 a.m.
- Kindergarten Roundup, Jan. 22, 5-7 p.m.
- Talent Show Feb. 6, Auditions Jan. 6 & 8

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.