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MINUTES - Friday, September 30, 2016

Lisa Kanarish called the meeting to order at 9:01am

Executive Board Officers in attendance: Lisa Kanarish, Lara Vineyard, Shannon Myers, Laura Seligson, Courtney Odden

Total Attendance: 19

Vote: Lisa Kanarish moved to approve the minutes from the General Meeting held on August 26, 2016; Shannon Myers motion, Courtney Odden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Principal Report: Ms. Leiper said that new “no parking” signs have been installed along 64th St. Police officer has been more visible in parking lot and along 64th St. Encourage people to use busses - Bryn will be putting article in Twigs about benefit of bussing vs pickup. 5th grade went to biz town had a great time. Talent show tonight. Now have chorus after school twice a week with Mr. Tarter, free and open to Sequoia 4th & 5th graders. We have recycling crates to separate paper and other recyclables. Funds generated per pound and profits go to APT. Mrs Conway is going to lead organic garden. Planting will start after fall break. Ms. Leiper bought big composting bin. An additional Chromebook cart has been ordered. Tutoring has been cut back from 2 aides to 1 because kids are doing well. Money going to more Chromebooks. Nov. 9th is Kindergarten Roundup for next year. Next week early release teachers will be learning more about how the brain works and working on gifted endorsements. Speaker Katie McPherson will talk to teachers about adolescent brain. May bring her in for parent talk in the spring. Rosetta Stone going well. Church coming in to volunteer and show community support. They will paint sidewalk maps and other maintenance work. Have a new nighttime custodian. Kindergarten classes are moving release spot to in front of kinder classrooms and out that side gate.

Guest Speaker: Karen Trean(?) from Yes to Children, a nonprofit advocacy group. PAC for SUSD. Talked about SUSD Bond and Override. Explained \$229 million bond measure and capital override that is on the Nov. 8 ballot. The money will be used for rebuilds, remodels, brick and mortar improvements and repairs. Capital override is a surcharge on property tax. \$8.5 million proposed for soft capital which are fixtures furnishings, books, software, etc. Passed out car magnets, flyers, yard signs. Pushing campaign because early ballots go out Oct 12. Community walks and other ways to contribute encouraged.

President Report: Lisa Kanarish - dads meeting went well. 25 dads showed up. More to be planned. Activities, Thanksgiving lunch plans underway. Talent show is tonight and will feature 22 acts. On early release day AZ Circus School will open up and let kids practice with teachers. Yogis added as Sequoia Family Night location, Kendra Scott moms night will be planned. End of year party will be planned at OHSO. 2nd option now available for spirit wear. Offers many more options. Small inventory will be kept. Orders may be placed online at any time. Yearbook committee has met. Veronica Leon is at all events, getting lots of pictures. Asking for others to share pix as well. Planning to incorporate

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superhero theme into yearbook, make alumni page, add more Sequoia history. Parent education speaker coming up 10/6. Next APT meeting 11/4.

Treasurer: Shannon Myers - numbers always changing, currently showing \$51,000 in the hole but very early in the year and no need to worry. Kinder reading program review coming up in a couple years, same year as Rosetta Stone will renew, 2 years from now. Need to start thinking about how to fund or any possible changes.

Guest: Alison Beckham running for Scottsdale School Board. Spoke about running for governing board. Will likely be appointed because 3 candidates and 3 spots. Was complimentary about our school, APT, etc.

Western Roundup: Joy & Melissa gave update. Plan to change cakewalk to cupcake walk. Sign up sheet going out soon. Will have a real mini pig for kiss the pig opportunities.

Communications: Lara Vineyard, BTS update: 245 people filled it out. Of those there are 450 households. Estimate 60% filled it out. About 485 students. 65 responders put in their profession or that they lived abroad and would willing to speak about their experiences. 31 have lived abroad. SUSD Showcase next month at Cocopah. Encourage attendance, fun day bounce houses, art, music, Sequoia will have a table. Kindergarten Roundup will be on Nov 9. Printed posters asking for help to drop them off at places that will post info for us on community boards.

Fundraising: Courtney Odden - Fall Giving fell \$3,000 short of goal for budget. Hope to make up shortage with passive fundraising. 175 families, 44% donated. Mrs. Rich won with 77% of her class donating. 5th grade had 61% of the grade donate. Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Conway tied for 2nd place. Teachers will get Amazon gift cards. \$3,000 of very specific Chromebook donations were also received and are not included in Fall Giving numbers.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21

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