

MINUTES

Sequoia APT Minutes February 5, 2013

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Hoberg at 6:07pm.

Officers in attendance:

Lisa Hoberg, Lara Vineyard, Lindsey Miller, Amy Mariucci, Michelle Moriarty

Total attendance: 19

II. Approval of minutes

III. Principal's Report ~ Principal Dr. Bridget

- Entries for the Video contest by 4th grade on Why do you like Sequoia/What is so great about Sequoia? are due next week.
- February 20 from 5-7pm is the Science Tech Fair at Chaparral. 2nd & 3rd graders will have their projects on display.
- Early Release Feb. 6 with work on common core and creating a rubric.
- With help from a grant and a donation, additional tablets will be added to media room for tech team and students in classroom. 5th graders recently began mentoring Kinder students with the tablets and report it a success.
- Shelly Bodine (VP Marketing) from E-Instruction met with us and is partnering with the school.

IV. Officer Reports

- A. **President-** 5th GRADE TSHIRTS are given at the end of the year by APT. Should we consider not providing due to budget concerns? It was suggested that students pay a minimal fee or look into something new.
- B. **Treasurer** - FALL BOOK FAIR came in above budget (\$4500). Still missing income on DICKEY'S NIGHT. DIRECTORY expense came in at \$800 and YEARBOOK sales so far are low. We are in positive by \$10,000.
- C. **Activities-** SALADS & SWEETS teacher luncheon is on Feb 14th and volunteer help looks great.
- D. **Fundraising-** The USED BOOK FAIR collection went well, netting over \$2,000. Left over books went to Bethune Elementary. PETER PIPER PIZZA NIGHT was wonderful. APEX FUN RUN kicks off with pep rally on Feb. 14 at 8:50. Volunteers will be needed on Feb. 25th.
- E. **Services** - YEARBOOK order deadline is Friday Feb. 8. No orders taken in Fall. Need photos.
- F. **Communications-** 2 companies have expressed interest in SPONSORING EMAILS. We encourage people to like s on FACEBOOK if they want to be in the information loop since its the easiest way for the APT top communicate with a large group of people in a short time frame.
- G. **Arts** - ARTWALK will be headed up by Tracey Mort and we are set for the remainder of the year.

Common Core Presentation by Dr. Andi Furlis, SUSD Asst. Superintendent of T&L.

Notable Discussion Points in Q&A

- Teachers are still continuing to learn about the Common Core Changes -- many of the half days are spent learning. They are, however, it is an expensive undertaking as the district/dept. of Education is underfunded for the changes.
- SUSD is trying to balance how to pay for the teachers additional learning time -- using a substitute for the day/half day is \$87.00, asking teachers to come in additional time for training is \$25/hr.
- SUSD is taking a proactive approach to get ready for the Common Core. Many school districts have not started.
- Changes to the testing will require updated computers. The district has spent \$200,000 updating it computers so far.

VI. Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Feb 6: Early Release

Thursday, Feb 14: APEX Fun Run Kick - Off

Thursday, Feb 14: Salads and Sweets Teacher Luncheon

Friday, Feb 15: Talent Show

Monday, Feb 18: No School, President's Day

Monday, Feb 25: APEX Fun Run

VII. Adjourn

- Next meeting will be held Monday, March 4 @ 9am
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:30p.m.