

MINUTES

Sequoia APT General Meeting November 7, 2014

Amy Mariucci called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Executive Board Officers in attendance:

Amy Mariucci, President; Shannon Myers, Treasurer; Michelle Moriarty, Deposit Chair; Courtney Odden, President Elect; Tracy Cheney, Recording Secretary; Tanya Kaiser, VP Services; Lara Vineyard, VP Communications; Lisa Hoberg, Advisor

Total attendance: 18

VOTE Ms. Myers made a motion to approve the Minutes from the general meeting held on October 3, 2014; Ms. Moriarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Committee acknowledged the passage of the SUSD override. Yard signs can be returned to the school. Ms. Hoberg noted the next Scottsdale Parent Council meeting is Nov. 12 at Chaparral HS.

President Report: Ms. Mariucci reported good attendance at Western Roundup on Oct. 24. Feedback on the event and the vendor is requested. McTeacher night was Nov. 6; there was a suggestion to use a McDonald's with a play area next time and to consider an event at Chick-fil-a. Ms. Mariucci thanked Alicia Hester for water donations for Nurse Mary. The talent show has been scheduled for Feb. 6. Parents Jason Swanson and Ed Cheney will help run production along with Ms. Smith.

VOTE Ms. Myers made a motion to purchase supply bins for the APT. Ms. Odden seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Principal's Report: Ms. Leiper reported noted improvements in safety and efficiency of parent pick-up since introducing the dashboard placards last month. Additional placards are available from the office. Some kids made a cellphone-free zone sign. Ms. Leiper discussed benefits the school will reap from the passage of the override. Kinder Round-up will be held in January. Open enrollment is opening a month earlier than prior years. In response to increased competition from charter schools, Ms. Leiper is personally leading all prospective student tours; APT parents volunteered to join Ms. Leiper to add a parent perspective. Ms. Leiper has found instances where charter schools are requesting students' school records based solely on a parent requesting information about the charter school. She is now verifying release of student records. Ms. Leiper solicited ideas to help push the tax credit. Ms. Leiper discussed the new AZ Merit test for 3rd – 5th graders, which is replacing AIMS. The school will get a score but it will not affect the school's rating this year. Ms. Leiper discussed a need to tighten security at morning drop off. Kids may enter through the open gates, but parents must always sign in at the office. Signage will be increased. Ms. Leiper is working with the security team to balance safety with community access.

Fundraising Report: Chanen Brizuela reported that 150 packages, containing over \$70,000 in donations, have been secured for the silent auction. The auction will be conducted online; a flyer with instructions will be sent out. Volunteers are wanted to assemble the packages. Ms. Brizuela will send an email to faculty offering \$5 off of the Smart Booklet. Spiritwear and SCRIP gift cards will be on sale at the Thanksgiving Lunch and Book Fair. Classroom Basket donation due dates vary by classroom. Ms. Myers reported on the Book Fair and associated events (Books & Bagels Fit for a King and Penny War). To go with the castle theme, classrooms will be making a castle flag and decorating their classroom doors for prizes. Cash proceeds from the Book Fair go to the APT; the APT will take some of the proceeds in Scholastic Dollars for teachers to use. Parents' Night Out is Nov. 8. The event was fully funded by sponsors. The APT budgeted \$4,000 for the Success for All kinder program. The APT would like to try to purchase five years' worth of books at a cost of \$6,472, instead of the two years' budgeted.

VOTE **Ms. Myers made a motion to conditionally spend \$6,472 for the Success for All kinder program if five years' worth of books can be purchased; otherwise, two years' worth of books will be purchased for the budgeted amount of \$4,000. Ms. Moriarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Arts Report: Ms. Odden reported on Art Masterpiece. APT has some funds in the budget for supplies; Ms. Myers needs a list of items purchased and requesting for reimbursement.

Communications Report: Ms. Vineyard reported she has developed standard language to use on non-fundraising event communications; it can be found in the APT Toolbox on the website. The APT will hold a strategy planning session for recruiting new APT executive board members in January. The APT noted the value of current chairs developing procedures and checklists to pass down to incoming chairs.

Treasurer/Deposit report: The P&L statement was provided.

Upcoming Events:

- Parents' Night Out, Nov. 8
- Scottsdale Parent Council meeting, Nov. 12, 9:30 a.m. at Chaparral High School
- Fall Book Fair Nov. 18-20; Books & Bagels Fit for a King Nov. 18; Thanksgiving Luncheon Nov. 20; Classroom Baskets & Silent Auction Nov. 20
- APT, Dec. 5, Express Lane 8:30 a.m. / General Meeting 9:00 a.m.
- Sequoia Glows, Dec. 5

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.