

# Our Sequoia Community

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## MINUTES

Courtney Odden called the meeting to order at 9:04am

Executive Board Officers in attendance: Courtney Odden, Lara Vineyard, Angie Bales, Lisa Kanarish, Bryn DeFusco, Jackie Wollheim and Tanya Schultz

Total Attendance: 17

**VOTE:** Lisa Kanarish moved to approve the minutes from the December 2015 General Meeting held on December 4th, 2015; Bryn DeFusco seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Principal Report:

Ms. Leiper reminded all of Kindergarten Round Up on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Through open enrollment there are already 32 kindergarten students (28 of these kiddos are brand new to SQUEUOYA). The goal is for 4 kindergarten classes again next year, spread the word. Ms. Leiper will personally tour families looking at Sequoia!

The Tax Credit deadline is now April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. At this point the tax credit donations are about equal with last year's donations. Anyone can use this tax credit donation!

Benchmark testing starts January 25<sup>th</sup>, AZ Merit starts March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Test prep packets have been ordered to assist the upper grades if needed.

New parking lot signage is up to help ease parking lot confusion during morning drop off and afternoon pick up.

### President:

Gift made to Kindergarten of Kindle Fire Tablets, each class will receive 5 tablets for a total of 20 tablets. An anonymous gift of \$1,000.00 was applied toward this purchase.

First grade classrooms will be testing the use of the Kindle Fire Tablets during their centers to determine if a Chrome Book or the Kindle Tablet better suits the teaching needs in their classrooms.

Volunteer needs: APEX Fun Run co-chair and ART WALK chair.

### Courtney Odden/Treasurer:

Budget looks good and is in line. The APEX Fun Run is the last fundraiser of the school year.

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## **Angela Bales/Hospitality:**

THANK YOU from all of the teachers for the holiday luncheon and wonderful gifts and support.

Holiday Glows tour was great and a new route was used this year.

Young Authors Day will be on March 2<sup>nd</sup> versus in April to coincide with Read Across America week.

## **Jackie Wollheim/Art Masterpiece:**

Nothing to report at this time.

## **Lara Vineyard/Communications:**

Kindergarten Roundup is January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Help spread the word around the community about Sequoia!

Childcare assistance is needed for families attending Kinder Round Up, please email Courtney if you are available to help. The time is 5:30-7:00 in Room 200.

## **Lisa Kanarish/Community Relations:**

130 kids received holiday gifts due to the generosity of Angel Tree participants!

The teacher luncheon at Yavapai was truly a special treat for those teacher.

Peter Piper Pizza is the next family night event on January 20<sup>th</sup>. This is the biggest money night out of all the family nights offered at Sequoia.

## **Bryn DeFusco/Fundraising:**

The Fundraising Chair position is open for next year.

Used Book Fair is quickly approaching and as always extra help is needed for set up, pastries with parents and clean up.

Collection for the used book fair starts January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The sale is January 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> in the cafeteria.

APEX Fun Run, Garrett the Great is returning to campus again this year! February 16<sup>th</sup>, is the kickoff date and the run takes place on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **Courtney Odden/Services:**

The Sequoia Yearbook order site is LIVE. This is the only way and only time to order a yearbook and complete a 5<sup>th</sup> grade dedication. January 31<sup>st</sup> is the order deadline.

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Lisa Hoberg/Legislative Update:

B.U.S.S. (Businesses United for Scottsdale Schools) will be at the next Parent Council Meeting and it would be fantastic to have a great Sequoia showing. The meeting is Wednesday, January 20th, 2016 at 9:30am at Arcadia High School.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13am