

Minutes
Cochise Elementary School Association of Parents and Teachers
General Meeting
Wednesday, November 5, 2008

Present: Sarah Stammegna, Allison Barkley, Susan Rosener, Wendy Owens, Lisa Bloom, Fabiana Stauffer, Melissa Kuffler, Angie Stenberg, Michelle Lundgren, Billie Jo Koenig, Kari Carey, Julie Gildersleeve, Alison Johnson, LeAnne Thomas

The Meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m.

1. APT President, Kari Carey, asked that the minutes from the APT general meeting held on October 1st be reviewed. Melissa Kuffler made a motion to approve the minutes. Susan Rosener seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

2. Principal's Report:

- 2.1. Freddie Jorgenson - recipient of the Teacher of the Year award from Mayor Manross.
- 2.2. Katie McPherson had her twins yesterday.
- 2.3. Assist Principal Jim McGowan from Supai middle school is here for the rest of the year.

3. President's report:

- 3.1. **Mock Election Results** - Kids Vote was a tremendous success. Thank you so much to all of our volunteers who made it possible: Allison Barkley, Aimee Fahey, Rachel Weiss, Trisa Summers, Fabiana Stauffer, Kari Carey, Tracy Remen, Jon Weisbard, Katie Collopy, Jennifer Jones, Ann Malofsky, Dana Zinn, Cindy Blegen, Jen McDowell, Lisa Bloom, Shohreh Schoenfeld, Angie Stenberg, Kathleen Fraser, Sandy Apodaca, Kate Taylor, Meaghan Gingrich, Kim Dennis, Mary Masters, Wendy Owens, Melissa Kuffler and Jonathon Hess. A special thank you to Helen Buchanan for all of her assistance.
****COCHISE VOTING RESULTS WERE**:**
525 total votes were cast in the Presidential Election: 287 votes for McCain, 231 votes for Obama - **McCain wins by 56 votes.**
425 total votes were cast in the Congressional Election: 198 votes for Schweikert, 181 votes for Mitchell - **Schweikert wins by 17 votes.**
356 total votes were cast in Proposition 300 (AZ legislative pay raise): 226 Yes votes, 130 No votes –**Yes wins by 96 votes.**
- 3.2. **Site Council Report 10/14/08 & 11/4/08** - Kari Carey reported - October Site council consisted of our discussion on making an informed decision on By Laws for the site council here at Cochise. We also discussed our SIP (Site Improvement Plan) which is the goals for our school that we try to complete over 3 years. Our site plan is focused on Reading Comprehension and how we will be getting our children to the next level. We then attended the SPC meeting on By Laws and come together yesterday for the November meeting to create our new by laws.
- 3.3. **KDG ASTRO TURF UPDATE From Greg Skelton:** The turf and rubber surfacing are out to bid right now. The closing date set by purchasing is November 13th 2008. I am hoping to have a company to use shortly after that. As I stated before the worst case scenario would be winter break, but I do see something happening before that.
- 3.4. **No School 11/11/08 & E.R. 12/3/08 JUST A REMINDER**
- 3.5. **TCBY (Hayden Store ONLY) - Free Toppings for BOBCATS!**
- 3.6. **Proposition 105 Opposition "Majority Rule" – Voted and Passed** As an APT Community, we voted on coming together to OPPOSED the Majority Rules Proposition. We passed our opposition.
- 3.7. **Artist in Residence Tile Repair Increase – Voted and passed** The APT voted on paying an overage on the tile repairs for the 4rd grade pod & it passed.
- 3.8. **Carnival Volunteers** – Carnival committee is in need of **volunteers to sell carnival tickets** before and after school and/or the night of the carnival. They'll be selling tickets the week of November 10-14th. Please contact Fabiana Stauffer, fabianas@cox.net to sign-up. Thank You!!
- 3.9. **Parking Lot Volunteer needed for Mondays from 7:25 to 7:50 , contact Leslie Hess**

4. Treasurer's Report:

- 4.1. **2008-2009 Budget Update Income:**
 - 4.1.1. APT Dues: \$15,037
 - 4.1.2. Arts In Education: \$2,737
 - 4.1.3. Book Fair: \$300 for cash box
 - 4.1.4. Carnival: negative \$5,365
 - 4.1.5. Directory Advertising: \$2,356
 - 4.1.6. E-scrip: \$73
 - 4.1.7. Gift Wrap: \$5,699
 - 4.1.8. Misc Income: \$1,643 (includes \$98 from Holland Boone Fundraiser)
- 4.2. **2008-2009 Budget Update Expenses:**
 - 4.2.1. Liability Insurance: \$850
 - 4.2.2. Misc. Admin: \$226
 - 4.2.3. Office Supplies: \$219

- 4.2.4. Art Room Supplies: \$608 (includes \$200 for Clay)
- 4.2.5. Classroom Gifts: \$4,068
- 4.2.6. Cochise Cares: \$138 (\$75 Pancreatic Cancer Donation)
- 4.2.7. Field Trip Admissions for Special Ed Classes: \$169
- 4.2.8. Grand Canyon Trekkers: \$230
- 4.2.9. Nurse Supplies: \$182
- 4.2.10. Science Lab Supplies: \$186
- 4.2.11. Meetings and Misc.: \$120
- 4.2.12. Newcomer's Breakfast: \$248
- 4.2.13. Teachers and Non-office staff Birthday Gifts: \$305
- 4.2.14. Corresponding Secretary: \$300
- 4.2.15. Directory Print: \$1659
- 4.2.16. Excess Funds: Kasha Banko tile repair, total expenditure \$959
- 4.3. Request for \$80 in additional funds for Josephine Perez for classroom materials. Lisa Bloom made a motion to give Josie Perez \$80 in additional funds for classroom materials. LeAnne Thomas seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- 4.4. Lisa Bloom made a motion to approve the 2008-2009 budget update. Wendy Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

5. Fundraising Report:

6. Student Activities: Fabiana Stauffer :

- 6.1. Art Masterpiece - We have two Co-Chairs for the program. Barclay Schraff and Kristy Miller. Barclay will be leading the team. A change made to the program is that we have changed the number of sessions to be taught from five (5) to two (2). Each volunteer will now be responsible in providing a minimum of two sessions for their class, with availability of up to five sessions to teach. This means that the students will receive a minimum of 2 Art Masterpiece sessions. If a teacher would like additional sessions, and it can be taught by the volunteer(s) of that class, great. If the volunteer(s) is unable to give these additional sessions, then Barclay and Kristy will do everything possible to meet this teacher's request through other volunteers from our program who are willing to teach an additional session(s).
- 6.2. Artist in Residence - Our grant of \$3200 was not approved for our Artist in Residence. Yesterday Site Council approved \$2000 towards his residency here at Cochise. It is the max that can be paid out (80 hours x \$25/hr = \$2000). I need additional funding of \$1200 for his stay of 4 weeks or use my budget completely, leaving no monies for supplies or presentations.
- 6.3. AEC (Arts in Education Council) Meeting: Heather Griller Clark and I attended the meeting. Heather will be writing our grant for 2009-2010 school year. New President: Heather Heraldt (Desert Canyon Elementary Parent)
- 6.4. Mandy Buscas, Arts Learning Director from AZ Commission on the Arts, was present and gave training about grant writing. Great information and handouts. Lots of questions were cleared up.

7. Volunteers Report:

- 7.1. Kari Carey and Lisa Bloom will help while Traci Marriot is away.

8. Corresponding Secretary Report:

- 8.1. Katy McPherson Twins: An arrangement will be sent to Katy.

9. Membership Report:

- 9.1. Initial number of memberships is looking good so far. Back to school night table was found to be helpful getting people to sign up.

10. Hospitality Report:

- 10.1. Teachers Holiday Luncheon – Luncheon theme will be “Winter Wonderland” and will be held on December 9th.
- 10.2. Holiday gift Mart - Lisa Bloom motioned to remove Holiday Gift Mart - Billie Jo seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

11. Community Information Report:

- 11.1. Parent Council Meeting - Each school was represented by their Principal, Assistant Principal, APT president, and SPC parent. The Bylaws were reviewed and discussed. A discussion was had about how to properly implement tax credit monies.
- 11.2. Holiday Angel Program – will begin the last day of the book fair through December 8th and is to benefit Buthane Elementary school.
- 11.3. Veteran's Day Program – will be held on November 7th.

12. New Business:

- 12.1. Teachers Lanyards for ID Badges –VOTE We were approached by the Administration to see if we can get lanyards for the school staff. We have options that range from simple paw slider lanyards at \$.69 per for an order of 100. \$170, to the monogrammed ones with quick release straps for \$4.19 per for an order of 100. \$419. They have requested 85 lanyards. Julie Gildersleeve made a motion to purchase the lanyards for the staff. Lisa Bloom seconded the motion. All were not in favor. Motion denied.

12.2. **2nd Grade Holiday Tradition Plates –VOTE** - Each year all of the second grade children create a plate as a gift for their parents. The way it has worked in the past is the teachers would either use the money from their class fund or ask each parent to bring in \$7 for the making of the plate, thus losing the SURPRIZE aspect of the gift. Ms. Jones approached Kari Carey to see if there was a way to have it funded from the APT. If not this year, she really would like it to be a line for future years. Fabiana Stauffer made a motion to add \$700 line item to budget for traditional 1st grade holiday plates. LeAnne seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

13. Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.