

Minutes
General APT Meeting
Wednesday November 4, 2009

Present: Kari Carey, Mikki Fretz, Julie Gildersleeve, Dani Tiffany, Fabiana Stauffer, Allison Barkley, Susan Brown, Wendy Owens, Kerry DeMarsh, LeAnn Thomas, Becky Alvarez, Erin Perreault, Lisa Bloom, Rebecca Nelson, Gina Aikman,

The Meeting was called to order at 12:06 pm.

Introductions were made.

Mikki moved to approve the meeting minutes from October 10th, 2009 at 9 am. Allison seconded the motion-motion carried.

1. **Principal's Report:** Sarah Stammegna – Sorry to miss the meeting today. I just wanted to thank you for your generous donations to our Special Education classes this past month. We are so appreciative!!!

Thank you for attending parent teacher conferences last week. It was great to see everyone and meet our new Cochise families. Special thanks to Rhonda Connell, Linda Lachot and Kate Taylor for all of their hard work on the annual book fair. In the upcoming weeks we have many great Cochise traditions to look forward to. Nov. 13th we have our wonderful Veteran's Day assembly to honor the Veteran's in our community. Come join us at 8:00 am in the cafeteria for the assembly and at 9 am for the parade down Bobcat Boulevard. Mr. Woolard and the band will be performing patriotic music as well. Nov. 20th is the Fall Carnival at Mountain View Park. We hope to see you at all these great Cochise events. Thanks again and have a great week!

2. **Teachers Report:**

2.1 The district did not pay for enrichment material this year. Therefore, the fifth grade teachers, along with Mr. Lofstedt asked the APT to help. Julie motioned to spend \$861 to purchase Arithmatwist supplemental books for Mr. Lofstedt and the 5th grade classes. LeAnn Thomas seconded the motion – motion carried.

3. **President's Report:** Kari Carey

- 4.1 Dr. Catalani will be meeting with teachers at staff meeting on Dec. 7th.
- 4.2 Cochise cares update
- 4.3 Yes for Children passed!
- 4.4 Kinder water tables ordered
- 4.5 Art Masterpiece cart ordered
- 4.6 Art Masterpiece prints ordered and delivered
- 4.7 Teacher book study books ordered and delivered
- 4.8 Hose and reel for first grade delivered and installed
- 4.9 Raising money PRE-K teachers fund \$200 additional this year only
- 4.10 APT members "adopting" Spec. Ed. Classes as room parent
- 4.11 Meeting on the financial allocations for Special – Thank you.
- 4.12 Julie motioned to change the line name from "Technology" to "APT General Fund" through SUSD. LeAnn seconded the motion – motion carried.

4. **Treasurer Report:** Dani Tiffany

- 4.1 Budget of 2008-2009 updated. Yolanda moved to approve budget of 2008-2009. Allison B. seconded the motion. Motion carried
- 4.2 Budget 2009-2010 – Julie G. moved to approve 2009-2010 updated budget with follow up of boxtop debate. Seconded by Mikki – motion carried.
- 4.3 See attached budget

5. **Corresponding Secretary** – Yolanda Alemany

- 5.1 Card sent to Becky's family

6. **Hospitality Report:** - Susan Brown

7. **Student Activities Report:** Fabiana Stauffer

- 7.1 Arts in Ed - 10/9/09 meeting update - current Oct/Nov newsletter is on their website and was included at the Mayor's Art Forum. Fine Arts Coordinator, Janet Blum: will be funding the artist in residence program this year, instead of the AEC. Per Janet, it will be a full match (instead of a cap amount). Some exclusion to the match & she will f/u with the AR coordinators.
 - a. Currently, there is no money for the Honors Art Festival (explain what it is). One idea is to host a fundraiser with all the vocal fine arts teachers (band too) and the money will go to pay for the Honors Festival. More info to come.

- b. Discussed was that next year to rent an instrument would cost \$60; \$30 of the cost is for deposit. If the instrument breaks cost is covered. If returned the way it was – \$30 given back.
- c. Brought up possibility of field trip for 4th & 5th grade. 4th would attend the Navajo dance at SCPA & 5th would come to a performance. Tickets would cost \$5/student and the schools would have to pay the expenses (buses & tickets) These field trips are not covered by AEC.
Performances: It was decided that AEC will bring performances to the ES & MS. Heather is working with ACA, Child's Play, Phoenix Symphony, Music Conservatory, and other venues.
- d. Performances at ES will depend on what the ES have available (stages, auditoriums, etc) and what administrators would like (focus on certain grade levels or whole school, etc).
- e. MS: performances would be given by HS; and possibly, professional venues if funding permits.
- f. Other: Map is moving in November to ECC (old Cheyenne campus)
- g. Mayors Art Forum: was wonderful. Performances by Saguaro Strings grp, Coronado HS Dance Ensemble, Chaparral's Mixed Jazz group
- h. Next Meeting, 11/6/09

7.2 Yearbook: Pending authorizations are 10. So far there are 2 students for which the parents declined them being in the yearbook. We just have to deal with this and make sure when putting the yearbook together these students are not part of any group shots.

7.3 Artist in Residence: Mandy Buscas , Learning Arts Director with ACA – guest speaker at upcoming AEC meeting (grants, residency, stART program) After AEC meeting, AEC will host stART program with about 20 roster artists, for residency. I'll bring back info for Gena.

7.4 Art Masterpiece – Phoenix Art Museum docent coming to Cochise, to teach the 4th graders a class, called ArtSmart Picture Arizona. The docent, Ms. Miller, will be here on 11/18 & 11/24 to present, with slides, and then an art project. I have offered to bring more docents to our school for the other grade levels and will work with the teachers that are interested.

8. **Fundraising Report:** Allison Barley

8.1 Cookie Dough - fundraiser ends Wednesday, November 4. Please turn in your order forms to either the office or your child's teacher. We appreciate all your hard work with our fall fundraisers!

8.2 Holiday Angel - The 2009 Holiday Angel adoption program starts this week during the book fair. For almost a decade we have been making the holidays brighter for all 500+ children of Bethune School (Phoenix Elementary School District #1). Shop for gifts with your children and bring them back to school by Dec. 9 wrapped in a gift bag. All the gifts will be delivered along with those from Cherokee, Sequoya and Cocopah to Bethune on December 15. Shop for the "basics"- sports equipment and balls, backpacks, books, CD players, games, watches, legos, diaries, etc. The collection box will be located in the office.

8.3 Holiday Teacher Appreciation Lunch Dec. 8 - Dana Trenter and Michelle Lundgren are planning this event.

9. **Volunteers Report:** Mikki Fretz

9.1 Need co-chair for Sock Hop 2/5

9.2 Need Co-chair for Carnival

9.3 Grand Canyon Trekkers

10. **Community Information Report:** Lisa Bloom

10.1 Directory- Delivered – thank you Lisa Bloom & crew!

10.2 Veteran's Day- Carol Shershenovich and Laura St. John are well on their way to making this year's Veteran's day program a success! The celebration will be held on Friday, November 13th at 8:00am. There will be several performances by different student groups- 2nd grade presentation, 4th and 5th grade choir chimes, cub scouts, and band members. New this year will be a book entitled, "Cochise Elementary School honors our Veteran Heroes".

10.3 SPC meeting 10/19 discussed Fit City – go to fitcityscottsdale.org. Time task force, presented by Katy Cavanaugh, <http://timetaskforce.suds.schoolfusion.us/modules/groups/cacmpus>. Nov 5, next meeting for Task Force. Julie Gildersleeve thanked Dr. Catalani for his time and openness is discussing the district space issue at Cochise. Next meeting – Wed. Nov 19, 9:30 at SUSD Education Center.

11. **Past President Report:** Julie Gildersleeve

11.1 Cochise Community Carnival – Update: Friday, November 20 6:00 – 8:30 Mountain View Park. First fliers will be going out this Friday with the Bobcat Bulletin and has been received and printed at Mt. View Rec. Next week there will be a special carnival e-mail with information about all our sponsors with links to their websites, ticket pricing, carnival tips for parking, meeting spots and reminders that dinner will not be offered this year. When the Book Fair signs come down the carnival signs go up and the marquee will have info as well.

Ticket sales begin, Friday, Nov. 13, before and after school. New this year is the bracelet. The cost is \$20 and includes all activities but no carnival food items.

Ticket pricing is as follow: Pre-sale: before and after school: 44 tickets for \$20 – 4 bonus tickets. Individual tickets .50. Night of the carnival: 40 tickets for \$20 (no bonus tickets), individual tickets .50. NO CARNIVAL BRACELETS SOLD the night of the carnival. No replacement or reimbursement

Contracts have been signed and deposits made for Living Energy and EP2P. Final pre-carnival meeting at Julies house, Nov. 10 at 7:00. Schedule and final details will be covered.

11. **New Business:**

11.1 Zoo & Science Center Memberships. Julie G. motioned to purchase school membership for four at \$85. Allison Barkley seconded the motion – motion carried.

11.2 Lisa Bloom motioned to purchase a paper cutter for the library for \$86.58 including taxes and shipping – Julie seconded the motion – motion carried.

11.3 Three teachers additions books for \$125 – motioned by LeAnn, seconded by Lisa Bloom – motion carried.

11.4 Next General APT Meeting December 8, 2009 at 9 am in Science Lab

13. **Meeting Adjourned:** 1:55 pm