

Minutes
Cochise Elementary School Association of Parents and Teachers
General Meeting
Wednesday, January 7, 2009

Present: Sarah Stammegna, Lisa Bloom, Fabiana Stauffer, Melissa Kuffler, Billie Jo Koenig, Kari Carey, Julie Gildersleeve, Alison Johnson, Linda Wojciechowski, Joy Escarcega, Gina Aikman

The Meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.

- 1. Introductions** – Each APT Board member introduced themselves to the new assistant principal Gina Aikman. Gina spoke of her experience within the SUSD and of her responsibilities and goals as A.P. at Cochise.
- 2.** APT President, Kari Carey, asked that the minutes from the APT general meeting held on December 10, 2008 be reviewed. Fabiana Stauffer made a motion to approve the minutes. Lisa Bloom seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- 3. Principal's Report:**
 - 3.1. Coffee with the principal will be held on Friday the 9th at 8:00 a.m.
 - 3.2. Tardy Report - the number of tardys are improving since sending a note in the bulletin.
- 4. President's report:**
 - 4.1. **Scottsdale Charros** - The Scottsdale Charros announced their selections for Cochise Volunteer & Teacher of the year & they are Terry Kaven & Julie Gildersleeve. They will attend the Charros dinner. Let's congratulate them on this awesome acknowledgement.
 - 4.2. **Site Council Report 1/6/09** –
 - 4.2.1. Site Council 1/6/2009 2:30 Media Center In Attendance: Julie Gildersleeve, Kari Carey, Sarah Stammegna, Laurie Jorgenson, Laura St John, Jorie Harrison, Travis Lofsteadt, Susan Stienhilber, Gina Aikman, Cindy Saliola, Janet Holmes, Marion Bradford
 - 4.2.2. **Discussion of Tax Credit balance/generate ideas** - End of December we have \$4700 in tax credit money left. Now we need to spend it. We have a library club, and a computer club being set up during lunch time. But we need ideas. Sarah Stammegna has contacted artists, but waiting to hear from them. Julie Gildersleeve offered to re-assess student council because it has funds, but it needs a sponsor (teacher). It could be a substitute teacher. The APT cannot move money, as we are a holding fund for the club. Half of all the gift wrap money proceeds goes into their account. Kaia Hart & Tammy Adreas are started tutoring reading club 1st grade. We have the Arts in Ed trip for grade 5, and the 4th grade trip to the Science Center.
 - 4.2.3. **New AP** - Introduced Gina Aikman. Told us about her background at Zuni/ Aztec and how that freed her up to interview here. She feels really welcome. Her background is in administration & counseling. She was at Desert Canyon. She has been in M.S., E.S., and has been working on her Doctorate. She is really excited to be here. The division of jobs; Gina will be in charge of discipline, intervention planning team, & ERP.
 - 4.2.4. **K3 Override** - State is working on budget and we need to get the word out on how important it is to keep. It provides money for all day k & limit on classes. It allows 3.4, million per year. We need to get more out there about it. Sarah said they are looking at adding another 3rd grade teacher next year, due to size of classes this year. Class sizes are based on district average. We will be meeting with Jeff at the end of the year to assist in the planning
 - 4.2.5. **Astroturf** - was installed under play area. Greg Skelton will go to the board on Jan 13th for approval on the rubber surfacing where the dirt is currently. Then will let us know the date for the install for the rubber.
 - 4.2.6. **Upcoming Events: Sock Hop, Early release, kinder roundup** - Kim Landsdown is coming in to teach teachers how to challenge higher students in classroom to extend depth to the students. 28th. Sock hop on the 6th, early release days 4-5-6th.
 - 4.2.7. Linda Thomas or Jennifer Hayducovich is offering 3 days a week reading tutoring after school for 3rd grade.
 - 4.2.8. Julie Gildersleeve talked to Fabiana & our field trip for 4th grade has been cancelled, but money is there set aside: Scottsdale Center for Arts- Gives a performance but they can come here. It will be cheaper. It is \$400 to come here to do it. Saves on bus fares. The scheduling was done by Marion & it

is paid, but the date was put on hold. Arts in Ed are going through overhaul & things were dropped...S.C.A. is being remodeled, so they have been doing shows at the High Schools.

4.2.9. Gina Aikman will be working on Artist in Res.

4.2.10. Next Meeting Feb 3rd.

4.3. **No school for MLK & Early Release for January 28th . Early Release on February 3-6th for conferences.**

4.4. **Microphone for Café-** We voted and passed purchasing an additional microphone for the cafeteria workers. They are compatible with the existing system and will help the volunteers in their duties in the Café. We are also looking into getting the system in the café inspected and tweaked.

4.5. **Going Green Campaign-** We discussed and passed going green at Cochise. We have sent out the information in the email blast & we will be outing out 2 more Bobcat Bulletin. On the back side will be the information on the campaign & the sheet for sign up into the program. **Look for it this week!**

4.6. **Sock Hop** – We are having a meeting on Friday at 1:30 in the APT Room on the Sock hop which is Feb 6th from 6-8. We are changing some things this year. We are going to not sell pizza, but will be selling cotton candy, popcorn, Sugar Shack, and drinks. Please feel free to attend the meeting and give me some great ideas we have a small challenge with the lack of Polaroid film, so we need to figure out a good solution. Printing the pictures directly from a computer is being looked at too.

4.7. **SUSD Parent Council Meeting- see attached**

5. Treasurer's Report:

5.1. **2008-2009 Budget Update Income:**

5.1.1. **Book Fair**

5.2. **2008-2009 Budget Update Expenses:**

5.2.1. **Misc. Admin - \$234**

5.3. Lisa Bloom made a motion to approve the 2008-2009 budget update. Melissa Kuffler seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

6. Fundraising Report:

6.1. Melissa and Susan are looking for some new ideas for the Bobcat Bash and other types of fundraisers.

6.2. Information for the Bobcat bash including requests for donations from local businesses will be sent home soon.

6.3. Sock Hop will be held on February 6th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Kari Carey and Tracy Marriott will chair the event.

7. Student Activities:

7.1. **Artist in Residence** - Artist will be coming in February. He will be giving me the list of supplies, which will probably be at \$100. That will need to come from another budget since \$1200 is already tied up to pay for his residency.

7.2. **Creative Arts Festival** - Date is being moved from March. Lisa Bloom to discuss options based on panel availability.

7.3. **Yearbook** - Due date coming up 1/9/09.. Discussed were concerns about kids that were appearing in the yearbook that were not permitted to be there per the code of conduct form that was signed by their parents. I will inquire in office as to what needs to be done.

7.4. **Arts in Ed - recap from 1/6 meeting:**

7.4.1. Cochise needs to pay membership dues – Allison gave Fabi money for it.

7.4.2. Grade Level events are scheduled at different schools in our district. 4th grade Native American Dance show is not on the schedule this year.

7.4.3. Arts in Ed luncheon is possibly being scheduled in April. Fabiana is helping with putting it together with a board member from AEC.

7.4.4. AEC president, Heather Heroldt is meeting with David Peterson to discuss concerns about bus transportation costs, costs of performances and dates, communication issues, middle school concerns with artists, 8th grade transition to HS.

7.4.5. Visual Arts Reception at Arcadia HS in March.

7.4.6. New HS Boosters Coalition established.

7.4.7. Janet Blum discussed having a class for fine arts teachers for teaching children with special needs. This would be an inservice day. More information to go to principals.

7.4.8. AEC to schedule strategic planning for it future. I hope to be able to attend that meeting.

8. Volunteers Report:

8.1. Jump Rope for Heart – envelopes are due by February 6th.

9. Corresponding Secretary Report:

9.1. A sympathy card from the APT will be sent to Tracy Marriott.

10. Membership Report:

10.1. No Report

11. Hospitality Report:

11.1. No Report

12. Community Information Report:

12.1. Parent Council Meeting – was held on December 12th. Discussions were of Consolidation of Aztec and Zuni.

13. New Business:

13.1. Randi Rosenthal – with Café services discussed the ordering process and new menu choices.

13.2. Coffee for the KDG & 1st Grade Parents on Monday the 12th- In an effort to recruit new mommies & dads to the APT fold, we are having a stop by coffee in the APT room Monday after drop off. Please feel free to come by to help me chat it up. I need to see who is staying in their position next year, so we know what we should push to fill.

13.3. Fit City Expo & Fishing Expo.- see attached

13.4. Next Meeting Wednesday February 11th 6:30 pm.

14. Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Attachments:

FIT CITY SCOTTSDALE: January 24th, 9am to 2pm: Start off '09 focusing on getting fit and healthy!! The Fit City Scottsdale Kickoff will offer programs, events and activities for all ages. Take part in the Youth Sports Slam, register a team for the Great Wellness Chase, try Zumba or belly dancing, watch fitness demonstrations, sample healthy foods from local restaurants, try out the salsa challenge at the farmers market, and stop by the Stagebrush Theatre parking lot for free immunizations for the first 100 children. The Kickoff takes place in Downtown Scottsdale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24th. Visit www.FitCityScottsdale.org for all the details or call us at 480/312-2771. Let's get fit Scottsdale!! Terry Erickson --Eldorado Park & Special Events Scottsdale Parks & Recreation Office phone: (480) 312-0217 FAX: (480) 312-0201 www.scottsdaleaz.gov/parks

ELDORADO Lake COMPLETED!! FISHING EXPO: Saturday, January 31st, 10am to 1pm. The lake at Eldorado Park is completed and its time to go fishing. Saturday, January 31st, 10:00am - 1:00pm at the newly renovated North Lake at Eldorado Park (2311 N. Miller Rd.), we'll have a Fishing and Outdoor Expo. There will be games, crafts, prizes, and raffles for participants. Arizona Game and Fish will be on site providing anglers assistance, and loaning bait and tackle on a first come first serve basis. The Scottsdale Fire Dept. will also be conducting some exciting demonstrations, and providing information. This is a great opportunity for families and friends to enjoy the outdoors at the lake, as well as mingle with neighbors and see some great demonstrations. Participants are encouraged to bring their own bait and tackle and possess an Arizona State Fishing License, as license requirements will only be waived for the duration of the event. Join us inside the Eldorado facility, to check out the programs and classes offered at the community center as well. For more information please contact: parks&rec@scottsdaleaz.gov or call (480) 312-2771 Terry Erickson --Eldorado Park & Special Events Scottsdale Parks & Recreation Office phone: (480) 312-0217 FAX: (480) 312-0201 www.scottsdaleaz.gov/parks