

Minutes: Sequoya APT- March 1, 2010

Meeting called to order by Karla Crall at 8:40am

Executive Members Present: Karla Crall, Lynne Herndon, Carla Monson, George Redheffer, Janna Everroad, Carrie Regan, Lee Ratterman

Others: Mrs. Bhavnani, Stephanie Kirke, Ruth Plotkin, Andi Barnes, Amy Mariucci, Kathy Potter, Patricia Koehler

I. Minutes

- A. Janna Everroad made a motion to approve the minutes. Lynne Herndon seconded. Motion passed.

II. Treasurer's Report

- A. Lynne Herndon presented the monthly statement saying we're doing very well. Karla Crall asked Mrs. Bhavnani is there was something APT could do now or would she like to wait to see if there might be a large item in the fall. Lynne reported on Sequoya Events for Profit which are events we're counting on. Lynne, as President Elect intends to have discussions with the new board about specifics, eg. whether we want to make money on certain things, such as the book fair, or take the profits in books. It was suggested the book fair discussion be held via email. Yearbook orders are almost complete. The new budget needs to be presented in April or May.
- B. Karla Crall added that Mrs. Harris is very happy with the new library rugs.

III. Principal's Report

- A. Mrs. Bhavnani came from the 1st Monday of the month assembly saying Mrs. Miller was recognized as Sequoya Charro Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Bhavnani said thank you for the effort on Spring Fling. Field Days are cancelled due to the rain. This Friday marks the end of the 3rd Quarter with report cards going home on the 19th.
- B. AIMS Testing is scheduled for April 12-16
- C. Superintendent Catalani will be on campus March 24 from 12:30-2:00 in the conference room and is open to all.
- D. A Student/Parent staff survey has been sent to Kim Peshek for an email blast.
- E. Kindergarten Round-Up was a success with lots of new parents in attendance.
- F. Site Council has looked at research regarding the order of recess and lunch. Indications are that kids eat better and get rid of excess energy with activity prior to lunch. Accordingly, Site Council has decided that next school year students will have recess first, followed by lunch. The new policy will be announced in the back to school packet.

IV. Business

- A. George Redheffer reported from the Communications committee. Diane Spence is doing a great job with yearbooks which are almost ready to go. Sequoya TV is running smoothly under the direction of Mrs. Harris. They are always looking for volunteers to help during rehearsals during Wed. lunch and taping Friday mornings. Sequoya TV will be recognizing 14 millionaires this Friday, and their names will also

be going in the Twigs. We're waiting on final numbers from Spring Fling, which will go as a press release to the district.

- B. Ruth Plotkin introduced Andi Barnes, a parent with three boys at Sandpiper Elementary School. Andi is the founder of Doozy of a Deal, a local passive fundraiser program following a deal-of-the-day model. A flyer would go home to families explaining the program, which by signing up for Sequoya online would offer daily local specials/deals. A portion of any purchase would go to Sequoya APT. There was a lot of support for the program, and it was suggested the decision not be finalized until discussing with the Fundraising Chairs, who were not present. Lee Ratterman made a motion to accept the passive fundraiser, Doozy of a Deal, for Sequoya pending approval by the Fundraising Chairs. Stephanie Kirke seconded and the motion passed.
- C. Rose Fritzke was not present to report from Site Council (see Principal's Report above). Karla said Rose has researched replacing the plus signs on the front of the school and will present that at a future meeting.
- D. Regarding Young Author's Day (YAD)(April 30), it was reported that DQ, Papa Johns, and Barnes & Noble are all returning sponsors. Mrs. Taylor is the teacher liaison. Blasts and notices will be going out for volunteer signups. Mrs. Bhavnani added that there will be a celebration for the end of AIMS, also on April 30, with a DJ and BBQ during lunch.
- E. The Used Book Fair was a big success bringing in over \$2000. Leftover books were donated to Hohokam. Karla Crall is going to meet w/ Cherokee to see how they run their Used Book Fair as they made \$5000.
- F. Janna Everroad announced the Spring Clothing Drive for Hohokam will run after Spring Break. Bethune Elementary is still looking for twin mattresses. Patricia Koehler said she has one to donate. Janna will contact to coordinate. We will partner with NYPD Pizza on April 7 from 2-9pm for a fundraiser. 20% will go to Sequoya but families have to have the flyer. Janna would like volunteers to hand them out in front of NYPD during the dinner hour. It was suggested Janna check out the new Tasti-D-Lite yogurt spot on Scottsdale Road for future partnership.
- G. Stephanie Kirke has AIMS snacks, Secretary's Day, a Bus Driver Luncheon, and the End of the Year Staff Luncheon coming up. The latter will be held on May 7 with a summer camp theme. Any camp songs can be sent to Karla for re-wording relating to Sequoya.
- H. Lee Ratterman is looking for someone to coordinate weekly email blasts rather than sporadic.
- I. Lynne Herndon wants to fill the executive board positions in March, and work on filling the rest of the open spots in April. APT would also like lunchroom volunteers to sign up for next year before the end of this one. Regarding the treasurer position, someone is needed to make deposits at least twice/wk. Kathy Potter said she could do the check pickup and deposit. Lynne will discuss separately with Kathy. The positions would be Treasurer and Asst. Treasurer.
- J. Carla Monson reported on the Artist in Residence program. She's working on next year's grant, which is due March 18. The artist is Stella Pope Duarte and the focus will be on writing, from an artist's point of view, which is a departure from the visual arts we've done in past years. Kiva had Stella and loved her. We find out if we get the grant in July. Her fee is \$4000 and the grant pays half. Scottsdale Arts Council

paid the other half this year, and we're not sure if that will happen again. Additionally, the artist thinks she'll need a couple of hundred dollars for supplies. Art Masterpiece and planning for Art Walk (4/22) are under way. A DeGrazie canvas will be raffled off at Art Walk. FYI: Cocopah Nite is 4/21

- V. Upcoming Events
 - A. End of 3rd Quarter: March 5
 - B. Spring Break March 8-12
 - C. District Recess April 2nd
 - D. AIMS Testing April 12-16
 - E. April 7, NYPD Night

- VI.
 - A. Meeting adjourned at 9:40am
 - B. Next meeting: Monday, April 5, 2011
 - Evite will go out to all 3rd grade parents