

Minutes: Sequoya APT- November 2, 2009

Meeting called to order by Lynne Herndon at 8:33am

Executive Members Present: Karla Crall, Lynne Herndon, Christi Warner Beyer, Carla Monson, Rose Fritzke, George Redheffer, Carrie Regan

Others: Mrs. Weinman, Mrs. Dunn, Stephanie Kirke, Amy Mariucci, Janna Everroad, Diana Sarucci, Sandra Flatten

I. Minutes

- A. Carla Monson made a motion to approve the minutes. Christi Warner Beyer seconded. Motion passed.

II. Treasurer's Report

- A. Lynne Herndon reported that we're close to the end of the donation drive, though she expects a few additional checks to come in. Lisa Cowan has done a great job of sending forms to Friends and Family, and she's sending thank you's to those who've responded. We're ahead of budget at \$22,000 on the donation drive. Western Roundup has 5,783 in total income and expenses are still to be paid but the event is looking very close to the break even goal. Some teachers have tapped into their \$250 but others wait until holiday time, and others until end of year. Between Western Roundup and flyers going home, Spirit Wear has made approx. \$2000, with \$7582 in income and \$5521 in expenses. Spirit Wear will be sold again at the Thanksgiving Luncheon. McDonald's Night made \$739. So far, with donation and fundraising, trends are positive. The checking account balance is \$37,686.70. The balance in the money market account is \$17,908.25.

III. Principal's Report

- A. Mrs. Bhavnani was attending an Arts Breakfast, so Mrs. Weinman presented the Principal's Report.

- B. The final SIP goals were shared as follows:

SIP Goal A (academic) By May of the 2009-1020 school year, 100% of all students in Grads 3 through 5 will meet the standards in reading with 37% of these students exceeding the standard on the AIMS reading test. 100% of students in grades Kindergarten through second grade will be proficient in reading as measured on the quarterly benchmarks.

SIP Goal B (professional development) By May of the 2009-2010 year, 100% of Sequoya teachers will participate in a minimum of 6 hours of professional development and/or PLC hours related to the school's student achievement goal and/or content area of respective teachers as evidenced by attendance logs.

Mrs. Weinman noted that for Goal A, the K-2 goal is new. For Goal B, the 6 hours need to be specific to our reading goal.

- C. She reported that all tutors are in place or are in the process of being hired with APT designated funds (\$11,400). One reading tutor already hired works with grades 1, 2, and 4. A second reading tutor will work with 5<sup>th</sup> grade and will work with several other grades in areas of need. Kindergarten is benefiting from

assistants hired from APT funds. Students identified as needing extra help are being pulled out. Mrs. Weinman was asked about 3<sup>rd</sup> grade tutoring. A third grade tutor is also in place and being paid for by APT funds.

#### IV. Business

- A. George Redheffer said that directories are out, and was complimented on how great they look. He said the 1st run of Sequoya TV went very well last Friday. They're still looking for additional parent volunteers. There was discussion of tracking down the kids sign-up sheets as neither Debbie nor George has seen those responses. They were directed to Mrs. Harris in the library.
- B. Christi Warner Beyer reported that collections for classroom baskets are underway. Lisa James is in charge and has a good handle on it. Donations are slowly coming in some classes though there is still one week to the deadline. If there isn't enough response in certain classrooms (at least \$125 is needed for a basket), funds will be combined and baskets put together on behalf of two classes. Christi said that there will be a Spirit Wear table and passive fundraising (grocery store) table at the Thanksgiving Luncheon. Re Spirit Wear, all apparel orders have been filled. Karla will receive the bottle cap necklaces today and we're still waiting on flashlights. The new Clothing United bin will be in place in the next two weeks. Christi plans a blurb in the Twigs for the announcement. She was asked to delay her marketing until after Janna Everroad's Fall Clothing Drive for Hohokam. It was noted that Hohokam is looking for school age clothing/uniforms while the Clothing United bin is for clothing in all sizes. Also regarding the Thanksgiving Luncheon, it's a joint production between SUSD and APT. Lynne suggests an email blast reminding our community of the date and time.
- C. Karla Crall announced to cheers that Lynne Herndon has agreed to be APT President next year. Also announced is that Kim Barrows is considering the Treasurer Elect position. Karla Crall is working on a second person to job share with Kim.
- D. Rose Fritzke reported that Site Council went over the final SIP plan. The tech report is that there will be a Smart Board demonstration in the computer lab during Thanksgiving Luncheon for parents. The presentation will be on the Tax Credit donation, explaining the dollar for dollar credit, as there has been confusion with some parents. A rolling board with tax credit sheets will be put up. Carla Monson said she is able to designate donation funds in her children's names and the area for those funds to be used at Cocopah and Chaparral (ie. band), but not able to do this at Sequoya. Mrs. Weinman explained that designation at Sequoya isn't possible as Sequoya's extra-curricular programs are open to all students without exclusion, so the donation monies are taken and applied to programs that benefit all Sequoya students.
- E. Amy Mariucci reported on Western Round Up, saying she was very pleased and thanking the great volunteers. She estimates attendance at 500. Positive comments were made about the food, the layout, and scheduling the event on a Friday. Mrs. Dunn said the kids loved it and talked about it on the Monday following.

- F. Janna Everroad reported that the Hohokam Fall Clothing Drive is coming, along with Angel Tree. McDonald's Night was record breaking (see Treasurer's Report). Regarding Family Fun Nights, this year there are three Chairs but not a lot of interest from families. A school-wide Bingo Night was suggested for Feb. or March, with discussion around whether it would be a fundraiser or community event; whether there would be a meal available; if it could be held on a Friday. Janna & the Family Fun Night chairs will try to attend the Cherokee Bingo Night in Jan. for ideas.
- G. Christi Warner Beyer & Karla Crall revisited Spirit Wear when they were asked if it was available on campus outside of the Aug. Meet & Greet, and the Thanksgiving Luncheon. While that is not possible, it was strongly suggested there be some cash & carry inventory in youth sizes at select events going forward.
- H. Carla Monson reported the Artist in Residence is working with all students. Carla described the art project as wonderful to see. Installation will start in December with 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades assisting.
- I. Karla Crall announced she is thrilled that Sara House and Beth Harpeneau have agreed to chair Missoula Theatre again next year.
- J. Lee Ratterman said the website is updated with the Friends of Sequoia links ready to go. An email blast will go out at the end of the week. Lee shared that a Kindergarten parent would like to set up a Facebook page for Sequoia. Carla Monson supported the idea. It was decided the parent could go ahead but the page would not be officially monitored or endorsed by APT.
- K. Karla Crall reported the use/rental of the Snow Cone machine by Chaparral's Tom Shoe's Club had worked well and they were a great group to work with.
- L. Stephanie Kirke discussed the Thanksgiving Luncheon and offered comments/suggestions from last year's notes by Mary Ellen Brown. Purchasing meal tickets for staff was discussed, but decided against as meal tickets were recently purchased for staff at Western Round Up and there's little room in the current Hospitality budget. Stephanie made a motion not to purchase staff meal tickets for this year's Thanksgiving Luncheon. It was seconded by Karla Crall and the motion was passed. The Holiday Staff Event to be held this year at Lynne Herndon's is set for Friday, December 4 from 2:30 to 4:30. Coffee, wine, desserts, and fruit will be served. Carrie Regan is to forward APT executive and chair email contact information to Stephanie, so she can ask for baked goods, etc.
- M. Kindergarten parent, Sandy Flatten introduced herself, asking about communicating with new families, and the process for recruiting volunteers. The discussion moved to reaching new families and increasing APT meeting attendance. It was suggested each grade level be invited to an APT meeting, starting with Kindergarten in January. Other ideas were to have a Kindergarten and new family coffee on the first day of school modeled after similar events at area schools.
- N. Re SPC Representative, Karla Crall thinks the job needs two people during an election year. For legitimate reasons, current rep, Barbri Checkett, may step down but has been encouraged to attend one more meeting after the election. If she steps down, Karla believes she has someone to take over the position.

- V. Upcoming Events
  - A. Veteran's Day, Nov. 11
  - B. Fall Book Fair, Nov. 17-20
  - C. Thanksgiving Luncheon and Basket Raffle, Nov. 19
  - D. Thanksgiving Recess, Nov. 26-27
  
- VI.
  - A. Meeting adjourned at 10:30
  - B. Next meeting: Monday, December 7, 2009