

Minutes: Sequoya APT- October 5, 2009

Meeting called to order by Karla Crall at 8:30am

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

Others: Mr. Bhavnani, Mrs. Weinman, Mrs. Robins, Michaelle Kimes, Stephanie Kirke, Amy Mariucci, Beth Harpeneau, Kim Barrow, Lisa Dubnow, Debby Wolvos, Janna Everroad, Terri Buccino, Lori Schneider, Cathy Potter

- I. Minutes
 - A. Carrie Regan made a motion to approve the minutes. Carla Monson seconded. Motion passed.

- II. Treasurer's Report
 - A. Lynne Herndon reported that we're winding down on the donation drive. These numbers are deposited numbers, and we're about where we were last year. The donation drive is exceeding budget. The directory is exceeding budget but that's because we doubled the price as we hadn't been covering costs in past. Overall, given the economy, things are looking pretty good.
 - B. Expenses are beginning to process with the teachers and Western Roundup.
 - C. Re Eric Meyers and the Say Yes to Children campaign, APTs in the district are helping cover costs for override materials, giving \$500 to 2500. Lynn made a motion to donate \$750, Janna Everroad seconded. Motion passed.

- III. Beth Harpeneau reported that Missoula had a great year. 69 students tried out with 57 being cast; 4 dropped out leaving 53 participating in the play. In the past, only mid-50s tried out. Three hundred people were in attendance. While numbers aren't final, approx. expenses are \$4545 with \$4351 being taken in. There was a \$180 donation towards housing, and the Point Hilton at Squaw Peak gave them a great deal. There were also grocery donations.

- IV. Principal's Report
 - A. On Oct. 8, Superintendent Catalani will be on campus from 1:30-3:00, available for drop in discussion with parents/staff.
 - B. Smart Boards were installed, and voice enhancement systems are in place. Some installations are still outstanding but will be completed shortly. The staff is excited, and training is scheduled for Oct. 22nd. The District will be maintaining the equipment.
 - C. Re SIP, Dr. Catalani wants it to reach 100% of students. At Sequoya, the SIP Goal A (Academic) is for 100% of students to Meet the requirements by May 2010. Goal B (Professional Development) is for 100% of teachers to attend six hours of professional training.
 - D. A letter is coming home Monday regarding District's data management. The District has used performance objectives and is changing now to concept maps. The Galileo results are going to be used to assist teachers in assessing student learning and as an informational tool to plan for further teaching. Sample concept

maps for grades 2, 4, and 5 were distributed. This is a transition year and as some concepts can be taught over all four quarters, benchmark results this year may not reflect accurately and should not be used for student assessment only. The Galileo has been adjusted to match the concept maps. Benchmark results will not be used for grading. There was concern from parents that some teachers use these results in grading, and Mrs. Bhavnani responded that the benchmarks will not be used for grades. Concern was raised for students who may be upset by test results. Mrs. Bhavnani asked Mrs. Robins to discuss with staff prepping kids that they may not have all concepts on the test. Mrs. Weinman added, as a side note, that scores at Sequoia have been good by grade level.

- E. There are new math standards, and parents can check those on the state/district website.
 - F. The parking lot committee met with city and District reps and decided to stay with our new flow. They will be adding better signage, gates, and berms, and will try to do this over one of the year's breaks.
- V. Business
- A. Rose Fritzke provided an update from Site Council. In Homework Haven (grades 3-5 after-school homework help), all but one student met the standards. In Girls Inc., there are 12 girls signed up to start after the break. The Math Bee will also begin after fall break. They had hoped for four teachers to sign up but only have two so program will run with 30 students (grades 4 and 5). Site Council is limiting field trips to two for each grade level. Flyers were discussed again. Karla had a very helpful meeting with Cochise and Cherokee APT presidents. After more discussion, it was proposed to form a sub-committee to create a policy for our school. The committee will begin with Karla Crall, Lynne Herndon, Rose Fritzke, and Lee Ratterman. Sequoia is seriously in need of help in the cafeteria during lunch. Michaelle Kimes volunteers in the Cocopah lunch room, and after discussion volunteered to head a sign-up program modeled after Cocopah. Mrs. Weinman is to provide a job description to Michaelle. Mrs. Bhavnani would like someone to do the same for playground volunteers.
 - B. Amy Mariucci reported it's a big week for Western Roundup, which is scheduled for Oct. 23rd from 5:30-8:00pm. Dinner will be available at 5:30. The AZ Angels were to be on campus Monday to do a dance demo with 50-60 kids, and will return for a 2nd time on the 21st. Forty students signed up for the art demo on Monday, after fall break. This Friday, there's a TCBY fundraiser from 2-8pm for additional funding for W. Roundup. Dinner tickets are going out today with prices higher to cover costs. There will be tables for dinner tickets, spirit wear, and cookie sales. Due to a conflict in scheduling w/ the band's performance at the Chaparral football game, band night was cancelled. They're going to try to schedule something during basketball season. On a side note, Amy Mariucci has an abundance of red/black/silver baking sprinkles, which are available to anyone planning a class party or other school event.
 - C. Janna Everroad enthusiastically reported that tomorrow night is McDonald's Night. Great teachers signed up for the event, which will run from 4:30 to 7:30. Re spring fundraising, we can continue with Islands or make a change to Jason's Deli. Janna asked for input in how many of this type of fundraiser to offer.

Parents were comfortable with adding one more so that there'd be one in each Oct., Jan, and April. Pizza was suggested for spring as families can just pick one up when heading home from busy spring activities. Angel Tree will be starting next week. We will be running a fall clothing drive for Hohokam, and remember, they've switched to uniforms this year so hope parents will pick up khaki pants/skirts/etc. for donation.

- D. Karla Crall discussed the Chaparral Scholarship and asked for a motion to reduce our donation from \$2000 to \$1000. Carla Monson made a motion, which was seconded by Lynne Herndon. Motion passed.
- E. Lisa Dubnow has Override signs if people will take them. Re spirit wear, she has long-sleeved things on order and water bottles are in. Ruth Plotkin is helping and there'll be a table at Western Roundup. Karla asked if her volunteers were all set up for W. Roundup, and Lisa said she's in need of volunteers.
- F. Lori Schneider, who is overseeing passive fundraising met with Jersey Mikes, who will do lunch boxes for Family Fun Nights and Bingo Nights. Stephanie Kirke suggested informing room parents for consideration in class parties. There are so many options for passive fundraising and each store/organization has specific requirements (Safeway, Fry's, Albertsons, Target, Boxtops for Education, OneCause, etc), while some aren't wholly legitimate. Stephanie Kirke suggested setting up a table at W. Roundup and Thanksgiving Luncheon to bring sign-ups to our families. Karla asked Lori to look into gift cards too, and Stephanie said that Scrip is a legitimate organization.
- G. Carla Monson said our Artist in Residence, Jane Metzger, is starting today working with kids in art class. Tiles should be installed by December with science as the theme. The hats for Art Masterpiece are going well, and she's looking into two other projects.
- H. George Redheffer said Sequoya TV is sending authorization forms home after fall break. Their first broadcast will be in early Nov. and run on Fridays. A draft press release for Western Round Up is being sent to Mrs. Weinman to be forwarded to the District for dissemination. Directories are at the printer now. George also requested that APT minutes be sent out 3 days before our meetings and be posted on-line. Karla and Carrie apologized for September's delay.

VI. Upcoming Events

- A. McDonalds Night, Oct. 6
- B. Dr. Catalani, Oct. 8
- C. End of 1st Quarter, Oct. 9th
- D. Fall Break, Oct. 12-16
- E. Western Roundup, Oct. 23rd
- F. Teacher Conferences, Oct. 28-30

VII. A. Meeting adjourned at 10:30

- B. Next meeting: Monday, November 2, 2009