

APT General Meeting Minutes 3/21/16

Present from Board: Amy Mariucci, Lance Huffman, Judy Theman, Carla Nute, Allison Barkley, Cindy Diana, Mike Verlardi, Rhonda Onisille, Maria Flansbaum, Teresa Carlson, and Tracey Hott

Absent from Board: Mary Trent-Pasco

Present from APT: Michelle Carr, Sandy Kravitz (emeritas)

- I. Welcome and Call to Order- Amy Mariucci called the meeting to order at 10:08AM.
- a. Approval of Prior Meetings Minutes from 2/8/2016. Amy Mariucci motioned to approve the January minutes. Carla Nute seconded the approval. Motion passes.
 - a. Principal Report: Mr. Lance Huffman reported on AZ Merit Testing. The testing will begin next week on Monday. The newsletter notes the times of testing. The biggest challenge is that we have about 165 computers and 900 kids who need to be tested. Most of the schools have fewer kids and/or more computers. There are 3 days of testing per grade level. Celebrate Cocopah and the Disney trip are also in the time frame so there are some challenges. There have been grade level brain storming sessions to help come up with the best schedule possible. Testing blocks are each 4 hours except for writing. So the half of the grade level that isn't testing will be participating in a series of enrichment activities within the content including guest speakers. Kids are broken up by their last name. Carla Nute asked how many more computers we would need. Mr. Huffman thought about 50 more computers would be very helpful for future years. There is nothing that can be done for this year. He would like to have laptop carts that he would place on each floor, 2 per floor with 6 computers on each (6 carts with 40 on each cart total). Discussion that this is a state mandate that is not funded and a suggestion was made that the district pay for a portion of the expense. There was another point that while the parents should not be funding this, we do have plenty of money in the account to do so. The cost is approximately \$15,000 per cart. It was noted that we looked into this last year and there was some discussion that went in circles and nothing happened. Mike Verlardi asked Mr. Huffman to find out exactly what the specs are so that he can look into it again. There was also a request to find a contact at the District that may be willing to work with us. It was also noted that the carts would be available at any time, not just for testing.

The school improvement plan is well underway. Academic goals for next year have been drafted for next year. AZ Merit Goals and 100% of students will be proficient in evidence based writing. Students need to be able to justify a claim using evidence and reasoning. It will develop in complexity over the 3 years. The whole school will be using the same language. Question about what happens to the kids who are not proficient. Building in colaboration time for all teachers is also being worked on. This is the way interventions will be worked for those students. We are going to hire 2 certified people for an ELA and Math interventionist. We will be using certified teachers. So during their elective class, they will go to the teacher to get intervention to get the information. There the teacher will identify specific weakness, then help them get caught up to speed. Each grade will have their own section. There was a question regarding how is there now funding for this and Mr. Huffman stated he was given an increase in staffing due to our increase in students and pulled an elective course over in conjunction with a district funded math support. Another change for next year is that we are expanding our honors sections to 4 for all levels for each grade level with each teacher teaching 2. It helps the teachers share the different types of students at the school. This helps build a collaborative professional enviornment within the school. We will have 4 professional development days devoting about half the time to gifted instruction and about half spent on strategies for kids that are not succeeding. Mr. Huffman helps to make the teachers feel comfortable teaching gifted students for those who have not done that before and he asked to make the day before school open for gifted strategies for all teachers which would be a paid training day by the APT. He suspects that most will be here anyway and they will now be getting paid for it. There was a question if the gifted training is intended to help the honors students recognizing that gifted kids and honors kids are different. Mr. Huffman suggested that they are going to attempt that the gifted kids will be clustered which is about 50 kids per grade level. Mr. Huffman also explained how the teachers would reteach the kids that need some

extra help and what would be done with the kids that already understand the material. He stated that is a good time for deeper thinking and something that will be talked about during the training day. There was a question about the electives for next year and that some of the classes may not be there because one of the teachers is not moving. There was another question about Social Studies classes and the special enrichment that is happening in their classes. All Social Studies teachers felt that the idea Mr. Huffman had about taking the 80% of kids who passed the test and then one teacher re-taught the class and in the end every single kid passed the exam so it was very successful program. He stated that all kids can learn and they can all learn the curriculum it's just that not all kids learn the same way and that's the good thing. Question about CPR training for the teachers. Can we have all teachers trained and do it on sight here? Also a question about the Google Summit that 5 teachers are attending right now. Amy Marriuci asked if we can get creative in the funding. There was also a question about the front office and what we can do with the attendance officer in getting her help that she needs as it is a very busy job. Mr. Huffman also asked for a few parents to talk to visiting Paradise Valley people that are coming tomorrow to discuss what it is like to have a 6-8 school.

II. Sandy Kravitz is here on behalf of Valley Interfaith Project and spoke about information on a VIP informational session and how the budget impacts funding within our state. She stated how our budgets have been cut in the past several years and upcoming plans for the budget that affects public education as well as how voting has been affected. She stated that we do not have a budget problem yet a spending problem. How you vote greatly affects the budget including how primary vote really makes a difference. She is looking for volunteers to lend their homes for these non-partisan presentations regarding voting and the state budget process that affects our public schools. Sandy will write a blurb to be put into our newsletter.

III. Teacher Liaison Report-

- a. Discussion of APT Funded Front Office Help – PT, less than 30 hrs/week, need to find out Pay Scale
- b. AZ Google Summit (5 teachers) - \$1500 – already paid and will discuss the accounting of said amount
- c. Honors Program – approx. \$6000 for 1 extra day of training to beginning of school year (potential date 8/3/2016)
- d. Laptop Carts for Bldg B and C – 2 Full Carts
- e. Stacy Sale – CCS Smart Notebook Update – Trial Run; on Hold for now

Copiers – 1 for Bldg E and 1 for Main Office (Confidential Info)

IV. Funding Requests per APT

AZ Google Summit	\$1500	Paid – need formal approval and acctg discussion	Principal/Asst Prin Support	Huffman/ Salcito Mike Verlardi made motion to approve funds and use from the staff training and then take the rest from savings to fund if needed. Allison Barkley seconded the motion. Approved 3/21/2016
Honors Program	\$6000 (not to exceed) plus \$400 lunch	1 extra day for Honors Training including lunch (not to exceed \$400)	New Budget Line Item	Lance Huffman Allison Barkley made motion to approve funds. Cindy Diana seconded the motion. Approved 3/21/2016
Laptop Carts	Build into budget for next year. (\$15,000)	6-8 carts (approx.. 40 each cart) Bldg B & C	One Time Large Purchase	Checking into District to see if they would be willing to fund.

	per cart)			
Sub Day	\$100	Ms. Stegall – AZ Dept of Education April 27	Staff Development	Stegall Mike Verlardi made motion to approve up to \$100 funds pulled from Professional Development. Allison Barkley seconded the motion. Approved 3/21/2016
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V. Treasurer Report -Mike Verlardi reported

- a. Summary of Financial Accounts and Updates
- b. Current Balance Checking account balance is \$146,771.71. Savings balance is \$67,488.79. The total balance \$214,260.50.
- c. Mike spoke about a \$350 check from science for Ms. Dodrill that cannot be found. He is asking Mary Lu to see if it went to District by any chance which is just a paper trail of finding it so that we can get it back into our account. The museum may have to be paid before we actually figured it out. He is also looking for information from Mary Lu about where some money is gone so we have a paper trail before anything else is paid. There is also a \$1000 check from Charros for PBIS that can be used for a variety of different uses. Project Grad check has been sent out.

VI. New/Old Business

- a. Celebrate Cocopah Tracy Hott stated at the core it's a fundraiser.
 - a. Fundraising – Auction/Classroom Baskets
 - b. 50th Year Table – Bricks will be sold before, during and after the event that will be placed in a section next to the ones that are already there and hoping to be installed before graduation event. An alumni table section will be there with nametags, as well as a signing area.
 - c. TShirt Sales – 50th Anniversary – It was decided that all shirts will be sold at \$15 for all shirts.
 - d. Volunteer Opportunities are still available on Sign Up Genius that has been sent our so please contact Tracy if interested. She is not worried about the number of volunteers that we have now but we do need more.
 - e. Food (Il Basco, Hot Dog cart Kona Ice plus our bake sale and snack and refreshment table), music, art, and talent show (chosen by Student Council who requested a video clip and then certain kids asked to come back for a live audition. There is a list of 8 acts from the music teachers and then another 8-10 acts from Student Council from 13 call backs) Because of the 50th Anniversary there is a 5 minute video being made that is professionally made and will be shown on the lawn during the event. We will also show the talent show on the movie screen which will be simulcast during the show. There was a question about how much of this information should be a surprise and everyone thought that would be nice. Sundown will be at 6:51 so the talent show will start at 6:30, first half of the show, 5 minute intermission, the video and then the other half of

the talent show. It will be put on the website the following day. Tracy asked if there was something that could be done with Steve who has spent so much of his time and is not charging us for the video. Tracy also stated that they are making a \$50 price point that gets you 60 tickets, and a coupon for a free baked good at the bake sale. They will also be selling t-shirts at the event. There will be something advertised about this. Discussion about having activities for the kids with the "50 yard dash" idea called a "Nifty Fifty 3 legged race" 25 yards up and back as a star for a lawn game area. Giant Jenga, Corn-hole toss (lighted) and a giant Connect Four will also be there. Allison asked about possibly using it for the 8th grade dance. Everything is 1 ticket or \$1 except for the outside vendors (Il Basco, Hot Dog Cart and Kona Ice).

- b. Book Fair – Keri Wilson
- c. Talent Show – See above.
 - a. Addi Gilbard – Chap Advanced Student to Video – Equipment from Chap
- d. Discussion of Rolling Boards for Campus – to use for Art Display at CC and throughout the year. We would like 5-6 and are still working on getting pricing. We will vote once the pricing is in.
- e. 8th Grade End Of Year Events – Update by Allison Barkley to say that Big Surf is on all set up and the last day of school has been changed around to accommodate for an 8th grade breakfast and moving up program followed by a surprise from the 6th and 7th graders before the ceremony in the gym. Packets will go out next week detailing everything.
- f. Tax Credit/Site Council Discussion- Tax Credit Video – Maria Flansbaum working on and we have some time.
- g. Grade Level Reps – Ms. Stegall/Civic Course Implementation Meeting
- h. Community Nights – Rhonda – Nektar Juice Bar, Wed. March 23 – 2:30-7pm – 9301 E. Shea Blvd – (Sprouts Shopping Center and Chompies)
- i. APT Executive Board Placements
- j. New School Year Budget – Amy Mariucci working on
- k. Calendar of Events – Amy Mariucci working on
- l. Cocopah APT Scholarship Update – March 31 deadline
- m. Mustang Orientation Date Next School Year – Friday, August 5 – 1st day of classes Monday, August 8
- n. \$1000 has been approved by Charros for PBIS –
- o. \$350 to Musuem from Ms. Dodrill Goodwill Drive –
- p. Chaparral – Project Grad - \$500
- q. Financial Audit
- r. Update Bylaws for April Meeting approval

VII. Upcoming Dates:

March 21	Mon	Rescheduled APT Meeting at 10am in the Library Coffee with Mr. Huffman – Honors Program 9am C-100A Spring Sports Season Begins
March 22	Tues	Coffee with Mr. Huffman – Honors Program 9am C-100A
March 23	Wed	Cocopah Community Night – Nektar – 2:30pm – 7pm 9301 E. Shea Blvd SUSD Sex Ed Program for Parents of 6 th and 7 th graders 5:30pm Media Center 8 th Grade Group Photo/Spring Photos
March 24	Thurs	Choir Concert at Cocopah 6 -7pm
March 25	Fri	NO SCHOOL
March 28	Mon	SUSD Parent Marketing Meeting – 10am SUSD Education Bldg
April 4 –April 8	Mon - Fri	Book Fair
April 7	Thurs	CELEBRATE COCOPAH 5 – 8pm
April 11	Monday	APT General Meeting – 9:30am C-100A
April 13	Wed	Scottsdale Parent Council Meeting 9:30am Chaparral High School
AZ MERIT TESTING DATES:		On calendar
May 5		APT volunteer event

- d. Meeting Closing and Adjourned at 12:13PM

