

APT General Meeting Minutes 4/11/16

Present from Board: Amy Mariucci, Lance Huffman, Judy Theman, Allison Barkley, Cindy Diana, Mary Trent-Pasco, Mike Verlardi, Teresa Carlson, Maria Flansbaum and Rhonda Onisille

Absent from Board: Carla Nute

Present from APT:

- I. Welcome and Call to Order-Amy Mariucci called the meeting to order at 9:43 am. Mrs. Bunker brought in and showed off Science Olympiad trophy. Mr. Huffman stated that Mrs. Louise Bunker was chosen by her peers as the AZ Middle Level Teacher of the Year.
 - a. Approval of Prior Meetings Minutes – 3/21/2016- Amy Mariucci motioned to approve the March minutes. Cindy Diana seconded the approval. Motion passes.
 - b. Principal Report: Lance Huffman introduced guest Dr. Kyle Ross, Director of IT, who was here to talk about AZ Merit Testing and the importance of purchasing more computers so that everyone can test at the same time so that we can have the testing done all at one time and in 3 days rather than taking an entire month and alleviate the problem of having to find something to do with ½ grade level that is not testing when their actual teachers are in class with the testing. There is also the advantage of having computers to use throughout the year in order to be able to keep up with the changing way of educating students with the use of technology including Google Apps. Mr. Huffman asked for Chrome Books as they are less expensive and all of the programs would work with them. Dr. Ross spoke explaining the plans for the District and the lengthy process including a voter initiative that would need to take place in order for the District to provide the computers rather than the APT provided computers. He also noted that Amazon has a new resource and platform for teachers that is beta testing now (SUSD is one of 100 in the country included in this) and will be able to use starting this Fall. Dr. Ross spoke about Google Apps explaining the virtues for students including a paperless environment and working in real time on class group projects allowing students to turn in projects electronically. There was a question about the ability of Chrome Books printing options. It was stated that there is a work around and the goal is to be paperless but it is possible. There was a question about why we are now able to use Chrome Books as it was turned down last year and the answer was that Success Maker is not be utilized any longer. Dr. Ross also stated the widespread use of Google Apps and there has been a change in what will be allowed as far as programs need to work on all computers. Another concern was about the amount of broadband width and it was assured that it would not be a problem or could easily be fixed by adding hardware if needed and would be covered by the District as they have been doing for other schools. There was a question/concern about how the District will feel about Chrome Books in a year from now. Dr. Ross brought up the example of iPads and how it used to be the best product and that things do change in the world of electronics and that Chrome Book is the leading device right now in education and there is a shelf life, approximately 3-5 years. The Chrome Book recommended right now should last through January 2021 making it a useable device for 5 years. The last question was about the license for Google and Dr. Ross stated the fee \$25 per student that is rolled into the price of the entire package needed to make the purchase. It was also stated that there are a number of companies that they work with so that we can get the best price. Mike Verlardi asked for the exact model number of everything being looked at so that he can also look at the prices because he has an expertise in this area and may be able to save money for the APT. Whomever has the best price is whom he would like to go with. Dr. Ross did state that the model that he has is very sturdy and made to be used heavily by middle school aged students. The computers can be in house in just a few weeks. We are hoping to get a quote today from Dr. Ross. Mr. Huffman stated that the bandwidth will not be a problem because the computers will not be all in use at the same time for a bit until everyone is trained on them which would be a roll out. Professional Development training is also included by the District that will be built into the calendar most likely in the first couple days prior to school and also during the school year as well as an on going on-line help site that will be available to the teachers. The goal is to have everything in place by the start of the new school in August.
- Mr. Huffman also spoke about the fact that we are coming closer to solidifying the School Improvement Plan for next year including core classes specifically in the writing. Make a claim, use evidence and support the claim is something that needs to be improved upon as it affects so many areas besides just English such as Social Studies and Science. The English teachers are going to lead professional development in order to help everyone get better not only in writing and reading but also improve in thinking skills. There will also be support for students that are not proficient in this area to get them there so that we can have 100% success. Mr. Huffman also stated that there is a goal to make sure that teachers are happy in their jobs. There was a request that there is a statement made for the parents so that everyone is aware of the goals. Mr. Huffman stated that there are several math openings that will need to be filled.
1. Schoolwide Teacher/Staff CPR Training prior to start of school next year **was put on hold.**

2. There will be 4 sections of honors in each grade level. Each teacher will teach 2 sections. Professional development days will be utilized/applied to instruct staff. Parents will be notified via parent-vue and will be given the option to "opt in" by May 16th.
3 categories to get into honors
 1. Students labeled as gifted (this label stays throughout highschool)
 2. Achieve required score f
 3. From testing Az Merit, Benchmark, etc
 4. Students that didn't meet either of the above , but "opt in" if space allows
3. Intervention specialist has been hired for ELA. Job posted for Math, but not assigned as of yet. This will apply to students that have not yet met the standards and need extra help.
4. Amy asked that Mr. Huffman look into pay scale and posting on the APT approved funded position to assist front office.
5. Mike asked that Mr. Huffman speak to MaryLu about getting spread sheets for APT spending that he needs to do his end of the year audit.

II. Teacher Liaison Report: Mary Trent-Pasco reported

1. Mary wanted to give a big thank you to the APT for allowing staff to attend the AZ Google Summit. She said that the information will help with google classroom next year. She designed forms to keep things organized
2. Summer Reading list is out. She will have a link for feeder schools on website. She also will get an updated list from Chaparral and post the link. She will have an annotation sheet to help students/parents.
3. Mrs. Stegall is working on the Civil unit. She would like all grade reps involved.
4. She will create a form that will be available to parents during Orientation, which will help parents navigate through various Cocopah sites.

- a. Discussion of APT Funded Front Office Help – PT, less than 30 hrs/week, need to find out Pay Scale – discuss
- b. Honors Program – approx. \$6000 for 1 extra day of training to beginning of school year (potential date 8/3/2016) approved
- c. Laptop Carts for Bldg B and C – 2 Full Carts – discuss further

Copiers – discuss the option of keeping one old one if in fact new ones to be purchased

III. Funding Requests per APT

AZ Google Summit	\$1500	Paid – need formal approval and acctg discussion	Principal/Asst Prin Support ?	Huffman/ Salcito Teacher Staff Support E1 Supplies Amy Mariucci made motion to approve funds. Cindy Diana seconded the motion. Approved 2/8/2016
Honors Program	\$6000	1 extra day for Honors Training	New Budget Line Item	Lance Huffman
Laptop Carts	\$55,000 (not to exceed)	Approx. 6 carts with 40 computers per cart Bldg B & C with a caveat that there is enough bandwidth to withstand all computers used at the same time. There will also be an acid tag on the computers that are purchased by APT.	One Time Large Purchase	Lance Huffman/Steve Salcito Allison Barkley made motion to approve the funds. Judy Theman seconded the motion. Approved 4/11/2016

II. Treasurer Report -Mike Verlardi stated that the

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a. Summary of Financial Accounts and Updates

III. Current Balance- Checking account balance is \$139,717.96. Savings balance is \$67,490.51. The total balance \$207,208.47.

IV. New/Old Business

- a. Celebrate Cocopah Discussion – Tracey Hott updated us. She is looking for feedback and would like all suggestions to improve for next year.
 - a. Fundraising – Auction/Classroom Baskets \$ 13,288 raised. Twice the amount of sales during student lunch.
 - b. 50th Year Table – Bricks ? How many sold. Sold a total of 28 bricks. Sold 5 night of CC. More orders trickling in.
 - c. TShirt Sales – 50th Anniversary -- \$15 ? How many sold. Sold 10 night of CC
 - d. 50th Anniversary Video – Voted and Approved \$300 for thank you gifts.
- b. Book Fair – Keri Wilson – total sales \$4,169.47 about \$750 less than last year - discussed
 - a. Up Diana Campbell Budget # from \$1000 to \$1500
 - b. Add line item of Book Set in Budget --- not to exceed \$3000?
- c. Talent Show ReCap
 - a. Addi Gilbard – Send Thank You
- d. Teacher Appreciation Week May 2 – 6 – Amy and Cindy will discuss separately and coordinate with Stuco
- e. Discussion of Rolling Boards for Campus – ordered \$2020.05 on debit card – should arrive by May 5th
- f. 8th Grade End Of Year Events – Update by Allison. Nicole Kenniston and Allison working together. Everything going well. Letters are out. Baby pictures need to be submitted by May 6th.
- g. Tax Credit/Site Council
- h. Grade Level Reps – Ms. Stegall/Civic Course Implementation Meeting – more details. Reviewed letter from Mrs. Stegall
- i. Community Nights – Rhonda – Nektar Recap. Not well attended due to distance and change of location.
- j. APT Executive Board Placements – Still a work in progress, but will expedite to comply with By-laws.
- k. New School Year Budget – still working on
- l. Calendar of Events
- m. Cocopah APT Scholarship Update – March 31 deadline. Amy will pick up applications today and make copies.
- n. Mustang Orientation Date Next School Year – Friday, August 5 – 1st day of classes Monday, August 8
- o. \$1000 has been approved by Charros for PBIS – has check arrived? Unknown
- p. \$350 to Musuem from Ms. Dodrill Goodwill Drive – did incoming check get located? Yes
- q. Chaparral – Project Grad - \$500. Yes, check out.
- r. Financial Audit – Mike will have it done by the end of the year.
- s. Update Bylaws – still working on

IV. Upcoming Dates:

April 11	Monday	APT General Meeting – 9:30am C-100A
April 13	Wed	Scottsdale Parent Council Meeting 9:30am Chaparral High School
April 14 -17	Thurs – Sun	7 th and 8 th grade band/orchestra and 8 th grade choir trip to Disneyland
April 26 th	Tuesday	Choir Concert 6pm
April 27 th	Wednesday	Orchestra Concert 6pm
May 2-6	Mon-Fri	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 3	Tuesday	6 th /7 th and 8 th Grade Band Concert Cocopah Café 6pm
May 4	Wed	Early Release 11:20am
May 6	Friday	Teacher Appreciation Lunch
May 9	Monday	General APT Meeting 9:30am Room C100A
May 11	Wed	SPC Meeting, Desert Mountain HS 9:30am
May 20	Friday	Spring Sports Season Ends
May 20	Friday	8 th Grade Big Surf
May 25	Wednesday	8 th Grade Party/Dance 6:30-8:30pm in Café
May 26	Thursday	Last Day of School, Early Release 11:20am 8 th Grade Moving Up Ceremony 9:30-10:30am Coccopah Gym

AZ MERIT TESTING DATES:

b. Meeting Adjourn/Close Meeting at 11:34