

APT General Meeting Minutes  
08/22/2016

**Present from Board:** Amy Mariucci, Judy Theman, Liz Bornstein, Clarie Gearing, Lance Huffman, Mary Pasco

**Absent from Board:** Rhona Onisile

**Present from APT:** Andrea Flannery, Jennifer Roman, Kelly Geary, Julie Warner, Allison Barkley, Angela Kisher, Betsy Pai, Julie Levitan, Laura Spoor, Patricia Ashner, Siobhan Ulreich-Powel, Debbie Stause Teresa Carlson, Cindy Diana,

- I. Welcome and Call to Order- Amy Mariucci called the meeting to order at 9:30am. Amy showed the new PE uniforms and reported that over 100 were distributed on Friday. She also had APT shirts to pass out to all of the APT members.
  - a. Approval of Prior Meetings Minutes – 5/9/2016 Liz Bornstein motioned to approve the May meeting minutes. Judy Theman seconded the motion. Motion passes.
- II. Amy Mariucci introduced some of the APT members. She mentioned that newsletter entries are due by Wednesday at noon of each week.
- III. Mr. Huffman Introduction and Campus Report – Mr. Huffman thanked everyone for being here and introduced himself. He reported about the big plans for this year including his focus on developing a growth mindset amongst students and teachers. As a highly performing school, while the AZ Merit scores while they don't look fantastic, they are higher than most places. However, how far are our students moving in a year? There are statistical numbers to determine how much they have moved in a year but usually the focus is on the proficiency so we want everyone to grow no matter what level they come to school. This is an extension of "Rigor For All", our previous year's focus. A slightly more specific area is more writing across the curriculum. Academic writing works in claims, evidence and reasoning will be done in every classroom. The students will be asked to analyze, synthesis, evaluate and use deeper thinking then put into text to prove their claims. This will happen in all classrooms even in classes that may not be thought about such as Music so this is a school wide initiative to prepare the students for High School and College. There will be a quick quarterly survey to keep the parents informed and in the loop as they are such an integral part of student's success. Collaboration is the 4<sup>th</sup> area and focus this year. Schedules have been made so that all teachers can syntergize and

borrow from their professional experience so that they can best support their student's needs. Mr. Huffman requested from the APT that we are focusing on specific and tough strategies this year and he stated that he does need Professional Development funds so that he can send teachers to go with him. He has specific training summits pinpointed for February and in the Spring as his budget will not be able to support this request without the APT. Question about official enrollment which is 920 approximately. He also mentioned about the Google Chrome Books purchased from the summer and there was a small problem that should be resolved soon. He also answered a question about core teachers and do they all have honors classes and he said yes, they all do except for one teacher who was added late. There was another question about benchmark scores and are they put in place so that the growth per individual student's can be measured? Mr. Huffman stated that yes, he does have some resources including the District statistician and AZ Merit scores. Another question about why all teachers are teaching core as well as honors classes. Mr. Huffman stated the value in collaboration and how it makes all students stronger in having the staff set up this way. He also stated that the standard class teachers and the honors teachers had different challenges and by spreading out the students it would make them more effective. There was a question about schedule changes to move students into honors classes and where is Mr. Salcito with this. The answer was that it is being worked on and with the demand at this point, the classes are very full but it may not work out for everyone for this year. Because of the shift in our instruction and because of collaboration, if a particular student is not placed in honors, they will find a way to challenge the students. Mr. Huffman also stated that he has requested 1.8 full time additional teachers from the District and we are now closed for open enrollment but we can't stop a child who lives in the District for enrolling. Discussion about enrollment challenges and possible future solutions. It was stated that Scottsdale Parent Council is a good place to get additional information. Mr. Huffman stated teacher changes and who is working with interventions in each grade level. Amy Mariucci stated the positions that are supported by the APT for student support at Cocopah. Mr. Huffman requested the APT regarding Social Studies whom he met with last week. They will be doing a lot more reading instruction which is out of their comfort zone. Critical reading in writing is a standard with our State's core curriculum and Mr. Huffman would like to teach the Social Studies teachers how to do "Close Reading" so that we can translate to the students. The challenge is that the way Mr. Huffman sees the best way to teach them is that he would like to have a half day funded. There was a motion that passed (see below.)

IV. Treasurer Report- Claire Gearing reported:

Summary of Financial Accounts and Updates-

a. Current balance- Checking account balance is \$155,003.28. Savings account balance is \$2,724.03.

The total balance is \$157,727.85. It was suggested that we move approximately \$60,000.00 from Checking to Savings so that the amount is close to our budget although we don't want to pull the whole amount right now as we are expecting money to come in that will eventually cover our budget. Sprit wear, membership and PE uniforms are the monies that are coming in right now. Suggestion to have a wish list as to what we may be spending our money on during this year. Amy Mariucci made a motion to move \$60,000.00 from the checking account to the savings account. Siobhan Ulreich-Powel seconded the motion. Motion passes. We still need to get some more money to come in from Membership to achieve our budget.

b. 2016-2017 Budget – Amendment of Accounts/Coding-

c. Funding Requests per Mary Pasco- Mary asked about APT membership amounts for teachers and are they the same amount and are the forms the same and yes, they are. She also asked about a new system for teacher form submittal and how some money was moved around so that there is a better staff funding request system. Each teacher continues to receive \$200 that does not need approval.

II. Funding Requests per APT

Mr. Huffman/ Mary Pasco	Not to exceed \$600	Social Studies half day training day.	Teacher Support E1 Alison Barkley made motion to approve funds. Amy Mariucci seconded the motion. Motion passes. 8/22/2016
Mary Pasco	\$270	3 Sub dates to attend training in Sept, Oct and Nov. Mrs. Sale 7 <sup>th</sup> grade SS teacher that ties into the school improvement goal.	Teacher Support E1 Alison Barkley made motion to approve funds. Cindy Diana seconded the motion. Motion passes. 8/22/2016
		.	
Mary Pasco	Not to exceed \$250 3 components	Sub date to attend training. Mrs. Stegall grade SS teacher that ties into the school PBIS There will also be a surprise for her for her accomplishment in winning an award. Dept. of Education award winners are asked to bring a silent auction basket	Teacher Support E1 Siobhan Ulreich-Powell made motion to approve funds. Cindy Diana seconded the motion. Motion passes. 8/22/2016
Mary Pasco	\$373.56	7 <sup>th</sup> grade SS magazines	Teacher Support E1 Alison Barkley made motion to approve funds. Betsy Pai seconded the motion. Motion passes. 8/22/2016

Amy Mariucci	\$261.51	Social Worker Susie Wall to reimburse from a conference to attend and books to go with the amount.	Teacher Support E2 Amy Mariucci made motion to approve funds. Cindy Diana seconded the motion. Motion passes. 8/22/2016
Amy Mariucci	\$439.81	Nicole Keniston who worked on the 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Moving Up Ceremony. The money is from last year but we are taking out of this year's budget.	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Moving Up B2 Cindy Diana made motion to approve funds. Liz Bornstein seconded the motion. Motion passes. 8/22/2016

## V. New/Old Business

- a. Mustang Orientation Recap- went very well. Cindy Diana has lists of volunteers that she will be passing out.
- b. Back to School Recap
- c. Spiritwear/PE Uniforms forms were passed out.
- d. Front Office Schedule
- e. Copy Center Schedule - protocol
- f. Hospitality/Staff Luncheons – Cindy Diana –
- g. Community Fundraiser Chair/Passive Fundraising Chair – Amy Mariucci stated that this is a chair that really needs to be filled. Amazon mall and Fry's are the only 2 opportunities that we have right now. We need to get someone to help with this so we can get this easy money for Cocopah. She also asked for our community nights to be taken over by this same person. Budget is \$2,000.00 which was met last year but we had Albertson's and Target that is no longer available.
- h. Membership Drive Update – Hoping to get more people signed up to meet \$2000.00 goal.
- i. Directory Plan and Update – My School Anywhere
- j. Fall Carnival – Amy Mariucci reported that the \$2000 payment that used to come from Student Council and came out of APT last year due to the change in teacher in charge, is not currently in the APT budget. Suggestion to ask Ms. Denham if she plans on making a donation. Conversation is tabled and Executive Board will decide what to do with this.
- k. Newsletter – deadline to Betsy for weekly info is Wednesday's at Noon.
- l. Cocopah Coupons – Renee Ervanian created and Amy Mariucci explained how it works.
- m. Smoothie King/School Store- Amy Mariucci gave reasoning to combine the 2 together to help with the volunteer staffing issues from last year. There was an idea to possibly purchase a Smoothie machine for the APT to run or possibly have NJHS (could only do 8<sup>th</sup> grade) or Student Council run both. It was stated that the amount made may not be worth the effort to have smoothies again

this year. Ideas were tossed around as to what to do. Decision to run an ad to get someone to run the School Store and let Smoothie King go.

- n. SkateBoard Rack – discuss
- o. Fuel Up to Play 60 – upcoming details
- p. Civic Award – Dept of Education – Ms. Stegall award recipient.
- q. APT positions open- please fill these
- r. Voting Procedures and Fund Control Discussion- Amy to find out what other APTs are giving to Scottsdale Student Council and “Yes To Children” so we can stay consistent.
- s. Hearing and Vision Volunteers – September 2 (Friday)
- t. After School Sports Update – Mary Pasco reported that she has taken over the Athletic Chair position. Fall sports (Volleyball and Baseball and Cross Country starting 8/29) are going well so far. Mary explained the 2 tier system and that the 1<sup>st</sup> tier is skills and drills and then the competitive tier is run with “invited players.” Mrs. Pasco stated that Cross Country will be played on Saturdays and at Chaparral Park this year.
- u. Edukit- there was a question about this and if we may be able to use it. Amy Mariucci looking into it.

VI. Upcoming Dates-

August 31	Early Release (12:20)
September 2	Health Screening Day
September 9	Fuel Up to Play 60
September 16	APT Membership Drive Ends

VII. Close Meeting- Meeting adjourned at 11:25