

## APT General Meeting Minutes

Held October 24, 2018 at 11:45 am at Cocopah Middle School, C-100E

### **Present:**

Lara Vineyard, Pat Moraca, Maria Negrete, Nick Noonan, Francie Donkerbrook, Lisa Kanarish, Courtney Odden, Christy Wright, Pam Pasternack, Steve LaBell, Alba Chester

**I Welcome and Call to Order** – Lara Vineyard called the meeting to order at 11:55 am.

### **II Minutes Review/Approval from September meeting**

Approve meeting minutes from September 20, 2018 Executive Meeting – Motion to approve by Francie Donkerbrook, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Courtney Odden.

### **III Silent Auction Update – Christy Wright**

- Getting very little participation from teachers. 15 teachers out of 44 have submitted a silent auction item. Worried we will not get to the \$20,000 fundraising goal.
- Asking Mr. Noonan for help to see if he can reach out to teachers again. Once a teacher submits a prize item, Christy will send confirmation to the teacher.
- Some of the items donated thus far: an Escape Room adventure with 7<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, late homework pass, Technology Pass, Social Media Takeover Day, Octane Raceway, Ski Day.
- We discussed other prize ideas that do not require teacher participation: 5 VIP seats and 1 parking space for drama plays and for each of our musical performances for Choir, Band and Orchestra (typically 2 performances per year – Fall/Winter and Spring). Orchestra and Choir concerts are held at Chaparral HS so because the theater is larger, we can offer 2 sets of 6 VIP seats at the Chaparral performances. Lastly, 2 sets of 2 VIP seats and parking for 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion.

### **IV Principal Update – Mr. Noonan**

*Superintendent Search Community Input Meeting:*

- 22 people attended last night's forum for the new Superintendent search. It was a good discussion. People shared a lot of information.
- 4 Questions: 1) What makes Scottsdale a great place? 2) What is great about SUSD? 3) What should the new leader know about SUSD? 4) What qualities and characteristics should the new leader have?
- Site quality good, district quality not so good.
- Conversation included why not extend Dr. Kriekard's term for an additional year and not rush through the process.
- 5 students: 3 from Chaparral and 2 from Cocopah spoke to the consultants,
- Some administrators and teachers also spoke to the consultants.
- They will compile all of the information into one executive summary. The executive summary will be posted to the district website for all to review.

*Cocopah Information:*

- We're the largest middle school in the district at 897 students.
- Once Upon a Mattress play supported by 37 drama students and 15-20 other students.
- 118 students participate in fall sports.
- Held first No Place for Hate event on 9/28. Next week students are creating pledges for No Place for Hate activity.
- First annual Choir Spooktacular tomorrow 5:30-7:30pm. All are invited.
- Looking forward to Crazy for Cocopah on Nov 9. Will be on announcements.
- Mrs. Demuro's Video Production class filmed first video blog with Mr. Salcito and Mr. Noonan answering 20 rapid fire questions.

**V Financial Update – Pat Moraca**

- Checking \$67,771.03 | Savings \$33,180.29 (as of 10/22/2018)
- Budget Review and Discussion of funding priorities for school year
  - We are addressing the budget for this year. Previous years' tax returns have been reviewed. Pat reviewed with us the budget and line items.
  - We spent a lot of money, more than we raised the last two years. 3 years ago we had \$300,000 in bank and this year we have \$62,000. District requires APT to fund salaries ahead of time at the beginning of the school year.  
  
The following was paid in salaries:  
2015-2016: \$35,000  
2016-2017: \$41,000
  - We also paid for chrome book carts at a cost of \$60,000.

Priorities:

- Salary encumbrance (we need to pay salaries ahead of time),  
\$35,000 for this year's salaries (should have been paid last year but didn't get paid).  
When this year ends we need to pay \$45,000 for next year's salaries.

Other Expenses:

- Legal Fees for all the changes to Bylaws.
- Accounting fees about \$600 for last year's accounting.  
We will pay for 2 years of taxes so that we are current. They were filing extensions pushing taxes out.
- Insurance fees of \$500.

*Total liabilities: \$83,5000*

*Leaving \$17,000 available for spending*

- Crazy for Cocopah cost will be \$2100. We have \$1500 in donation sponsorships.
- Owl Pellets for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science program : the school district does not pay for this because this science classroom activity is above the district's standards, therefore, they will not pay for the owl pellets. As of today, we do not have it in our budget to pay the \$600 for the owl pellets. Parent, Pam Pasternak, will generously donate \$600 for Owl Pellets for this year's 6<sup>th</sup> grade science program.

Note: We need to send all teachers an email asking what they need to keep education level standards high so we can plan and budget accordingly.

- Will setup Liability accounts in the APT accounts.  
Example Choir collects \$10 for each student's dry cleaning bill. We will hold this money separately as a line item liability that should not be included in the amount of monies available to us.
- We are still working through the budget and looking at it to further clean it up.

## VI Other Updates

- Crazy for Cocopah - Lisa Kanarish + Alba Chester  
A Student only event. After school until 4pm. Students will get to enjoy an inflatable maze, popcorn, water, raffle and DJ. They will be able to purchase Kona Ice for \$2. Everything else will be free to the students
- Angel Tree Update - Lisa Kanarish  
Got tags so we can donate a gift item. More information to come.
- Bylaws + Articles of Incorporation are still being reviewed.
- Both counselors are attending a LGBT Conference on teens for \$99/each with an early bird discount. This was previously approved and will come out of the Counselor Support Budget (Education).
- Co-op made \$600 for the first quarter - we had 30 families participate. Only 7 have signed up so far for this next quarter - there is still time to sign up.
- Farmer's Market - rescheduled to November 4. Slots still available. Student council will do car wash.
- Smart Board Upgrade testing about to start.
- SPC - Scottsdale Parent Council - 2 voting representatives. SPC Representatives are expected to:
  - Attend SPC General Meetings or ensure an alternate is in attendance.
  - Relay information between SPC and the Member School he or she represents on a regular basis. This may be done by giving updates at parent group meetings, emails or conversations with your school principal or through newsletters/emails directly to your parent community.
  - Be informed on issues involving SPC so as to be able to vote (when necessary) on behalf of his or her Member School.
  - Encourage parents and families in your school community to be engaged.
  - Understand and abide by SPC's Bylaws, Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest policies, available on our website.
    - SPC Arizona will be giving update on prop 305.
    - They are looking for 2 voting representatives from each school.
    - Any parent can attend.
- Sky Zone fundraiser opportunity - possibly over the holiday break. Need someone to oversee and chair with Kathy Crumley. Francie Donerbrook offered to help Kathy Crumley.
- 8th Grade Moving Up Events Planning Committee – please sign up.
- Shared Classroom Supplies Needed for this quarter.

## VII Upcoming APT Events

- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon - Tuesday, Oct. 30
- Cocopah Gathers @ The Original Chop Shop (Tatum/Shea) - Tuesday, Oct. 30
- Farmer's Market - Sunday, Nov. 4.
- Crazy For Cocopah - Friday, Nov. 9
- Angel Tree - Tuesday, Nov. 13
- APT General Meeting - Wed., Jan 23

**Close Meeting** – The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

The next APT General Meeting – Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 11:45 am

Submitted by  
Maria Negrete  
APT Secretary 2018-2019

**Total Students: 897 (as of day 13)**

<b>Grade 6</b> 291	<b>Grade 7</b> 267	<b>Grade 8</b> 338
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**CORE CLASSES (for all grades)**

English Language Arts
Math
Science
Social Studies

**ELECTIVE CLASSES (select 2)**

<b>Grade 6</b>	<b>Grade 7</b>	<b>Grade 8</b>
Band Chorus Creative Writing Discovering Stem Drama Intro To Computers Multicultural Studies P.E. Strings Student Council* Visual Arts Exploratory	Band Chorus Drama Intermediate Computers P.E. Spanish Spanish Exploratory STEM Applications Strings Student Council* Video Production + Journalism Visual Arts Yearbook	Advanced Art Advanced Computers Advanced Drama Advanced STEM Band Chorus Drama French P.E. Spanish Spanish 1 Strings Student Council* Video Production + Journalism Visual Arts