

APT General Meeting Minutes

Held March 27, 2019 at 11:45 am at Cocopah Middle School, C-100

Present:

Lara Vineyard, Scott Vineyard, Pat Moraca, Maria Negrete, Francie Donkerbrook, Steven LaBell, Betsy Pai Fisher, Patti Peppler, Lee McDaniel, Nick Noonan, Courtney Odden, Christy Wright

I Welcome and Call to Order – Lara Vineyard called the meeting to order at 11:54 am.

II Minutes Review/Approval from November meeting

Approve meeting minutes from February 22, 2019 Executive Meeting – Motion to approve by Courtney Odden, 2nd motion by Francie Donkerbrook. All approve.

III Principal Update – Mr. Noonan

- Mrs. DeMuro (STEM) and Ms. Hayes (Computers) have received some grants for technology items from APS and Suns. Waiting to hear from Charros grant; the schools have not been selected yet. They want to relaunch a robotics team on our campus.
- From Capital override, District purchasing chrome books for all Science grades 6,7,8.
 - Science will get new chrome book carts – 6 carts with 36 chrome books per cart = 216 new chrome books.
 - District will look at ELA next year but depends on if MNO Override passes.
- Our enrollment for next year is full.
- Dr. Milissa Sackos met with Mr. Noonan to discuss staffing and enrollment projections. Staffing at Cocopah will remain the same.
- Enrollment in SUSD is down about 600 students overall but enrollment is not down at Cocopah.
- 3rd Quarter Benchmark results back. Cocopah had the highest benchmark results in all areas in SUSD.
- AZ Merit starts next week for 2 ½ weeks.
- Parent asked how we do compared to charter schools. Overall, we usually do better than most, exception would be Basis. They get more per pupil funding but we can get more monies from things such as Overrides. We educate everyone and they don't have to necessarily.
- Student Centered events coming up:
 - 4/11 is open-mic on campus. A lot of chorus kids and other kids are stepping up.
 - Fine Arts Festival 4/5, 6, 7 at a local church. A lot of visual arts will be displayed.
 - Tonight is movie night here.

IV Financial Update – Pat Moraca

- Checking \$71,868.49 | Savings \$33,184.41 (as of 3/25/2019)
- Yearly Commitments: \$61,750 (salaries, teacher supplies, performing arts, student rewards, student event, communication, legal, insurance and accounting)

- \$29,000 was budgeted for Salaries for this academic year based on information APT received from district and Mr. Noonan, however, we are trending to spend \$49,000. We have paid \$20,000 up to now.
- APT has been having trouble getting numbers from the district office to validate and explain the numbers we have received for this academic year thus far. The reports we have received so far do not make sense with reference to the rate of salaries being paid vs. numbers of days within each report period.
- We need to understand the supplemental salaries numbers and have a firm understanding of them so we know how much we need to budget for next year.
- Pat is proposing that we eliminate supplemental salaries and have a budget meeting so we know what to do regarding our budget for next year.
- Front Office Front Desk, Nurse assistant, Band assistant are the three supplemental salary positions that APT funds.

V Discuss:

1. Volunteers for 2019-2020 Board
2. Lara thanked all those who have volunteered.
3. Since teachers cannot vote, they will be in Liason roles. We've appreciated their collaboration and input this year.
4. Looking for volunteers for a Budget Committee.

VI Vote:

1. New Board of Volunteers – Motion to approve by Betsy Pai Fisher, 2nd motion by Leigh McDaniel . All approved.
2. \$2280 to be voted on for the following expenses:
Motion to approve by Francie Donkerbrook, 2nd motion by Leigh McDaniel. All approved.
 - i. \$780 Budget allowance for 8th grade moving up ceremony. (We have already paid \$400 to cover the DJ.)
We'd like to cover to pay for 12 students who may not otherwise be able to afford the cost.
Cost is \$65 per student to attend the Castles & Coasters trip and the 8th Grade Dance.
 $\$65 \times 12 = \780
 - ii. \$500 Community Support – Give Chaparral \$500 to help them with Chaparral Project Grad.
 - iii. \$1,000 Scholarship – We will award one \$1,000 scholarship to a Chaparral senior who had attended Cocopah Middle School.
We need a committee to review scholarship applications.

VII Updates:

- Teacher SmartBoard version 18 upgrade - many thanks to Kathy Crumbley and Teerin Higgins
 - Teerin - The teachers felt it was easy to use, however the overall score regarding paying for this upgrade is 3 out of 5.
 - Debi Spaulding (SUSD) - Thank you for enabling Cocopah teachers to use more technology with their students. I appreciate that you have provided the survey data. Any teacher at Cocopah that would like to permanently upgrade their software to the new version just needs to call the help desk and ask for it to be installed. I have purchased enough licenses to accommodate the Cocopah teachers. There are plenty of licenses for all teachers that actually use the software, all they have to do is show the interest and we will get them the permanent licensing.
- Moving Up Events - Communication and online registration going out by next week to 8th grade parents.

- Trivia Night – Christy Wright
 - Date: April 23, 2019
 - \$25 per person entrance fee. Food is not included, families must purchase food separately.
 - 50/50 Raffle
 - Castle Hot Springs 1-Night Raffle at \$25/ticket
 - We have 2 dads who can MC, one is a stand up comic
 - Trying to confirm location.
 - California Pizza Kitchen or Cheeseburger & Cold Beers
CPK outside holds 60, inside we have to have minimum of \$3000 and they will give us a percentage. Mr. Noonan can cook pizzas as in previous fundraiser.
- Will setup Budget Planning for 2019-2020
- PE Uniforms – Leigh McDaniel
 - PE teachers want easier access to the uniforms. They want them locked up in the student store or locked up in the gym area.
 - Proposal of days to distribute uniforms:
 - Day before start of school year and on the 3rd day of school (and 3rd day of second semester).
 - They can have the students bring a check to pay for uniforms and distribute them at that time.

VIII Needed:

- Volunteers for Cafeteria lunch hours
- 8th Grade Moving Up Events
- Trivia Night

IX Upcoming APT Events:

- April 5 - Student Store
- April 23 - Staff Appreciation
- April 23 - Trivia Night
- April 30 - Cocopah Gathers

Close Meeting – The meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Submitted by
 Maria Negrete
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