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Cochise Elementary School Association of Parents and Teachers
General Meeting
Wednesday, February 11, 2009

Present: LeAnne Thomas, Lisa Bloom, Wendy Owens, Loreli Sin, Kari Carey, Alison Johnson, Julie Gildersleeve, Fabiana Stauffer, , Karl Stauffer, Linda Wojciechowski, Allison Barkley, Tracy Lampton, Sarah Stammegna, Gina Aikman, Sharon Guttell, Pat Kennedy

1. The Meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.
2. Kari asked that the minutes from the APT general meeting held on January 7, 2009 be reviewed. Julie Gildersleeve made a motion to approve the minutes. LeAnne Thomas seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.
3. **Principal's Report:**
 - 3.1. **Kindergarten Teachers Presentation** –Sarah Stammegna and Pat Kennedy - It was explained to the APT that due to the next years pending budget cuts we are anticipating larger class sizes and the loss of funding for kindergarten instructional aides. Due to the young ages of kindergarten students and attention span, not having instructional aides in the classroom is extremely detrimental to the entire function of the classroom. The Kindergarten teachers and the Administration are proposing that the APT fund the expense of two kindergarten instructional aides consisting of 180 days at 6hrs. per day. The cost would be \$20,432 of APT funds. Sarah Stamegna, Gina Aikman, and some of the teachers have offered to give up some of their funds that the APT provides to them. It is up to the APT to discuss this request in depth and vote on how to proceed with this matter.
 - 3.2. **Bobcat Bash info** – Carl Stauffer – The Bash will be held on Sunday, April 19. Carl is chairperson for the 3rd year in a row this year. Susan Rosener is in charge of collecting donated items. Denny is once again the auctioneer for the live auction. Pricing for golf and dinner will remain the same. All forms and info will be posted on the school website.
4. **President's Report: Kari Carey**
 - 4.1. No School Monday the 16th for Presidents Day
 - 4.2. **Coffee with KDG & 1st Parents** - We met and had a few people show up and we decided doing something after school on the playground might be a better idea for the future.
 - 4.3. **Site Council Report 2/3/2009**
 - 4.3.1. **Tax credit Money** Sarah Stammegna reported that they were able to spend \$500.00 of tax credit money on educational games for the students at all grade levels. A game club will be starting up and held at lunch recess. Teachers can give out four passes to game club. It will be optional for all students.
 - 4.3.2. **Video News Club** - Mr. Price has done this job for years but it will now officially be the Video New Club. We are so thankful to Mr. Price for all his great effort.
 - 4.4. **Kindergarten Round Up & Open House Recap** - The Round up went really well and had a large turnout. The KDG Teachers talked, as did Sarah, about what to expect and how the teachers work together to make the first year here safe, fun, and full of learning.
 - 4.5. **Nominating Committee Installation** VOTE - We need to vote to establish the nominating committee for this year which will assist in the securing of volunteers for the following school year., We have asked Melissa Kuffler, Yolanda Alemany, Susan Rosener, Julie Gildersleeve, and Amy Bonner. VOTE – Wendy Owens made a motion to approve the nominating committee. Alison Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - 5.1. **Income:**
 - 5.1.1. Box Tops- \$877
 - 5.1.2. E Scrip - \$109
 - 5.1.3. Fry's/Kroger - \$1000
 - 5.1.4. Sock Hop - \$4,596 (includes \$381 expenses from Carnival)

5.2. **Expenses:**

- 5.2.1. Artist in Residence - \$1200
- 5.2.2. Phoenix Art Museum Membership - \$75
- 5.2.3. Arts In Ed Dues - \$10
- 5.2.4. Misc Admin. - \$275
- 5.2.5. Office Supplies - \$776
- 5.2.6. Art Room Supplies - \$1186
- 5.2.7. Classroom Gifts - \$6283
- 5.2.8. Field Day - \$138
- 5.2.9. Field Trip Life Skills - \$378
- 5.2.10. Grand Canyon Trekkers - \$401
- 5.2.11. Principal Fund - \$796
- 5.2.12. Science Lab - \$301

5.3. **Budget Update Approval** – Julie Gildersleeve made a motion to approve the budget update. Wendy Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

6. **Fundraising Report:**

- 6.1. **Sock Hop Recap- Kari Carey** - The Sock Hop made a good deal of money this year. I only hear a few people say they wished the pizza was still there. I felt that on the whole it was a good night. There was confusion at the bingo parlor with the in & out, but that will be fixed for next year. The baskets were awesome & the kids had a blast.
- 6.2. **Fresh and Easy Fundraiser** – Fresh and Easy will donate \$1.00 for every \$20.00 spent in the store. Must turn in receipts.

7. **Student Activities Report: Fabiana Stauffer:**

- 7.1. **Art Masterpiece** - Volunteers have started giving their classes. There is a class I 5th grad that does not have a volunteer. If the teacher would a session, Barclay is working on getting that class covered.
- 7.2. **Yearbook** - authorizations received for all students that were initially not permitted to be photographed. Thank you to the teachers who were quick to act and called the parents to send written authorizations. “Life is a multiple choice” theme. Yearbooks cost \$20; order form being sent home this week with kids. Deadline is 2/27.
- 7.3. **Creative Arts Festival** - New date is May 1st.
- 7.4. **AEC Meeting Recap** – Grade level fieldtrips: 4th grade has Native American Dance scheduled. Most are being held at school locations instead of Scottsdale Center for the Arts. Special needs training for fine arts teachers still scheduled, but will take place after school. AEC Newsletter will be sent electronically ACA still funding Art Learning for future grant applications. Catch is there has to be a matching source. SUSD is probably not going to have matching funds available. Currently SUSD is not able to match the grants that are pending in some of our school for their artists for the rest of this school year. AEC financial planning still not scheduled. Coming soon.
- 7.5. **Artist in Residence** - Mr. Benjamin will begin his residency 4/20/09. Lisa Slovis generously accommodated him with her art room and together they are working on his schedule at Cochise. Proposed artist for next year is Ken Koshio: he will be teaching children about the Japanese traditional culture, Japanese folk tales, and origami; Not sure what grade level will be the core group, usually it's 4th grade but they may not be it. Mr. Koshio will come and perform in May.

8. **Volunteers Report:**

- 8.1. Field Day will be held the week of March 2nd. Parent volunteers still needed.

9. **Corresponding Secretary Report:** No report

10. **Membership Report:**

- 10.1. Lisa Bloom reported that a committee will be forming to look at software for inputting information in a multitude uses. Such as APT membership, school directory, online payments of membership dues, Bobcat Bash registration, etc.

11. **Hospitality Report: Kari Carey**

- 11.1. **Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon Friday February 27th, at noon** - We are hosting the Luncheon to THANK the volunteers for their selfless giving of their time and of themselves. We need to all try to be there. Last year we all brought a dish so it would be a pot luck meal. I would like to do that again. It was really nice last year. We will take care of the decorating and the drinks. If we can all sign up to bring a dish, it would be appreciated. I am not sure of the room yet, but will send out the information as soon as I get it.
12. **Community Information Report:**
- 12.1. Scottsdale Parent Council Meeting:
13. **New Business:**
- 13.1. **Cochise Cares- Glasses- \$139 – VOTE** - The child that needed the glasses before finally found a doctor that could accommodate her needs. She is amazed, as are her teachers, at how big a difference the glasses have made. The price was higher than the original, but we have the funds. WE need to vote to pay for the glasses. Lisa Bloom made a motion to pay \$139.00 to purchase glasses for the Cochise Cares student. Wendy Owens seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 13.2. **Self Contained Classroom Pedal Roller- \$68.99 - VOTE** - Janea came to us with a request to use her classroom money to purchase a pedal roller for her kids. It is a wonderful tool for them to have in the classroom. It is a single item over \$50, so we need to vote & gift the money. Fabiana Stauffer made a motion to pay \$68.99 to purchase a pedal roller for Janea's self contained classroom. Julie Gildersleeve seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- 13.3. **Sir Bounce A Lot for Special Ed, annual event- \$316.72** - Every year the special ed department takes the kids to Mnt. View Park for a day of fun. Other schools provide food, activities, and we provide the bouncers. We need to vote to pay for it this year also. The date is March 4th. Julie Gildersleeve made a motion to gift \$316.72 to provide bouncers for the Special Ed. Annual event. Alison Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried
- 13.4. **Additional Technology for 4 Classrooms – \$2,852.56-VOTE** - When we originally voted and approved the \$40,000 for the technology we thought we would really need \$50,000 to do the job. We were all being careful & understandably so. There have been a few teachers who have come forward to request technology that they missed out on. Mr. Lofstedt & Mrs. Hart are in need of audio enhancements for their classrooms. They are using the original audio and it is equivalent to using speakers built into your computer. The price for each of these are \$259.48 each. Mrs. Slovis needs to have her overhead projector installed and that is going to cost \$1944.98. Mrs. Moore needs to have a document camera, she was somehow missed on the rollout. The price is \$388.62. All of these prices include installation. Fabiana Stauffer made a motion to approve spending \$2,852.56 on the additional technology for the remaining four classrooms. After an in depth discussion and many inquiries about where an additional camera ended up and if it was even ordered or received in the first place, Tracy Lampton seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- 13.5. **Library Installation - \$1030.92 –VOTE** - Originally, I believe we had decided to wait on the Library until the actual technology rollout from the district came down. I have been asked to bring it to you to see if we would foot the bill for the Library. It is for the document camera & the overhead projector. The cost with install is \$1030.92. Lisa Bloom made a motion to fund \$1030.92 for the document camera and projector with installation to the library. Tabled until further information is provided.
- 13.6. **KDG Aides (2) for 2009-2010 – NEW LINE ITEM- \$20,432.- VOTE** - With all of the budget cuts and the pairing down we are envisioning coming to us this next year, the KDG teachers and the administration has come to us to help out for next year so we can have 2 paid aides from day one. As we saw this year, we had inadequate assistance in the KDG area for the children and were forced to get creative to fill gaps for supervision. The district was ineffective in helping out and the whole school was affected by this shuffling. We need to have 2 aides from day one 2009-2010 school year for the KDG classes. The district may not be able to provide this to us. The aides we have this year could be secured if they know they will have the job ready for them in the fall. To pay 2 aides for 6 hours for 180 days of school, it would cost the APT \$20,432. We can reassess this situation each year based on the budgeting at the district. The district may be able to come into pay for additional aides. It needs to be seriously discussed and considered. Jen Blalock is spearheading this & the entire school is behind the KDG teacher

to get this passes. I have also been told that we could take from other areas to make this happen. Sarah & Gina have even offered up their AP & P funds to get this passed. After much discussion for and against this matter, Julie Gildersleeve made a motion to table this discussion until further information is provided. Lisa Bloom seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

13.7. **Reimbursement for Artist in Residence** – The previous Artist in res would like to be reimbursed \$40 for expenses. Lisa Bloom made a motion to reimburse the artist in res \$40. Wendy Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

14. **Meeting adjourned:** 8:40 p.m.