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Cochise Elementary School Association of Parents and Teachers
General Meeting
Wednesday, March 4, 2009

Present: Kari Carey, Wendy Owens, Fabiana Stauffer, Susan Rosener, Mikki Fretz, Alison Johnson, Lisa Bloom, Becca Hirshfeld, Amie Fahey, Tiffanie Kief, Melissa Kuffler

The Meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m.

1. APT President, Kari Carey, asked that the minutes from the APT general meeting held on February 9, 2009 be reviewed. Julie Gildersleeve made a motion to approve the minutes. Lisa Bloom seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.
2. **Principal's Report:**
 - 2.1. Coffee with Principal will be held quarterly
3. **Teacher's Report:**
 - 3.1. Mrs. Hirschfeld – Thanks APT for reading conference we sent teachers to. She has shared info with rest of grade level and applied info to her teaching.
 - 3.2. Mrs. Hirshfeld would like to attend Dr. Frank Sarafini's (UNLV professor and researcher) one day workshop on March 27th. She has one free pass and would like to send 2 other teachers. Teachers will utilize their classroom fund. Julie Gildersleeve made a motion to approve classroom funds. If other staff members want to attend, these funds can be used. Lisa Bloom seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.
 - 3.3. Mrs. Hirshfeld also brought up school spirit t-shirts. It would be each child's self portrait.
4. **President's Report: Kari Carey**
 - 4.1. Spring Break March 9- 13
 - 4.2. Nominating Committee Installation VOTE - We voted to establish to 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, Linda Wojciechowski, and Lisa Bloom. VOTED & PASSED
 - 4.3. Meeting of the Committee – Recap - We met & decided to host a table in the am & pm during the week of 3/16-20, including an otter pop social on Friday after school on the playground. We hope to get all the positions filled for next year.
 - 4.4. Cochise Cares- Glasses- \$139 – VOTED & PASSED - 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.
 - 4.5. Self Contained Classroom Pedal Roller- \$68.99 – VOTED & PASSED - Jana came to us with a request to use her classroom money to purchase a peal roller for her kids. It is a wonderful tool for them to have in the classroom. It is a single item over \$50.
 - 4.6. Sir Bounce A Lot for Special Ed, annual event- \$316.72- VOTED & PASSED - 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.
 - 4.7. Additional Technology for 4 Classrooms – \$2,852.56-VOTED & PASSED - 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.
 - 4.8. Library Installation - \$1030.92 –VOTED & DENIED - 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
 - 4.9. KDG Aides (2) for 2009-2010 – NEW LINE ITEM- \$20,432.- VOTE - TABLED THE DISCUSSION UNTIL AFTE THE BASH & WE CANNOT FUND A FULL TIME EMPLOYEE BECAUSE WE WOULD NEED TO PAY BENEFITS. WE NEED TO GET CREATIVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO GIVE HELP & NOT GO FULL TIME. 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.

4.10. **Date for the last Executive Board Meeting- May 12th APPROVED**

4.11. **By Laws Meeting Rescheduled- April 9th APPROVED**

4.12. **Trees for the 4/5th Grade Pods**- We met with George Hayes and he informed us that we are able to do one Arizona Ash Tree in the 4/5th grade pod & one in the 1/2nd grade pod. That is all the district will let us do now. We got a deal through Moon Valley Nursery for \$40 per 15 gallon ash tree. It was purchased & will be installed.

4.13. **Teacher Request for One Day Reading Workshop** Becca Hirschfeld is requesting to use some of her classroom money to go to this reading conference.

4.14. **Next Meeting is Wednesday, April 1st, 8- 10 a.m.**

5. **Treasurer's Report:**

5.1. **Income:**

5.1.1. E scrip - \$122

5.1.2. Fry's - \$1500

5.1.3. Misc Income - \$1686 (\$10 interest income)

5.1.4. Sock Hop - \$4483

5.2. **Expenses:**

5.2.1. Bank Charges - \$47 (\$7 returned check fee)

5.2.2. Misc. Admin - \$398

5.2.3. Parent Council - \$55

5.2.4. Tax Preparation - \$450

5.2.5. Art Room Supplies - \$1400

5.2.6. Classroom Gifts - \$7649

5.2.7. Cochise Cares - \$387 (\$139 for glasses)

5.2.8. Field Day - \$258

5.2.9. Grand Canyon Trekkers - \$427

5.2.10. Library Gift Fall Book Fair - \$2319

5.2.11. Nurse Supplies - \$364

5.2.12. Principal Fund - \$1000

5.2.13. Assistant Principal Fund - \$167

5.2.14. Project Graduation Coronado - \$500

5.2.15. Meetings and Misc - \$455

5.2.16. Teacher and non-office staff birthday gifts - \$841

5.2.17. Excess Funds - \$2853 Classroom Technology and \$317 Special Ed Party

6. **Fundraising Report:**

6.1. **Bobcat Bash** - Adriana Burton has volunteered to take 5x7 pictures of each 5th grader and frame them to sell at the Bobcat bash for \$20 each.

6.2. Need 3 volunteers for Auction committee.

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

7.1. **Arts in Ed updates:**

7.1.1. Native American Dance – will be outside in the large grass area at SCA. Very little shade there and it will be warmer. I will pass this on to the teachers so they can go prepared.

7.1.2. SUSD Fine Arts Coordinator position seems to be safe for now. SUSD is trying to retain some money in her budget to help match with the ACA portion of the grant.

7.1.3. The HS Visual Arts Reception is coming up this month on 3/25 and it's from 5-7 at Arcadia HS

7.1.4. Spring AEC Luncheon has been cancelled, there is just too much happening with everyone and it would have been right after all the contracts.

7.1.5. Discussion about AEC strategic planning. No date set for that yet.

7.1.6. It was decided that AEC will provide the matching funds with ACA grants. It will either be adding to what SUSD will offer or if SUSD fall through, then ACA will provide the match.

7.1.7. The money the AEC will use to match ACA funds would have been the one that would have been utilized for Arts in Education field trip. The council will still help organize the performances, but these will hopefully be held at our complex's HS auditoriums and thus the cost of tickets is highly reduced. My understanding is that the schools have had to pay for portions of the tickets when scheduled and when they do so again, it will be more than 50% less in cost. The locations are nearby and the buses should be able to come back within the 3 hour minimum booking.

7.2. Artist in Residence :

7.2.1. Mr. Benjamin our cartoonist completed the required contract document with SUSD and it was given to Marion to send to the district. All his paperwork should be in order. Sarah and Gina are writing the ACA grant for the proposed artist in residence Ken Koshio. That is due on this month. Sarah and Gena have decided that the "due to the coordination, time constraints, calendar, and working with teachers, it would be better for them to oversee this program at Cochise in the future." I do not yet have the details of what role or what funding the APT will have with the program. Kari, Sarah, Gena and I should be meeting about the program and therefore I would have more information to share with you at the next APT meeting.

7.3. Creative Arts Festival - New date is May ^{1st}.

8. Volunteers Report:

8.1. Field day – went well. Need more volunteers next year.

9. Corresponding Secretary Report: No report

10. Membership Report: No report

11. Hospitality Report:

11.1. Volunteer Luncheon was a success.

12. Community Information Report: No Report

13. New Business:

13.1. Julie Gildersleeve made a motion to freeze all APT funds. Melissa Kuffler seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

14. Meeting adjourned: 1:40 p.m.