

Cocopah APT Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2010

Members Present:

Susan Thomas
Linda Fisher
Julie Gildersleeve
Cathy Yurchick
Cindy Blegen
Jean Perkins
Alison Tummond
Kim Kotzin
Nadine Canas
Carla Monson

Members Not Present:

Lisa Sipes

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Linda Fisher

Principal's Report:

Focus group meeting is February 11, 2010 starting at 6:45 pm. Mrs. Thomas is hoping to have 75 people attend, so far 8 have signed up. She has asked that we invite people from the community and businesses.

Club Now has started for the 8th grade which is a lunchtime homework help. This might be expanded to other grades in the future.

Tuesday Tutors – Ms. Owings is doing the am, Mrs. Stegal pm.

The first elementary road show at Cherokee was a success. Roughly 20-30 people attended the meeting. Cochise's meeting is Thursday, January 14, 2010 and Sequoya will be on Thursday January 21, 2010.

8th grade trip is May 25, 2010 to Wet and Wild.

Mrs. Thomas announced that she was invited to be a board member at the Scottsdale/PV YMCA.

VP Reports:

Activities. Julie gave a detailed report, both verbal and written about the Scottsdale Parent Council Meeting 12/16/09. The highlights are as follows:

1. Cut in state spending again
2. Discuss finding additional revenue – possible raising the state sales tax on a temp basis.
3. Rolling back voter approved initiatives – there is an effort underway to give the state access to half the revenues voters contributed directly to education.

Q & A with Dr. Gary Catalani, SUSD Superintendent:

1. Flier Policy
2. Possibility of a school bond in 2010 – might be around \$1 million, middle school facilities to be next.
3. 2010/2011 SUSD budget issues - \$3-4 million will be cut for next school year. Budget reductions will range from 5% to 15% - a very sad state of affairs.

World Language – Andi Fourlis, SUSD, Professional Development – Mandarin and Japanese are the languages that deemed the most interest from a survey. Proposed Mandarin pilot pending board approval for the 2010-2011 school year for grades 8-12. Each high school currently offers German, Italian, Spanish, French and Latin. Cocopah currently offers French and Spanish.

Mental Health in Schools – Kelly Anderson, SUSD Clinical Services Director – The U.S. Dept. of Education has awarded SUSD a \$261,000 grant to provide mental health services throughout our schools and community.

Next SPC meeting is Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 9:30 am.

Student Council Liaison – Bethune Holiday Angels Report - On December 10, 2009 the Phoenix School District #1 governing board acknowledged Scottsdale School for the donation of gifts to Bethune schools. Approximately \$10,000 worth of gifts was given to every child at Bethune.

Arts In Education Meeting 12/11/09 – Janet Henglefeldt – The arts in education rep position will be open for 2010/2011 school year. Janet has some people in mind. The next meeting is Friday January 15, 2010 at 9:30 am.

Site Council Meeting – Allison Marshall - no meeting in December. Next meeting is Wednesday, January 27, 2010.

Support Services – Carla Monson - No news

Communication/Fundraising – Nadine Canas – Two local schools did a gold party fundraiser with much success. If approved by Susan Thomas, it was decided that Cocopah will try this on February 12, 2010. 12% of proceeds will go back to the school.

The last fundraiser for this year will be Celebrate Cocopah on April 21, 2010.

Treasurer – Cindy Blegen – Check request for \$85.43 from Shannon Thomas to purchase binding for science concepts written into children’s stories. Julie Gildersleeve motioned to reimburse Carla Monson seconded. The motion passed.

Dads for Cocopah library brought in \$412.00 – the money went to the library.

No New Announcements

Old Business:

noMykid Speakers:

4- kid speakers – 1 completed (substance abuse), 2nd is January 26 at 1:30 (bullying) , February and March dates and topics TBD

2 – teacher speakers – 1 completed, February 3, 2010 is the second

2 – parent speakers – tbd

New Business:

Start filling positions for 2010-2011 board

APT Meetings:

February, 08, 2010

March 15, 2010

April 12, 2010

May 10, 2010 – Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

May 17, 2010 – turnover Meeting for 2010 -2011 board

Other Dates:

January 13, 2010 – 8th grade student/parents Chaparral open house

January 27, 2010 – 8th grade parents to Chaparral

Teacher appreciation luncheon is scheduled for Friday, January 29, 2010

February 11, 2010 – Focus Group at Cocopah 7-9 pm

Celebrate Cocopah – April 21, 2010

8th grade promotion: Friday, May 21, 2010 dance 3:30-5:30

Monday, May 24, ceremony, 630-800

Tuesday, May 25, 2010 fun event

Adjourn – meeting adjourned at 10:02 am