

Cocopah APT Meeting Minutes  
March 15, 2010

**Members Present:**

Susan Thomas  
Linda Fisher  
Julie Gildersleeve  
Carla Monson  
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Cathy Yurchick  
Nadine Canas  
Lisa Sipes

**Others Present:**

Allison Marshall  
Jeff Prowda  
Terri Look Healy  
Maria Vaidya

Meeting was called to order at 9:03 am by Linda Fisher.

**Principal's Report:**

Susan report that Cheri Stegall has been voted Charro educator of the year. She will be recognized April 23 at a dinner.

There is a special election to vote on a state wide tax increase of 1%. 2/3 of the money raised from this tax will go to public education. If it doesn't pass there will be an addition \$400-\$500 million dollars cut from public education. Early voting starts April 22. Please vote.

The budget picture for next year is still unclear. There will be teacher's RIF, but the numbers are not known yet. Class size is going up – 1:34 is teacher to student ratio. Because prop 301 money is down it is resulting in a 3% pay cut for teachers.

Office is short staffed. ME Fusco has resigned her position will be filled soon. Guynell is in the hospital. Please be patient with the staff.

**VP Reports:**

**Activities.** The **Site Council** discussed various issues. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders will not be going to Wet 'n Wild, but will be going to Dave and Busters instead. Also being discussed is offering more languages as electives. The after school sports are going well. Track is being offered during 4<sup>th</sup> quarter to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders interested. It starts 3/17, so sign up now. Next meeting is 3/31.

**Scottsdale Parent Council's** meeting included a presentation on SHE. This is a program for 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls that create better self esteem. There is a SHE program on 3/27. See the SHE.ORG website or the district website for more information.

Rep. Harry Mitchell fielded questions from the floor. He is the only representative that reaches out to the parent council.

Race to the Top is a federal grant that SUSD is applying for. It would bring in \$5 million to the district if received. Dr. Catalani also fielded questions. He is interested in removing the current barriers that exist from keeping kids from honors classes. He's like to see any child being able to enroll in an honors class. He is also interested in more online courses for SUSD. Next parent council meeting is 3/17.

**Social Activities.** 8<sup>th</sup> grade moving up planning is under way. It is an ocean theme this year – possibly Student council will be hosting a pep assembly soon. The talent show was cancelled. May 3-7 is teacher appreciation week.

**Communication.** The Gold fundraiser made about \$1,400. Another one is planned for May 10<sup>th</sup>. Nadine will set up the Amazon gift account.

**Fundraising.** We ahead \$1,000 for the year. It was decided not to do a fundraiser with Macayo's because of too many restriction. Cocopah will sign up with doozyofadeal

**Celebrate Cocopah** planning is underway.

**Treasurer.** Lisa Sipes motioned that we approve \$395 for software for Mrs. Bunker. Nadine Canas seconded. The motion passed with all ayes and no nays.

The nurse had a request for flip flops. It wasn't voted on because she has money in her bucket that she can use for this. Linda will talk to her about that.

Next year's budget:

Our big expenses are \$16,000 for library aid; \$10,000 for health aid, \$1750 for summer Registrar and \$1,500 for data coach. Some categories that are going to be reduced: Reduce the amount expected from the donation drive to \$35,000, reduce teacher reimbursement because teachers don't come close to using all of the allocated money, reduce fall carnival budget by \$4,000, spring social cut. Buckets that will remain the same: 8<sup>th</sup> grade year end – keep at \$4,000, arts in education keep at \$3,000 (buses for field trips).

Suggestions: have an APT rep go to the teacher's staff meetings to keep communication open and remind them that the APT gives them money to spend each year

Have a table with membership drive forms at Celebrate Cocopah and first weeks of school and the Friday before school when new students come on campus.

Have everyone automatically a member of the APT .

Have treasurer present budget at staff meeting, so the teacher's see where the money goes.

The budget will be voted on in the April meeting.

### **New Business**

Each VP please contact those under you personally and ask if they will be returning next year. Please have this info for the April meeting if you didn't have it for this meeting.

The APT is looking for a teacher to be on the APT board as a teacher liaison. The teacher would have to have 1<sup>st</sup> hour as their prep hour so he or she could attend the meetings. Nadine is going to work on recruiting a teacher for us.

Mrs. Bunker sent a nice thank you about Teachers4Treasures.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

4/12/10 APT meeting

4/21/10 – Celebrate Cocopah

5/10/10 - APT meeting and volunteer appreciation

5/17/10 – APT turnover meeting for 2010-2011 board

5/21/10 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance right after school

5/24/10 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade moving up

5/25/10 – 8<sup>th</sup> Dave & Busters

5/26/10 – last day of school

Adjourn 10:58am