

Friends of ANLC Minutes of the January 18th, 2011 Meeting

Officers present: Traci Wilbur, Cathy Lake and Lou Rodarte. ANLC staff members Charles Grisier, Taylor Jones, Rosita Pinedo and Judy Stall were present.

There were 7 parents in attendance. The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. and ended at 7:10 p.m. A quorum was present.

Cathy Lake moved to approve the minutes from the November meeting, Lou seconded the motion.

Principal Report:

- The Charros selected Outstanding Teachers of the year. From ANLC for Elementary, Mrs. Roose was selected, and for Middle School, Coach Dunlop received the award. They also have a baseball luncheon in spring with famous baseball players as a reward for students ages 10 and above; ANLC sends 10 students to the luncheon at the Giants Stadium in Scottsdale. A rotation of stations teaching baseball and life skills are taught. This year the luncheon is on January 28th, the same date as the next ANLC 20th anniversary celebration so Mr. Grieser will not attend the luncheon but the students will.
- 8th Graders are continuing their orientation of Arcadia High School.
- For January, Dr. Catalani has asked each school to do tours, ANLC has 3 tours scheduled this month.
- Next week is early release. The Arcadia Complex will meet with Dr. Catalani and do an articulation exercise (e.g., 5th grade teacher will meet with 6th grade teacher), for Q&A, skills development, sharing information. Charles requested donations to help purchase refreshments.
- ANLC is a Targeted Title 1 school, 35.17% currently. ANLC receives additional money because of this. Charles asked everyone to encourage families to fill out the form to see if they qualify to increase our percentage. The Title 1 calculation is made in April.
- Dr. Catalani's office hours changed for ANLC from February 11th to March 4th 9:00 to 11:00, location TBD.
- Education funding will be cut again next school year, between \$3 and \$15 million. Dr. Catalani is asking for parents, teachers, community members to join a committee to study program, staff, etc. cuts and the associated advantages/disadvantages.
- ANLC school redesign – the architect has met with parents, teachers, staff, community groups to get their input on the new campus. He is currently drafting some elevation sketches so that everyone can see what it will look like in the neighborhood. Charles reviewed the draft architectural rendering/site plan at the meeting.

Upcoming Events:

Next Tuesday night, January 25th, there will be an Arcadia Complex session for parents on Peer Pressure held at ANLC

There will be a gang violence session held at Paiute Center next Tuesday night, January 25th as well

Ice Castle Day is on Wednesday, February 16th

Exploration Friday is on Friday, February 11th

Early Release in February is on Friday the 25th (changed from Wednesday that month)

Informational:

Healthy Packs Program

Judy Stall gave an update and overview of the Healthy Packs Program that she started at ANLC. The Program has been approved by SUSD. The program is under St. Mary's Food Bank for liability purposes. Free and reduced students at ANLC are eligible for the program. Judy asked for volunteers to help with donations of money, gift cards, food, hours to assemble the packs. Canned and sealed, easy-to-prepare foods are requested. Food can be purchased from St. Mary's Food Bank for 18 cents a pound if needed. Judy presented a volunteer sign up sheet at the meeting, in addition to a list of grocers that people would like to approach so that the same ones aren't asked for donations by multiple people. Judy hopes to start the program in February.

20th Anniversary Celebration

The first ANLC 20th Anniversary celebration was held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. It is estimated that 600 people attended the event, which was centered in the cafeteria. The next celebration is on Friday, January 28th during Family Read with a short program on the basketball courts, singing happy birthday to ANLC and is open to ANLC current & former students and their families and the community. Students are working on their favorite thing stories about ANLC that will be shared. Charlene Badman from FnB Restaurant will be preparing lunch for the entire school as part of the anniversary celebration, which the students will pay as usual for their lunch but the food will be specially made by Charlene Badman. Lunch will only be for ANLC students. 5 or 6 volunteers are needed to assist at the luncheon. Charles is providing a bus that morning from and to the Paiute Center to provide transportation for the families in that area to attend the anniversary celebration. The 3rd celebration will be held in spring.

Exploration Friday

The Multicultural Exploration Friday on December 3rd was very successful and well-attended. A donation of \$1250 was given from an anonymous foundation to fund 7 classes for that Exploration Friday. Stationary was created and is available for anyone to use. The next Exploration Friday will be held on Friday, February 11th. The Committee is in need of volunteers for classes and to help that day.

Bricks for New School

Traci reported that she is working on the bricks that can be sold as a fundraiser and brought a sample brick. A discussion with the architect will ensue about placement of the sold bricks on

the new campus. The cost of each brick is \$20 and will be sold for around \$50 and can be engraved with up to 3 lines of text.

Officer Reports:

Natalie Lahr was not present but Traci gave an update on the Carnival. The student council will be asked to decide on a theme for the Carnival. There is s Carnival Sub-Committee in student council. Taylor Jones invited a representative from the Carnival Committee to attend a student council meeting, which are on Thursdays from 11:40 AM to 12:50 PM. Many positions for the Carnival are needed to be filled. Sandra Veirs is chairing the carnival and requested husbands/men for the games.

Cindy Ensign was not present at the meeting but Traci mentioned that Cindy will present at the February Friends of ANLC meeting to discuss goals for the Carnival, where we are with the budget so far, take questions.

New Business:

Charles thanked Friends of ANLC for funding Arcadia Complex t-shirts for all ANLC staff and teachers.

Susan Keegan received an SUSD Foundation Grant for a butterfly habitat.

Rosita recognized Traci for attending and helping to get food provided at the Bilingual Advisory Meetings at the Paiute Center.

Charles reported that Anthony Horn has taken the teaching assistant position.

Traci adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15th, 2011 at 6 p.m. in the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Lake
Vice President of Volunteers
On behalf of
Margaret Ann Lippincott
Secretary

List of Attendees

January 18, 2011

1. Traci Wilbur
2. Charles Grisier
3. Sandra Veirs
4. Cathy Lake
5. Su Byron
6. Taylor Jones
7. Jorah Visage
8. Lou Rodarte
9. Judy Stall
10. Jenny Kelly
11. Laura Mitchell
12. Polly Weisiger
13. Diane Sanders
14. Rosita Pinedo