

Friends of ANLC

Minutes of the February 15th, 2011 Meeting

Officers present: Traci Wilbur, Cathy Lake, Natalie Lahr, Cindy Ensign, Lou Rodarte. ANLC staff members Charles Grisier and Cathy Janssen.

There were 6 parents in attendance. The meeting began at 6:05 p.m. and ended at 7:35 p.m. A quorum was present.

Diane Sanders moved to approve the minutes from the January meeting, Sandra Viers seconded the motion.

Principal's Report:

- 8th graders have started their Arcadia High School registration and counselors have come to ANLC to review schedules, classes, answer questions.
- AVID, a program for college readiness, will start next year will be offered school-wide (not just for targeted students) and lessons will be imbedded throughout the day. The grades for the program have not yet been determined. Planners purchased for the program through PTO would be leveraged and the program includes note-taking instruction that the students can use to more easily study for tests.
- NJHS (National Junior Honor Society) has not been offered previously at ANLC but select parts of the program are being offered this year and the full program will be offered next year. Penny Sandstrom and Cheryl McMullin are administering the program.
- March 4th is the next Arcadia Complex meeting. Anne Marie, Principal from Arcadia High School, is coming to ANLC, Charles is going to Ingleside. Dr. Catalani also has office hours at ANLC that day. A contest is sponsored by SUSD for a \$40,000 prize for the best Complex to define and achieve specific goals, rally support for the Complex, show Complex pride, stay visible to Dr. Catalani. ANLC and one other SUSD Complex are currently in the lead (out of 5 Complexes total).
- Jump Rope for Hearts, sponsored by Coach Dunlop, will be held on March 11th as a fundraiser for the students to raise money for the cause.
- Last week some middle school students went to Minitown, a program that promotes building community, talking about diversity and building respect for it, identifying prejudices and how to handle them.
- ANLC student Sunny S. came in second in the district spelling bee and will go on to the regional meet on February 17th!
- ANLC staff are wearing orange safety vests at certain times of the school day on campus, such as during parent drop off, at lunch and other times. The vests identify ANLC staff who can help students by answering questions, helping to address issues, and promote a safe environment. This will be especially important next year when construction starts on campus.
- Classroom Response System is a new technology system that has been implemented in a pilot in 4 classrooms (2 in middle school, 2 in elementary). Each student is given a cell phone-like device to respond to test questions that gives immediate consolidated feedback and summaries to teachers on results. Teachers can also find out how individual students responded if follow up is needed.
- Three 8th graders will accompany Art Eklund to a school Audio-Visual Conference in Florida along with several staff and students from Arcadia.
- Diane Sanders brought up an issue about working with students on using language that can be offensive to others, how it is being addressed on campus and whether they are being redirected to use other words. Raising awareness of this is key because it can be interpreted and/or lead to bullying. Charles assured her that this is a top priority and all teachers and staff are trained in appropriate responses and redirection. Students are also encouraged to share with the individual(s) if they are offended by specific choices of words and bystanders participating are a key part of properly addressing these situations as well.

Upcoming Events:

Ice Castle Day is on Wednesday, February 16th

Second trimester ends Friday, February 18th

President's Day is on Monday, February 21st (no school)

Early Release and report cards are on Friday, February 25th (changed from Wednesday this month)

Think Tank is on Tuesday, March 1st

Dr. Catalani has Office Hours at ANLC from 8-10 AM in Room 113 on Friday, March 4th

Spring Break is March 14th-18th

Informational:**Move On When Reading**

Charles discussed this program, which is Arizona state law, whereby students who cannot pass the 3rd grade AIMS reading test cannot move up to 4th grade and must repeat 3rd grade. This will start with the students who are currently in Kindergarten this year.

ANLC Carnival

Sandra Veirs reported that the ANLC Student Council selected "1980s" as the theme for the Carnival.

Sub-Chairs are needed: Food Coordinator, Lead Cashier, Volunteer Coordinator, along with many volunteers for other areas. One new element is that we will be hiring staff this year which will alleviate the need for some volunteers. We selected a different vendor to provide new rides, including a Velcro wall and several others, and overall we are below budget so far.

20th Anniversary Celebration

The second celebration was held January 28th in conjunction with Family Read. It was well-attended by students, parents, teachers and staff. Special napkins were printed up in ANLC colors and can be used for future events. The final celebration will be held during Night of the Arts in May and a collection of memorabilia and artifacts will be presented.

Exploration Friday

The third Exploration Friday of the year was held on Friday, February 11th. Many classes were offered, including one hosted by the architects who are designing the new ANLC campus, a wild animal demonstration from Liberty Wildlife that included an owl pellet class, and a class hosted by the Scottsdale Community College Robotics Department.

Officer Reports:Treasurer

Cindy presented the Friends of ANLC Financial Reports through 12/31/10. The budget is in good shape, most revenue-generating activities are doing better than expected. Friends has \$47,500 in the bank.

New Business:

Arcadia News has just launched an online version of the paper, Charles and Taylor are going to be working on what ANLC stories should be submitted.

Cathy Janssen runs an after school tutoring program for ESL students. There are 47 students in 7 groups and the program runs 3 days a week (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday). Cathy requested funds from Friends of ANLC in the amount not to exceed \$500 to buy snacks for the students to help keep their energy levels up during the tutoring. The program ends in April so the funds would cover snacks for the remainder of February and the months of March and April. Su Byron moved to approve the request, Natalie Lahr seconded the motion. The group voted unanimously to approve the request.

Traci Wilbur presented a request for Friends of ANLC to set up an account to act as the clearinghouse to accept donations and pay expenses for the Healthy Packs weekend food program that Judy Stall created. Expenses would not exceed donations. This would be a separate account that would be set up exclusively for the Healthy Packs Program, and it would be used only on an as-needed basis as a fallback to pay St. Mary's Food Bank should the program have to purchase food from them. Friends would also need to sign an agreement with St. Mary's Food Bank for the program. Lou Rodarte made a motion to approve and Aida Hatem seconded the motion. The group voted unanimously to approve the request.

Lou Rodarte mentioned that a friend of his works for the Arizona Historical Society and is pursuing whether the Society and their materials can be used to help teachers with instruction on Arizona history.

Thank you notes were sent out to FnB Restaurant and McClendon Farms for the special lunch they provided to ANLC.

Traci adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22nd, 2011 at 6 p.m. in the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

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