

## Friends of ANLC Meeting – April 20, 2010

(Approved, May 18, 2010)

Diane Sanders brought the meeting to order at 6:05.

Val Norris made a motion to accept the minutes from our March meeting. It was seconded and approved by all.

### Principal Charles Grisier's Report:

- A two-bell start time has been approved for 2010-2011 by the SUSD Governing Board last week. The result is the high school and middle school start time will be 7:45 a.m. and elementary schools will start at 8:45 a.m. The K-8 school start time will be determined by a survey sent out Friday and to be returned on Tuesday. The new start time is to save ½ million dollars in transportation charges. *(Since that time, ANLC has determined from the survey results to keep our starting time the same as it is currently.)*
- The Free and Reduced Lunch survey that was sent out resulted in 35% of our students qualifying, which brings makes us a “targeted Title I School” next year.
- For parent observation and class placement this year, Charles and Think Tank have looked at the staffing issues. We will again ask parents to give input on their child's learning style and preference rather than request a specific teacher. Class placements will take into account a number of factors and that will also be explained to parents.
- This Thursday, 30 of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will go to AHS for DNA Day and a Parent Night.
- 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be going on a field trip to Wet n Wild on May 25.
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be going on a trip to Catalina Island in May.
- Arbor Day, which is next Friday, will be celebrated on May 5 in order to thank Mr. Schulz for the tree donation.
- Student Orientation Day aka “Move-up Day” will be on. For example, 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will get to visit all the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers/classrooms.
- Our Peer Mediation program will begin anew in May and will be led by Principal Grisier. 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students can sign up to be Peer Mediators and teachers will have input in selecting candidates.
- Summer courses will again be offered to ANLC students this year. The schedule will be forthcoming once Think Tank approves the classes and schedules.

### Current Business:

- Carnival update Natalie Lahr, chair of the Carnival and Auction, reported that we are still taking donations for the Silent Auction and still looking for volunteers for manning all the booths. We will have the Silent Auction and raffle items published in a booklet to be sent home to all families next week.

- Nominating Committee to identify next year's officers and committee chairs is comprised with Aida Hatem, Natalie Lahr, and Diane Sanders. They will be also looking at adding board positions and figuring other ways to get the work done easier.
- Diane Sanders reported on the Healthy Packs Project to send food home on weekends to families who may go without food otherwise. We've come up against some obstacles at the district level but continue to investigate options to make this project a success.

### **New Business:**

- Representative Eric Meyer reported that the new budget that was passed 3 weeks ago includes 15 million dollars in budget cuts out of the 160 million M & O budget. The budget override election will be May 18. He reported on the two bell change: a year ago the Board looked over this issue and Dr. Catalani called for a thorough Task Force Study covering many different aspects. All the high school principals agreed on the earlier start time.
- Cathy Lake is leading an effort to change school nutrition to make it more interesting and be more varied. She has been in contact with the SUSD Director of Nutrition, who is enthusiastic about this issue. Also Cathy wants is looking to use our school garden vegetables in the cafeteria's offerings. There are many grant opportunities available for school nutrition so they will also be reviewing those..
- Margaret Ann Lippincott is interested in developing a mission statement for Friends that is very welcoming and encouraging. She is seeking interested task force members.
- We are going to survey parents as to whether they prefer e-copies of the school newsletter or receiving a hard copy. A discussion ensued about getting email addresses from the many we don't have and how to better reach parents.
- Diane reported on the upcoming events at ANLC: Scholastic Book Fair, Night of Arts and Sciences, Teacher Appreciation Week and Eighth Grade Promotion.
- Exploration Friday: we are trying something new, a class for parents on gardening in the desert, while the students are in their classes. There are 30 classes being offered for this final Exploration Friday of the year.

Diane adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on May 18, 2010 at 6

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Ann Lippincott  
Secretary