

Friends of ANLC

Minutes of the March 22nd, 2011 Meeting

Officers present: Traci Wilbur, Cathy Lake, Lou Rodarte. ANLC staff members Charles Grisier and Taylor Jones.

There were 2 parents in attendance. The meeting began at 6:08 PM and ended at 7:35 PM. A quorum was present.

Charles moved to approve the amended minutes from the February meeting, Lou Rodarte seconded the motion.

Principal's Report

- Charles has been working with Brainetics, a company that teaches a different way to look at math. He has confirmed that the gentleman who founded the company will be in Phoenix the week of April 25th and Charles is working on scheduling a presentation for 5th & 6th graders, and a session for 7th & 8th graders as well. A parent night is also planned. Additionally, Charles is working on having Brainetics present to an Arcadia Complex audience as well.
- ANLC, as a Title 1 school, will have a Jumpstart summer school program. It will be held before school starts next year although the dates have not been selected yet.
- AIMS testing is coming up in mid-April. Charles encourages students to get plenty of rest before testing days.
- ANLC is hosting Battle of the Books. This is for Gleams 3 and 4 is in process. Teams will read 4 books and "battle" against other teams that read the same books. Most questions are about trivia in the books and comprehension. Top teams go to a district competition, that will be held in Phoenix this year.
- Art Eklund and 3 middle school students attended the STN conference in Florida the week before spring break. ANLC received honorable mention for the music video they produced.

Assistant Principal's Report

- On March 29th, a drug & alcohol prevention presentation for parents will be held at 6PM in Room 113. Robin Stieglitz from the Scottsdale Prevention Institute will present.
- ANLC student council is holding a fundraiser on Wednesday, March 30th at Yogurtland, from 4 PM -7 PM. 25% of each purchase goes to the student council.
- On April 25th, Robin Stieglitz and Cathy Lewkowitz will be doing a class with each 7th & 8th homeroom and 6th graders about drug and alcohol prevention.
- A music assembly by My Town is being held on April 26th.
- Chef Charleen Badman of FnB Restaurant is spearheading an infused olive oil project for the whole school. By May 11th, each student needs to bring in a tightly-sealed glass jar.
- On May 13th from 6 PM to 8 PM, student council is sponsoring a 6th, 7th & 8th grade dance.
- On May 23rd, Chef Charleen Badman is coming back to ANLC to prepare lunch for the whole school for an end of year celebration. The lunch is for all students of the school. Taylor is working with the student council on menu choices.
- Taylor is scheduling Not My Kid to come back to ANLC for a presentation. A parent presentation is targeted for May and a student program on substance abuse is being planned as well.

Upcoming Events

- Spring Picture Day March 23rd
- Family Read March 25th
- Think Tank April 5th at 2:30 pm
- Ladybug Release Day April 7th
- AIMS testing April 11-15th
- Bilingual Advisory Meeting at Paiute April 12th
- ANLC's Big 80's Carnival and Auction April 29th

Informational

SUSD Nutrition Department and Parent Committee update from Cathy Lake

Michelle Walters, Director of Nutrition Services for SUSD, resigned. Patti Bilbrey, Senior Operations Manager High School and Middle School, is Acting Director and is interviewing for the role. Michelle cancelled the remaining SUSD Parent Nutrition Committee meetings for this school year. Several parents are interested in seeing the meetings continue, along with realizing the plans and recommendations made by the Committee this year. One item of specific interest is to ensure that the planned salad bar pilot is executed so that rolling out salad bars next year have a good chance of still happening. Cathy is drafting a letter to Patti encouraging her to reestablish the Committee meetings and continuing the plans for the salad bar pilot and other items that the Committee recommended.

Carnival Update

The Carnival Committee is working on the logo. Traci is working with Art Eklund on promoting the carnival during the morning announcements, teaching the kids to use "80s-speak" during the promotion, dressing in 80s fashions, playing 80s music during Wednesday Wellness Walk. We are looking for videos of the new rides that will be included in the carnival to show ANLC students to promote the carnival, especially the Velcro wall.

Auction Update from Judy Maltz

Auction items are coming in slowly, the deadline to get auction donations and paperwork in is April 1st. Items turned in soon will be included in the auction catalog. Taylor will check with student council to find out if they are interested in handling decorations in the café for the auction. Kris Pond is heading up classroom baskets, which feature a storybook theme this year.

Business

A Vote to Accept Jean Lawson as our new Treasurer

Jean is an ANLC parent and an Investigator with the FDIC. She has worked in the business for 30 years, including working for the US Department of Justice and Department of the Treasury. Jean holds a B.A. in Psychology and a Masters in Organizational Management. Her son, James, is a 4th grader at ANLC. Lou Rodarte made a motion to approve Jean as Friends of ANLC Treasurer, Judy Maltz seconded the motion. The group voted unanimously to approve the nomination.

Friends of ANLC would like to thank Cindy Ensign for her great work as Treasurer this year.

Review of the new ANLC campus

Charles reviewed the final design for the ANLC rebuild. The new buildings will be built starting from the current north wall of the cafeteria and continuing north to the baseball fields. The space south of the existing north cafeteria wall will include a regulation-size soccer field and playground. We will have 88 parking spaces, up from 50 on the current campus. Buses will drive south on 62nd Street, drop at a designated area on the west side in front of the school, then continue down 62nd Street and turn right on Exeter. There will be 3 gardens on campus. Hebert's Habitat will be preserved although the wall height will be lowered. The north wall of the cafeteria with the mosaic will be preserved and a "Welcome to ANLC" sign will be built above it. The face tiles on the columns will also be preserved and reinstalled. Every tree currently on campus will be replaced with another tree. The upper baseball fields will be used for P.E. next year but will require students to be walked to the fields.

Construction will begin Wednesday, May 25th, the day after the current school year ends. The finished new school size will be between 60,000 and 65,000 square feet.

Adjournment

Traci adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19th, 2011, 6 PM in the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

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