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MINUTES - Friday, March 17, 2017

Lisa Kanarish called the meeting to order at 9:03am

Executive Board Officers in attendance: Lisa Kanarish, Laura Seligson, Shannon Myers, Lara Vineyard, Vanessa Lord, Courtney Odden, Beth Scarborough

Total Attendance: 17

Vote: Lisa Kanarish moved to approve the minutes from the General Meeting held on February 3, 2017; Shannon Myers motioned, Courtney Odden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Principal Report: Ms. Leiper - Gurian Institute being moved to end of August or early September. Sequoya has a video on SUSD website now. Teachers and staff were interviewed, Russ Lyon Sotheby's sponsored entire district. Real estate agents will be helping raise sponsorship money for schools in exchange for marketing opportunities. Mrs. Holmes is Charros teacher of the year. They give us \$500/year which will be used for alternative seating, wobble chairs. Several grants have been written but harder for non title schools to get them. Input forms have been updated and are on web site. Any sheets with teacher requests will be discarded or asked to be redone. Trying to go as close to clustering model as possible, so placements are limited. Kids will start moving rooms for different subjects in 3rd grade.

President: Lisa Kanarish - open positions, ok for rest of this year. Next year really needs VP of Active Fundraising. Other positions needed will be sent out in email in the next few weeks. Young Authors Day was kind of disorganized this year because fields were muddy and wet so had to move to basketball courts. Art Walk will be chaired by Jackie Wollheim with co-chairs Sabra Barnett and Kate Carnahan. AZ Merit snacks and prizes are being organized. Parents writing notes of encouragement.

Guest Speaker: Katy McPherson, Gurian Institute. Spoke about purpose of the Institute and benefits of attending. Institute provides professional development for teachers, administration, parents. Institutes are 2 day conferences. They have Gurian model schools throughout the country. Nature, nurture and culture model. Conferences have keynote speakers in the morning, then break out sessions with option of parent track or teacher track.

Activities: Beth Scarborough - movie night is planned for April 7. Same vendors as last year. Movie to remain a surprise. Event is Sponsored so costs are covered.

Communications: Lara Vineyard - Lego lab is done. Have 30 bento boxes full of Lego. Possibly can be used as reward for a class to play with instead of pizza party or other rewards. May eventually have a rotating volunteer to supervise and kids could earn pass to go play.

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Fundraising: Courtney Odden - APEX went great. Still collecting pledges. Feedback was very positive. No final numbers yet but definitely met goal of \$24,000. Rummage sale was ok. Not as busy as wanted it to be but was worth it and probably made \$400-\$500. May or may not do it again. Parents night out scheduled for 4/29. Will be a casino theme at the Odden's house. Will be sending out fundraising survey to all families.

Activities: Vanessa Lord - Macayo's night coming up, then Yogi's Grill and that is all for the year.

Yearbook: Veronica Leon - 153 hard copies sold. 108 soft copies sold. 71 dedications. Will be finalized tonight.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50am