

**APT Meeting Minutes for
April 21, 2009 (Pending Approval)**

Jennifer Gatz – President - called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. There were 11 people present. Welcomes and introductions were conducted. APT Meeting guidelines were reviewed. The March 2009 minutes were distributed and approved.

Guitar Program Update: Tressa Clemens

- There has been a lot of positive feedback for this new music program. Kids really enjoy playing the guitars. Ms. Clemens showed a video of students playing the guitars.
- Thank you for the \$500 donated by APT. This donation has funded 6 new $\frac{3}{4}$ size guitars, a guitar stand that holds 7 guitars, and a guitar tuner.
- In addition to money donated by APT, parents have donated an additional \$190. If anyone is interested in making a donation, please make checks out to Amberly Elementary.
- Grants are being pursued as an additional way to fund this program. The Portage Education Foundation does not have a general grant that could be used for this program. Other grants being applied for include grants through the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, EFA, and Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Lee

The following Budget Reports were handed out: APT Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual August 2008 through March 2009 and the Amberly APT Treasurer's Report. Copies of these budget reports are available for review upon request.

President's Report: Jennifer Gatz

Thank You to:

- ❖ to our Tiger Trek committee, especially Miranda Garside, Heather Beering, Erin Simon, and Mary Daoust. We are very excited about this new fundraiser and have been pleased with the positive response so far.
- ❖ Thank you to everyone who participated in the APT Budget meeting on March 20, especially Linda Lee and Heather Beering for organizing the meeting.

President Elect: Heather Beering

Open Committee Chair Positions: The following positions are open. Please contact Heather if you are interested or have questions:

- ❖ BBQ Kickoff – Help is needed
- ❖ Beautification Committee – Co-chair is needed
- ❖ Daddy Daughter Dance – Co-chair is needed
- ❖ Mother Son Event – Committee Chair is needed
- ❖ Project Charlie – Committee Chair is needed
- ❖ President Elect – this position is currently unfilled.

Fundraising Chair: Miranda Garside (presented by Jennifer Gatz)

- Tiger Trek Update: To date, 253 students turned in their pledge cards. Total calculated pledges to date are at approximately 80% of the goal. This number is expected to increase as pledge cards continue to come in. The Tiger Trek will be held this Friday, April 24, 2009.
 - ❖ Thank you to Portage Northern for donation of Track and Field Supplies
 - ❖ Recommendation for next year: include lap length on pledge sheets
 - ❖ Local News Media has been notified of this event.
 - ❖ A deposit on the dunk tank has been made in anticipation that this event will meet its goals. To celebrate, students at Amberly will have the chance to "Dunk the Daoust".

Principal's Report: Mary Daoust

- Secretary's Day is Wednesday April 22, 2009
- MEAP Results – Amberly did very well in the MEAP tests. Students scored above District Averages and also above State Averages. Results will be sent home soon.
- Fund Raising Idea: Maggie Higgins presented APT with a fundraising idea of selling Portage Public Schools Reusable Grocery Bags. These bags are available through Woodland Elementary. These bags would sell for \$2.00 with the profit going to the Amberly APT fund. It is proposed that these be sold during the upcoming Ice Cream Social. Maggie Higgins will look into the details of obtaining these bags.
- Other fundraising ideas: The sale of the Super Book as a fundraising possibility was brought up. Mrs. Daoust will look into this further.

Committee Reports

Achievement Expo: Jeslyn Gordon: The Achievement Expo will be held May 28 during the Ice Cream Social. Set up will be on May 26. Viewing dates will be May 27 and 28. Information will be sent home soon in the Friday Folders. The Achievement Expo gives students a chance to display something of interest to them. This can include a science project, an art project, a collection, etc.

BBQ Kickoff: Sherri Wagner: The date for the initial planning meeting will be set soon. If you are interested, contact Sherri Wagner.

Teacher Appreciation is the week of May 4-8: Monday: stock your classroom (supplies), Tuesday: flower day, Wednesday: sweets day, Thursday: candle day, and Friday: card day. Snacks are provided throughout the week and lunch is served on Friday. If you have already signed up to volunteer, you will be receiving a phone call soon. There is a sign up sheet going around if you have not already volunteered and would like to help. You can 1) donate food for Friday's lunch, 2) help with the lunch on Friday, or 3) donate snacks. Contact Colleen Semler for more information, 544-0363.

Old Business

Book Fair at Barnes & Noble: total sales \$4700, total profit \$715 (a few hundred dollars more than the most successful Scholastic bookfair) Thanks to all who volunteered to help that day at Barnes & Noble. And thanks to all who made purchases that day!

New Business

Slate of officers 2009-10 Nominees:

Treasurer: Julie Lawford

President-Elect: Currently open

APT Budget Proposal: The 2009/2010 APT proposed budget was presented by Linda Lee. Copies of this proposal are available upon request. The budget proposal is very conservative due to the current economy. At present, it is proposed that Enrichment Books and Holiday Art be eliminated from the budget. Following the Tiger Trek, this will be reevaluated to determine if funds are available to support these items. Parents expressed concern over the elimination of Holiday Art as this is a well received and appreciated program. It was requested that APT look into other options of funding some type of Holiday Art. Suggestions included allowing parents to fund this project, or use of Square 1 Art.

Girls on the Run Bus Request (Amy Stephani): GOTR would like to have a bus transport the 56 Amberly girl participates along with 8 coaches to the GOTR 5K event on May 21 at Waldo Stadium. GOTR will request that each girl donate \$1-\$2 to cover the cost of the bus. GOTR is requesting that APT provide up front funding for the bus and accept reimbursement from GOTR. The bus is only needed for transportation to Waldo stadium. Parents are responsible for picking up their daughters after the event.

Announcements

- Tiger Trek will be Friday April 24 from 9am-3pm. Contact Miranda Garside 998-9985 or mirandagarside@charter.net
- Teacher Appreciation Week: May 4-8, 2009. Contact Colleen Semler 544-0363
- Achievement Expo: May 28, 2009. Contact Jeslyn Gordon 321-2064
- Notes& News Deadline May 15. Contact Ellen Robare erobare@sbcglobal.net

Next Meeting

The next APT meeting will be Tuesday May 19, 2009 at 9:00am in the Cafeteria. Elections will be held at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane Hamlin, Secretary