

NCAT Meeting Minutes

August, 9, 2011

Meeting Start: 6:05pm

Present: Nancy Reid-McKee (President), Rue Marshall (Vice-President), Lesley Schuler (Secretary), Fred Mench, Debbie Mench, and Ann-Marie Benz

Minutes: from previous meeting on 7-6-11 were reviewed and approved.

Reports:

President: Regarding a possible end of year 'communityapalooza' event held after the End of Year Awards Ceremony at noon. Geneva can not guarantee that students would attend this once school lets out. Geneva will talk with teachers to check level of their interest in having co-crew parents. NCAT will help promote Tax Credit for international trips to Cambodia and Costa Rica. Tony received approval for NCAT to store food/soda items for vending machines in cabinets in kitchen with locks. All future NCAT meetings will mirror applying EL Design Principles with a kick-off meeting next month on Sept 7th with guest speaker David DenHartog, SW EL School Designer and parent at NELA. College Committee: Ann Marie Benz will be Coordinator and pull a parent team together to work with Guidance Counselor, Dr. Pat Siner to begin planning how NCAT can support college preparation for all grades throughout the year and years to come.

Treasurer: Our year end balance \$2,799.96. NCAT raised \$2,701.00 and spent \$4,863.00 in 2010/11. Based on this past year NCAT will want to review carefully the budget and determine where cuts may need to be made or additional sources of funding can be found. Come with ideas to our next meeting on how to do this. Fundraisers: Nov 5th Sports Equipment Exchange and hope to get a team together to work on a Wylidman Dash in Prescott hosted by NELA.

Vice President: Membership update. Lesley finished NCAT brochure and it is available outside school office in boxes. We are hoping to recruit new members at Nelapalooza this coming Friday.

Secretary: Lesley will work with Nancy on producing a monthly NCAT newsletter and flyer for our next NCAT meeting with guest speaker David DenHartog, to be emailed to school mailing list via Geneva.

Fundraising:

- Sport Equipment Exchange Saturday, November 5th, 8am to noon at NELA.
- Vending Machines: Fred and Deb Mench will manage machines weekly.
- WylidMan "Warrior Dash"-like obstacle course event to be organized by NCAT or Interested group of parents.

Upcoming Events & Plans:

- *David Den Hartog, EL to present a program on the EL Design Principles* at our kick-off 2011/12 NCAT monthly school meeting on Wednesday, September 7th at 6pm. Raffle will be held for attendees and all new members eligible for special raffle for the \$80 Picnic Backpack, to be held once we have at least 20 new members.
- Help promote attendance to the **2011 Greater Phoenix National College Fair at the Phoenix Convention Center on Sunday, October 2, from 11am to 3pm**. Consider hosting some type of college orientation/workshop in advance of fair to help seniors and juniors with college prep process.
- Proposal from Nancy to fit NCAT agenda items into a format that goes as follows:
 1. Welcome & Introductions
 2. Community Spirit
 3. College Promotion/Preparation
 4. Student Leadership
 5. EL Design Principles/Problem solving issues in NELA community

NEXT NCAT EXECUTIVE MEETING: Wednesday, September 7, 5:30pm Business Meeting & 6pm Guest Speaker, SW School Designer and NELA parent, David DenHartog to facilitate the EL Principles and applying them to NCAT meetings and problem solving.

