

**APT Meeting Minutes for
May 18, 2010 (Pending Approval)**

Heather Beering – President - The meeting was called to order at 9:00am. There were 17 people present. Welcomes and introductions were conducted. The April 2010 minutes were distributed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Julie Lawford

The following Budget Reports were handed out: APT Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual August 2009 through April 2010 and the Amberly APT Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2010. Copies of these budget reports are available for review upon request. There was discussion on the current asset balance.

Tiger Trek was discussed. Possible alternatives to the Tiger Trek ribbon were suggested. These included reusable water bottles and plastic bracelets.

President's Report: Heather Beering

Tiger Trek - Thank you to everyone who helped out with this event. Dunk the Daoust will be held on May 28 during recess. Each student will get 1 ball to throw at Mrs. Daoust while she is in on the dunk tank. Volunteers are still needed to help with this event.

Student Council Ice Cream Social and Retirement Reception - During the Amberly Student Council Ice Cream Social on May 18, a cake and punch reception will be held in the Media Center for the 7 retiring Amberly teachers – Mrs. Mann, Mrs. Derhammer, Mrs. Stahel, Mr. Kiracofe, Mrs. Simunovic, Mrs. Elliot, and Mrs. Haworth. Also at this event, Bronson Hospital will be conducting Bike Helmet fittings. Bike helmets will be available for purchase for \$10.

Thank you:

- Miranda Garside, Robin Neeb, and Julie Lawford – for all your work on Tiger Trek
- Thank you to Tiger Trek Volunteers
- Betsy Scheffel and Kim Warren - Staff Appreciation and Breakfast for bus drivers and crossing guards
- Rita McKenzie and Colleen Semler – Enrichment. Thank you for all the great assemblies

Thank you to everyone for making this a wonder year for me. Thank you to the Executive Board. Thank you to Mrs. Daoust who is a constant advocate for Amberly and our kids.

Past President: Jennifer Gatz:

Jennifer briefly reviewed what a great experience serving on the Executive Board has been. She encouraged others to consider stepping up to this position.

President Elect: Jeslyn Gordon

Summer Activities: The following APT events will continue over the summer:

BBQ Kickoff – is set for September 9, 2010. Planning will continue over the summer.

Open House/Amberly 50th Anniversary Celebration – is set for September 16.

Summer Tours - date to be finalized shortly

Staff bathroom painting – will take place this summer. See Jeslyn to help out.

Guest Speaker – Keith Lewandowski – PTSO North Middle School

Keith gave a brief overview of the PTSO at North Middle School. He encouraged parents to get involved at the Middle School – no matter which school their child would be attending. He also encouraged fathers to become more involved. Rita McKenzie briefly discussed the PTSO at West Middle School and noted that the WMS PTSO newsletter is attached to the school newsletter and is available online.

Committee Reports

CIC Rita McKenzie: The High School Personal Finance Course was approved. The Middle School Social Studies purchase was approved pending funding. A proposal was made to implement a World Language course at the 4th and 5th grade level. No particular details were provided for this idea.

Old Business

APT 2010-2011 – Proposed Budget – was approved with the amended allocation to Enrichment. A copy of this budget is available upon request.

APT Fund Use – Discussions were held over APT fund usage. Possible items for funding include: additional funds to the guitar program, new tables for the cafeteria, sensory items (i.e. exercise cushions). After discussions, it was decided to research these items over the summer and obtain additional information and cost quotes as needed. Once we understand the PPS funding status, APT can take additional actions on these items.

Bathroom Renovations – a motion was passed to allow up to \$100 to be spent on painting supplies for the staff restrooms.

Principal's Report: Mary Daoust

Passage of Building and Sinking Fund: With the passing of the Building and Sinking Fund Renewal, Amberly will undergo some building upgrades. These include front entrance updates/enhancements and office/health room renovations to improve safety. Mrs. Daoust is meeting with Architects to go over these renovations.

Intent to Reassign or Layoff was presented to PPS teachers last week. Teachers impacted at Amberly include Mr. Butts. Mr. Butts currently works full time in the Media Center at Amberly. He will be reassigned and will work half time at Amberly.

Funding and Government - The governor is expected to sign into law requiring school employees to contribute an additional 3% toward retirement.

3rd and 4th grade Class Sizes for 2010-2011 school year – at this time, PPS only plans to have 3 third grade and 3 fourth grade classes at Amberly next fall. This will result in larger class sizes for these grades.

PEF Now Donation to Recognize a Teacher – Mrs. Daoust suggested making a donation to PEF Now in a teacher's name as a way to thank them and recognize the teacher.

Chinese Program – The informational meeting for the 1st Grade Chinese language/culture program was held last night. This was covered by Channel 3 News. Beginning in the fall, two classes will be taught at Amberly. The hope is to incorporate Chinese Culture/Language throughout Amberly, as is appropriate. The curriculum for this program will meet the National Foreign Language Standards.

New Business

APT 2010-2011 Officers

The following individuals will serve as the Executive Board for the 2010-2011 school year:

President	Jeslyn Gordon
President Elect	Colleen Semler
Past President	Heather Beering
Secretary	Lisa Mace
Treasurer	Julie Lawford
Fundraising Chair	Nancy Lyke

Following voting, Jeslyn Gordon assumed responsibilities of President and wrapped up and adjourned the meeting.

Announcements

- Staff Bathroom renovations - summer
- Tours for new families – date to be announced
- BBQ Kick-off Planning meeting – May 24, 9:00am
- Bus Driver/Crossing Guard Breakfast – May 27
- Ice Cream Social/Retirement reception – May 18
- Dunk the Daoust – May 28, during recess, volunteers still needed