

## **Abbey Lane PTA Meeting Minutes**

October 27, 2015

Call to order by Dawn Marmo at 6:06pm, Quorum present. Welcome to all followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. **President's Report** – Dawn Marmo

This meeting was changed to 6:00pm due to the district having a district math night at 7:00pm. The Summer Reading program will continue this summer and there is discussion of summer reading for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. The Science Pond Lab at LMEC is up and running and classes having started visiting and is running wonderfully. Bling orders have been shipped and should be delivered shortly. The Boo Party is on Friday and some apparel orders may be accepted. Apparel sales, membership sign up, and bake sale will be going on in the cafeteria during the Boo Party. We still need people to chair various events. It's not too late to volunteer. Holiday Adopt a family is being run again, we were able to help several families last year. Dawn made a motion for approval to send Tina Bodkin to the annual PTA State Conference, 1<sup>st</sup> Beth Lyons, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Gallina, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried and Tina will represent us at the conference.

II. **Recording Secretary**- Jenny DeMeo

Minutes from September 30, 2015 were presented at the meeting for review. Jenny DeMeo made a motion to approve the minutes, 1<sup>st</sup> Kathleen Pederick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Trinity Galarza. Minutes were approved and will be filed as written.

III. **Treasurer's Report**-Reported by Tina Bodkin

Tina presented the opening and ending balances please refer to the Treasurer report for details. PayPal account has the same beginning and ending balance. Jennifer Banfich reviewed the books and found them to be in order. A motion was made to approve the report, 1<sup>st</sup> Sue Harrington, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lori Edvabsky, all in favor none opposed, motion carried to file treasurer report.

IV. **1st VP Report**- Amy Hoffmann

Kid Stuff book sale has ended and We sold over 204 books. A new fundraiser flyer will be going home for a night at Governors Comedy Club on Thursday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup>. Gingerbread orders are due no later than Nov 6<sup>th</sup> so that we can get the delivery on time. Vendor Fair is coming up on November 20<sup>th</sup> at Levittown Hall from 6-10pm. we have room for maybe 5 more vendors. Spread the word and come shopping.

V. **2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report** – Jennifer Banfich

5<sup>th</sup> grade banner has been displayed in the cafeteria “It’s been a wonderful ride” is the theme. 5<sup>th</sup> grade packets should have gone home already, send the entire packet in when it is completely filled out. Shirts will be in by the end of January so the children will have it earlier in the year. 5<sup>th</sup> grade Paint Night fundraiser will be held on November 11<sup>th</sup> there is 1 spot left. Bj’s fundraiser is still going on but the \$50 Restarant.com gift card incentive has ended. Entenmann’s Pie Sale will begin on Monday, Nov 16<sup>th</sup> and the pies will be delivered to the school for pick up the day before Thanksgiving.

VI. **Corresponding Secretary**- Marie Adams

Abbey Lane PTA sent a Sympathy card to the Kevin Reagan’s Family. Mr. Reagan was the V.P of the Levittown Board of Education who passed away on Oct 19, 2015.

VII. **Delegate Report**- Trinity Galarza

Trinity reported that the BOE is filing for an APPR hardship so that the teachers can be evaluated the way Levittown used to evaluate the teachers. We will need to reapply each year. The district is looking into hiring security guards for overnight shifts. PSEG is planning on doing a PILOT program (Payment in lieu of taxes) which could affect our tax dollars for future years. The district is looking into the legality of this. The regents’ exams will only be 10% of the student’s grade versus 20%.

VIII. **Special Committees**

- **Book Fair**- Book fair chairs purchased 3 sets of books for the library and purchased a family night scholastic basket to raffle off at the annual fundraiser.
- **Boo Party** - if anyone wants to help please be there any time after 4:00pm. Help is needed for the Haunted Hallway and Setup.
- **LEADD Walk**- Thank you to Megan Hetzel who ran the booth at LMEC during the LEADD Fair. Mrs. Grant reported that it was a great week. Some of the activities the students did were nutrition awareness, learned a dance, stayed unplugged for one day and much more. The students also participated in giving each other compliments in a decorated bucket which went with the LEADD week theme.
- **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser**- - We still need people to help solicit to businesses and if they have any connections to get items donated. Trinity Galarza created an invitation that came out beautiful, thank you Trinity. It will take about a week to get them printed and then they will be sent home. If you send your payment in by December you will be entered in a raffle to win a \$100 gift card.

- **Reflections- A** flyer will be sent home by Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> the theme this year is “Let your imagination fly”. Volunteers will be needed to help Jen Pirozzi read through the reflections.
- **Pictures-** Pictures went well- Marie Adams explained that the pictures should arrive by November 2<sup>nd</sup> and then will be sent home. Picture retake day is Nov 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **Poinsettia Sale-** Chairperson- Vanessa Dooley
- Flyers will be sent home towards the end of November and pick up will be the evening of the Secret Store in December.
- **Resolutions-** Abbey Lane PTA e-mail was sent out with all of the 3 resolutions that needed to be voted on coming from NYS PTA Council. Since an e-mail went out we don't have to read each one. Dawn made a motion to approve the retentions, 1<sup>st</sup> Beth Lyons, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vanessa Dooley, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried. Dawn made a motion to approve the updates, 1<sup>st</sup> Beth Lyons, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathleen Pederick, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried. Lastly, Dawn made a motion for the bio solid resolution, 1<sup>st</sup> Lisa Lanyo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jennifer Banfich, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

## IX. **Standing Committees** –

### **Cultural Arts-** Reported by Beth DiCaprio

- 1st Grade: **Leonora Knight**, Long island Math assemblies was booked for Wed March 9th
- 1st Grade: **Mad Science assembly-** Fire & Ice, Mad science will be here in January so it will be one of the same days as the 2nd grade workshops.
- 2nd Grade: **Mad Science workshops-** 5 workshops, 1hr each. One workshop per class, hands on experimentation with a take home (either what they made slime etc.. or a tool they used to learn). Looking to book January 14 & 15th or January 21-22. Beth will reach out to the teachers to see if there is a particular topic that they would like
- 3rd Grade: **Sweetbriar nature Center**, Butterfly & Moth is booked for Wed May 11th & Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup>
- Kindergarten may get a Dr. Seuss assembly
- Beth is trying to get small workshops versus a few large assemblies

**Membership** As of today 10/27 we have 262 PTA members our goal is 266. Grade Percentages are K- 62%, 1<sup>st</sup>-31%, 2<sup>nd</sup>- 47%, 3<sup>rd</sup>- 28%, 4<sup>th</sup>- 35%, and 5<sup>th</sup>-53%.

**Honorary Life-** Beth Lyons

Honorary life flyers were sent home please return them by Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed for a committee to read all the nominations. The following volunteers will be part of the committee: Maryanne Russo, Trinity Galarza, Vanessa Dooley, Colleen DeGruttola, and Lisa Lanyo.

**Nominating Committee-** Presented by Jenny DeMeo

Jenny introduced the 3 volunteers Lisa Edvabsky, Sue Harrington and Sue Gallina. Ballots were distributed and members were told to vote for 2 out of the 3 volunteers and to not write their name on the ballot. Jenny DeMeo counted the ballots and tallied them 3 times. Sue Harrington and Sue Gallina had the most votes so they will now be part of the Nominating Committee.

X. **Liaison Reports**

**Food Service-** First meeting is tomorrow, we are back with Chartwells who we were contracted to two years ago. A parent asked about the chicken nuggets and Jenny told the parent that she would ask what kind they are using. Big daddy pizza also came up and the parent would like to know why they are rotating the types of pizza. Jenny will report at the next PTA meeting.

**Septa-** Still need a chairperson

**Transportation**

XI. **Principal's Report-** Dr. Maurer

LEADD week was very successful and well attended. A new group of people came on board. The children had fun doing their dance that they learned during the LEADD week activities in school. Many teachers, parents, and students came out. Dr. Maurer reflected on LEADD week, he discussed the poster that children got to sign and the filling of the bucket that the children enjoyed doing. Dr. Maurer expressed that he is excited for the Boo Party on Oct 30<sup>th</sup> and that its fun from the costumes to the party. On Election Day the staff will be trained but not certified in 1<sup>st</sup> aide, CPR, and AED Training. An emergency shelter drill will be conducted on Nov 6<sup>th</sup> and the students will be dismissed 10 minutes early. Friday November 20<sup>th</sup> is a half day for conferences with parents, dismissal will be at 12:00pm. On Monday, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be no school for elementary students due to parent teacher conferences. Student Council students are working on their speeches. A parent asked if they could come to the school to watch their child give their student council speech. The recorded speeches will give the opportunity for all students to watch to help make the decision on who to vote for. Dr. Maurer explained that he could make a copy for any parent that would like to watch it at home. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade Native American Assembly went well and there are pictures in the lobby to see. The assembly enhanced the students' study of Native Americans. The weather is being monitored for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Captree trip and parents will be notified if it's cancelled.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm by Dawn Marmo

Minutes submitted by: Jenny DeMeo- Recording secretary