

Abbey Lane PTA Minutes

April 16, 2018

1. Meeting called to order by Amy Hoffmann at 7:02, quorum present. Welcome to all followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. President's Report- Amy Hoffmann
 - Amy introduced Bill Pastore to go over the budget. To view the budget presentation please visit the Levittown Schools website and look under the Board of Education. After the presentation by Mr. Pastore, Amy began the regular meeting by starting the elections. She read through the slate and asked for any nominations from the floor. There were no new nominations. Amy congratulated everyone on their positions for the upcoming year.
3. Approval of minutes- Jeanine Quigley
 - Jeanine asked if everyone had a chance to review the March minutes. She made a motion to approve the minutes. 1st Dawn Marmo and 2nd Jenny DeMeo. The minutes were approved and will be filed as written.
4. Treasurer's Report- Trinity Galarza
 - Trinity went over the opening and closing numbers. The books were reviewed by Lori Edvabsky and Maryanne Russo. Everything was found to be in good standing. She made a motion to approve and put it to record.
5. 1st VP- Linda Savage
 - See Special Committees
6. 2nd VP- Beth DiCaprio
 - See Special Committees
7. 3rd VP- Samantha Stanley
 - No Report
8. Corresponding Secretary- Kathleen Pedrick
 - No Report
9. Special Committees-
 - Mother's Day/Plant Sale- These will be combined as one sale. Two flyers will be going home shortly. The sales will take place on 5/9 and 5/10. Sue Gallina and Beth Lyons will chair the Plant Sale and Linda Savage and April Paladino will chair the Mother's Day Sale.
 - Book Fair- The chairpersons were not present but Linda explained that it went very well.
 - Box Tops- Please keep sending them in.
 - School Kits- Sue Harrington reported that the flyer went home last week. They are due back by 4/27. Pick up for school kits will be during the week of June 18th.
 - Spring Pictures- Jeanine Quigley reported that Spring Pictures went well. The outdoor photo for 5th graders was rained out. Class Act will be returning on Wednesday to take that photo.
 - Spring Dance- The chairpersons are Linda Savage and Laura Hickey. The dance will take place on 5/18.

- Airbrush T-Shirts- The flyer will be going home tomorrow. It will work the same as last year. Pick up will be the same as School Kits in June.
- Staff Recognition- Trinity reported that the theme will be Around the World. They will be serving many different types of food. A letter went home requesting donations. Please send all donations to Lori Edvabsky. The majority of the food will be catered but we are also looking for beverage and paper good donations.
- 5th Grade- The yearbook will be finalized this week. The 5th grade picnic will be held on 6/11. The winner of the Greenkill raffle will be chosen at May's PTA meeting. Please get your money to Beth DiCaprio or Jenn Banfich.
- PARP- Dawn reported that all bare books have been submitted. The numbers are down from last year. All students will get their books back by the end of May. All students who participated will receive a "Star Writer" medal with ribbon. Dawn suggested that the Board may want to reconsider the bare books for next year or possibly come up with a new idea.

10. Standing Committees-

- Cultural Arts- Jerri-Ann reported that all of the programs are running very well and are well received by both teachers and students. Jambo will be coming on 4/23. There will be 3rd grade workshops as well as a schoolwide presentation. There will be a circus program coming in May.
- Membership- We have one new member since the last meeting.
- Nominating Committee- See President's Report
- Audit- No Report

11. Liaison Reports-

- Levittown Schools Community Scholarships- No report
- Health and Safety- No report
- Elementary/Secondary Curriculum- No report
- SEPTA- No report
- Transportation- No report
- Food Service- No report
- Wellness- No report

12. Delegate Report-

- No Report

13. Principal's Report-

- Get A Voice- This program is still going strong. There is a 5th grade committee that is part of the decision making process for activities that take place in the classroom. The students really seem to enjoy this.
- The Banana Splits Program is well underway. It's a program that works hand in hand with our psychologist and social worker to help children whose parents are going through a divorce or separation.
- The 5th grade and 1st grade buddies are going very well. It's nice to see them working so well together.
- Spirit Club had their performance last Friday night. There were about 70 boys and girls who participated this year. The show was a nice culmination of school spirit.

- The Variety Show auditions went very well. This year will have an America/Patriotic theme. There are about 150 kids in the Variety Show this year. A lot goes in to putting this show together. There are 10 rehearsals prior to the show. Both teachers and students work very hard and go all out to make this a spectacular night.
- The 5th grade trip to Greenkill is on the horizon. For the students who don't go on the trip there will be 2 different field trips to attend on those days.
- As of now, we have 113 incoming Kindergarteners already registered. Abbey, Northside and Summit will get the ENL students. Depending on the total K enrollment we will either have 5 or 6 Kindergarten classes next year.
- Math Night will be on 4/26 from 6-7:30. It will be in honor of Mrs. Yearsley. The money raised will go towards a scholarship for a senior in Linda Yearsley's name.
- Abbey Action News was on Fios1. They looked great and had a lot of fun. The Abbey Action News was invited to NBC studios for a free tour and pizza in the conference room. They are really looking forward to it. Former Abbey Lane student Lenny Gomez will be coming on Wednesday to work with the students and speak about his line of work. He is a 2nd camera operator for the show Billions.
- Dr. Maurer thanked the PTA for all of our hard work and support.

14. Unfinished Business-

- None

15. New Business-

- Dawn Marmo voiced her concern with some numbers on the budget. She suggested a possible typo due to the fact that some of the numbers didn't make sense. She also asked where we stood with the raffle basket sales from the fundraiser. Since we had to take a different approach in selling raffle tickets this year, she was curious to see if we did better or worse than previous years.
- Linda Savage voiced her concerns regarding the Nominating Committee. She doesn't think that its right that there are 4 members of the Nominating Committee on the Executive Board. She suggested that the process may need to change. Dawn Marmo explained that the guidelines come from the State PTA (3 Executive Board Members and 2 General Members). This is determined by the State and isn't up to us to change.

16. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 by Amy Hoffmann

17. Minutes written by Jeanine Quigley