

Abbey Lane PTA Minutes

September 20, 2018

- Meeting called to order by Amy Hoffmann at 7:07, quorum present. Welcome to all followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- President's Report- Amy Hoffmann
 - Amy began by introducing herself. Then the board members introduced themselves and explained their positions.
- Approval of minutes- Jeanine Quigley
 - Jeanine asked if everyone had a chance to review the May minutes. She made a motion to approve the minutes. 1st Dawn Marmo and 2nd Sue Harrington. The minutes were approved and will be filed as written.
- Treasurer's Report- Trinity Galarza
 - Trinity explained the new proposed budget. She proposed to remove 5 existing lines. Those lines are: Modell's, Mother's Day Sale, Paint Night, Pay Pal and Gingerbread Houses.
 - She explained that we increased Cultural Arts from \$18,000 to \$21,000. The cost of the programs are increasing.
 - She made a motion to pass the budget. 1st Beth Lyons 2nd Jenny DeMeo
 - The July and August books were reviewed by Kathleen Pedrick and Maryanne Russo. She made a motion to pass as is. 1st Jenny DeMeo 2nd Beth Lyons
- 1st VP- Samantha Stanley
 - Apparel- Jeanine Quigley reported that we switched companies to ACU Plus. We came up with a new Kindergarten Bundle offered to incoming kindergarteners. We sold over 60 bundles so far. The regular apparel order forms are due back tomorrow 9/21/18.
 - Booster-thon- Samantha Stanley explained the new fundraiser that we are having this year. It will begin on October 5th. The theme is "Mind Spark." The students will collect pledges over an 8 day period. During class they will watch videos each day. Each classroom will have their own incentives throughout the 8 days. Each student will receive a free t-shirt for the culminating activity, which is a Fun Run. The run will take place during school on Tuesday, October 16, 2018. Please visit the website for more information.
 - Gift Wrap- Joe from Meadow Farms came to speak about this fundraiser. It will take place through Oct. 1st. All orders can be placed online and everything will be shipped directly to your home free of charge. He brought sample items for us to look at.
 - Picture Day- Jeanine Quigley and Sue Gallina reported that Picture Day will be on September 26th. All forms were due. If you haven't returned your envelope please send it in ASAP. This year the sibling plan is now district wide. Please see the envelope for more details.
 - 16th Annual Fundraiser- Samantha reported that the fundraiser will be on March 22nd at Verdi's. The first meeting will be at the end of October. Please sign up on the sheet on the back if you would like to help.
- 2nd VP- Beth DiCaprio

- LEADD Walk- Mrs. Grand explained that there will be a different theme for each day between 10/22 and 10/26. There will be a walk on 10/28 followed by a costume contest. We are still currently looking for a chairperson for this event. Please see Beth DiCaprio if you are interested.
- 5th Grade- Beth reported that there are sign up sheets on the back table. There will be a meeting on October 16th at 6:30.
- 3rd VP- Kathleen Pedrick
 - SEPTA- Sue Gallina reported that the first meeting will be on 10/29 at Memorial. There is an upcoming skating party. They are looking forward to guest speakers on various topics during the November, February, March and April meetings.
 - Kathleen reported that we are looking for 2 chairs for Food Service. There are monthly meetings held at Memorial in the mornings. You are also required to sample cafeteria food 1-2 times per month. Please see Kathleen if you are interested.
 - The Transportation Committee is also in need of a chairperson.
- Corresponding Secretary- Nicole LoPinto
 - No Report
- Standing Committees-
 - Cultural Arts- Jess Berju reported that there will be the Native American workshops for 4th grade on October 10th and 11th. Also, during LEADD week there will be a whole school assembly. Art Safari will be coming again on November 13th for 3rd graders. In December there will be a whole school presentation of Charlotte's Web.
 - Membership- Jenny DeMeo explained that if you sign up before 10/28 you get a free folder as well as the magnet. We currently have 133 members. The online registration is not up and running yet.
 - Nominating Committee- No Report
 - Audit- No Report
- Liaison Reports-
 - Levittown Schools Community Scholarships- No report
 - Health and Safety- No report
 - Elementary/Secondary Curriculum- No report
 - SEPTA- see above
 - Transportation- See above
 - Food Service- See above
 - Wellness- No report
- Delegate Report-
 - Jess Berju reported that there was a Board of Ed meeting on 9/12. There was a presentation on the new website. From the floor there were concerns brought up about the safety of drop off and pick-up. It was brought up that potential additional bussing could reduce congestion during these times.
- Principal's Report-
 - Mr. Josephs introduced himself as our new Assistant Principal. He will be splitting his time between Abbey and East Broadway. He moved to the U.S. in 2001 after serving 20 years in the Royal Airforce. He spent 11 years as a teacher and the past 2 years as an

Assistant Principal. He explained how he is excited to be here and his door is always open.

- The Back to School BBQ was a great success and an enjoyable time for all.
- New Security Measures- He explained the new security in the lobby. He explained how it is something new for all of us and is going to take some getting used to. He explained how everyone will be asked for photo ID and students will only be released to those named on the Student Info card. He reported that the Nassau County Police Dept. will be making their presence at schools as much as possible.
- He explained that we will have 12 lock out and lock down drills and less fire drills this year.
- He explained that students and parents will not be permitted to come back into the building after school hours.
- For larger events families will be given wristbands for entry into the building.
- Unfinished Business-
 - Amy explained the rationale for only having certain sign up sheets.
- New Business-
 - Planners are great. Do we know why 3rd grade was the only grade to receive them?
- Amy-
 - BBQ- Amy reported that the BBQ went very well and it was the 6th year in a row that we have had nice weather.
 - Reflections- This year is the 50th Anniversary. The theme will be Heroes Around Me. Lisa Lanyo will be the chairperson.
 - Please do not bring your children to Back to School Night.
 - Papers are on the back table to sign up. All are welcome.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:56 by Amy Hoffmann
- Minutes written by Jeanine Quigley