

Abbey Lane PTA Minutes

October 16, 2018

- Meeting called to order by Amy Hoffmann at 7:04, quorum present. Welcome to all followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- President's Report- Amy Hoffmann
 - Amy welcomed everyone.
- Approval of minutes- Jeanine Quigley
 - Jeanine asked if everyone had a chance to review the September minutes. She made a motion to approve the minutes. 1st Jenny DeMeo and 2nd Jess Berju. The minutes were approved and will be filed as written.
- Treasurer's Report- Trinity Galarza
 - Trinity went over the beginning and ending numbers.
 - The books were reviewed by Lori Edvabsky.
 - Trinity made a motion to pass the budget. 1st Sue Harrington 2nd Jenny DeMeo
- 1st VP- Samantha Stanley
 - Apparel- Jeanine Quigley reported that all orders have been filled and delivered. She reminded parents that 5th graders should wear their Abbey shirts or red shirts on Picture Retake Day.
 - BJ's- Jen Lohmann reported that this is an ongoing fundraiser. A new membership will cost \$27.16. We get \$5.00 for each membership.
 - Booster-thon- Samantha Stanley reported that the Boosterthon went really well. We far exceeded our goal. The students had a great time participating in this new fundraiser. Although the fundraiser has ended we still have until October 23rd to make online donations.
 - Boo Party/Bake Sale- Heather Burns reported that set-up will begin at 3:30. They could use more volunteers to help with setting up the Haunted Hallway. There will be a bake sale during the Boo Party. This will be chaired by Dawn Neto. They are still looking for more donations. Bracelets will not be given out to attend the Boo Party since parents will be supervising their children.
 - Book Fair- Jess Berju reported that the Book Fair will be held on November 8th and 9th during the day as well as the 8th from 6:30-8pm. A volunteer email has been sent out. The PARP book fair will be on January 23rd and the Spring book fair will be on April 10th and 11th during the day only.
 - Box Tops- Jessie Desmond is the chairperson. Please continue sending them in.
 - Entenmann's Pie Sale- Samantha Stanley reported that the order forms will be going home soon. The sale will go from 11/7-11/16. Please be sure that you will be able to pick up your pies on 11/21 between 3:30-6pm.
 - Gift Wrap- Samantha Stanley reported that the sale just ended. We are still waiting on the final numbers. All paper orders will be mailed home soon.
 - Kids Stuff Books- Nicole LoPinto asked for all books to be returned or payments sent in. We still have 130 books outstanding. Please send in immediately.

- Picture Day- Jeanine Quigley and Sue Gallina reported that Picture Retake Day will be on November 15th. Please send back the individual photos but keep your class photo. They reminded 5th graders to wear their Abbey Lane or red shirts on Retake Day.
- 16th Annual Fundraiser- Samantha reported that the fundraiser will be on March 22nd at Verdi's. This year's theme will be the 80's. Donations have already started coming in. Class basket themes have been chosen. There will be a meeting on October 23rd at 7:45 at Amy's house for anyone who would like to help out.
- 2nd VP- Beth DiCaprio
 - Cultural Arts- Jess Berju reported that the Native American program came last week for the 4th graders and was very successful.
 - 5th Grade- Beth reported that this year's theme is "Groovin Into Middle School". There is an ongoing raffle for a free trip to Greenkill. The raffles are \$5.00 each. The winner will be chosen after the Greenkill payment is due, therefore will be reimbursed.
 - LEADD Walk- Mrs. Grand is looking for volunteers to help on the 28th at 9:30am. Dana Herrera offered to help Mrs. Grand.
- 3rd VP- Kathleen Pedrick
 - Elementary/Secondary Curriculum – Kathleen reported that Jen Granai attended the meeting. At the meeting they discussed that they will be forming a Homework Committee to discuss homework standards across the district. The dates for these meetings are not available yet. They also went over the new district website which got positive feedback. Parent feedback is welcomed and they may have additional updates to the website. The format of Parent University will change this year. It will now consist of multiple shorter workshops. It was also reported that the district is piloting 3 different handwriting programs on the elementary level. The purpose of the program is to choose a single program that will be implemented district wide.
 - SEPTA- Sue Gallina reported that there will be 4 speaker meetings coming up. There will also be a Vendor Fair at East Broadway.
 - Membership- Jenny DeMeo reported that we currently have 242 members. Our goal is to have 275.
 - The Transportation Committee- No Report
 - Food Service- No Report
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- Corresponding Secretary- Nicole LoPinto
 - No Report
- Standing Committees-
 - Cultural Arts- See above
 - Membership- See above
 - Nominating Committee- We are looking for 2 volunteers from general membership. You must be a paid member if you would like to be on the Nominating Committee. Frank Marmo, Sue Gallina, Maryanne Russo and Beth Brown have volunteered. We will vote at the November meeting.
 - Audit- No Report

- Special Committees-
 - Reflections- Lisa Lanyo reported that the flier will go home shortly.
- Delegate Report-
 - Laura Hickey attended the meeting on October 10th. They are looking for representatives to be on the Homework Committee. They also discussed the changes to the District Website.
- Principal's Report-
 - Dr. Maurer welcomed all. He began by saying that the Back to School BBQ was a great success. We sold 750 tickets in advance. He estimates over 1,000 people attended.
 - He reported that many classes will visit the Outdoor Learning Center at Memorial. He encouraged everyone to go over and take a look. We are fortunate to have this wonderful place within our district.
 - Our 5th graders will go on a fishing boat out of Captree. Half of the classes have already gone and the others will go this coming Monday.
 - The Native American program was a huge hit once again and its great because it goes right along with our 4th grade Social Studies curriculum.
 - We had a Fire Prevention Assembly. Students were able to go outside and see the trucks. It was great the the Fire Dept. was willing to come to our BBQ in case of emergency.
 - Abbey Lane students have artwork on display at Memorial. He encouraged us to go down and check it out.
 - Parent University will hold a workshop on October 23rd. This one will be geared towards grades 5-12.
 - The Boo Party and the Boosterthon were both very successful. He thanked everyone for their hardwork in organizing these events.
 - New Security Measures- He explained the new ID scanner at the front door. When licenses are scanned, things such as offender lists and orders of protection will pop up. This is still a work in progress and he appreciates all of our patience.
 - Our building will be receiving an electrical upgrade. Most of the equipment will be placed underground and take place on the weekend. He will take all measures to keep everyone safe when work is occurring during school hours.
 - Please use the Cafeteria door for future PTA meetings.
 - He explained that we will have 10 fire drills and 4-6 lock downs this year. These are required by law. The children are made aware as to what is happening.
 - The LI Tech Summit is coming up. Mrs. Schneider and Mrs. Boos will be there.
 - He explained that he meets with his teachers monthly to discuss the changing NYS standards as well as technology changes.
- Unfinished Business-
 - None
- New Business-
 - None
- Amy-
 - Please don't forget that Nurse Gallo, Mrs. Grand and staff Adopt-A-Family each year around Thanksgiving. A letter will be going home.

- Meeting adjourned at 7:59 by Amy Hoffmann
- Minutes written by Jeanine Quigley