

## Abbey Lane PTA Minutes

February 5, 2019

- Meeting called to order by Amy Hoffmann at 7:05, quorum present. Welcome to all followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- President's Report- Amy Hoffmann
  - Amy welcomed everyone
  - Amy turned it over to JoAnna Georgatos and Lisa Lanyo to give out the Reflections awards. All participants were given a certificate along with a gift card.
- Approval of minutes- Jeanine Quigley
  - Jeanine asked if everyone had a chance to review the January minutes. She made a motion to approve the minutes. 1<sup>st</sup> Sue Gallina and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lori Edvabsky. The minutes were approved and will be filed as written.
- Treasurer's Report- Trinity Galarza
  - Trinity went over the beginning and ending numbers.
  - She explained that the Poinsettia sale line was changed.
  - Trinity asked if there were any questions and explained that we do not have to make a motion and vote in the budget. This information was recently learned at a Council meeting.
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP- Samantha Stanley
  - Book Fair- Sam reported that PARP went really well. The BOGO book fair will be on 4/9 and 4/10. We are looking for volunteers to help with the BOGO book fair. An email will be going out soon.
  - Box Tops- Jessie Desmond is the chairperson. She reported there are no changes since last month. Please continue to hand them in.
  - Irish Soda Bread Sale- It will start on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. All orders will be due by 3/11 and will be handed out on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Something Sweet with Someone Special Dance- Laura Hickey is the chair but was not present. The dance will be on 2/8. There will also be a bake sale. Grades K-2 will be from 6:15-7:15 and grades 3-5 will be from 7:30-8:30. We are still looking for Bake Sale donations.
  - 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser- Samantha reported that the fundraiser will be on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Verdi's. There will be an 80's theme. Feel free to dress for the theme. Please send all payments in ASAP to Kathleen Pedrick.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP- Beth DiCaprio
  - Cultural Arts- Programs are going very well. February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Mad Science will be here for our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. In March we will have the Star Lab and in May we will have the "Circus" again. We will also be bringing in a program that will work with our Get a Voice program and create a mural.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Beth asked for all photos to be downloaded ASAP.
  - PARP- PARP went very well. The kick-off was great and the Scavenger Hunt was a lot of fun!

- 3<sup>rd</sup> VP- Kathleen Pedrick
  - Elementary/Secondary Curriculum – No report
  - SEPTA- The next meeting will be on 1/28 at Memorial. The next speaker meeting will be 2/7 at 7pm at East Broadway. They are having a fundraiser on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at a Comedy Club.
  - Membership- No report
  - The Transportation Committee- No Report
  - Food Service- On January 23<sup>rd</sup> the sweet and sour sauce was served on the side. For the time being, Big Daddy pizza is sold out. Also, there was issue that came up regarding a child being denied water. No child will ever be denied water. We have a filtered water station in the cafeteria along with plastic cups that are always available. Lunches are served with milk or juice and water bottles are available to purchase for \$0.35. Mr. Pappas reminded us that water cannot be served with lunch because it has “no nutritional value.”
  - Health/Safety Awareness- No Report
  - Hospitality- No Report
- Corresponding Secretary- Nicole LoPinto
  - No Report
- Standing Committees-
  - Cultural Arts- See above
  - Membership- See above
  - Nominating Committee- Lori Edvabsky reported that letters have been sent out and are due back by 2/25.
  - Audit- No Report
- Special Committees-
  - Reflections- See above
- Delegate Report- No report
- Principal’s Report-
  - Dr. Maurer thanked us for all of the great events and programs that we bring in to Abbey Lane.
  - He reported that the Winter Concert went very well. Our numbers are growing. We have more and more students joining chorus, orchestra and band. We begin to offer instrument lessons for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Some of these 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will also be a part of the Spring Concert. Its nice that we get to use Memorial to accommodate our growing numbers.
  - Third graders are going on trips to the Outdoor Learning Center. Its great how they get to learn in a true lab like setting.
  - PARP was a great success. Its was 2 ½ weeks of various events. It’s a wonderful balance between our staff and the PTA. The Book Fairies will be coming to pick up the leftover books from our Book Swap. The books will be donated to Children’s hospitals or schools in need.
  - He reminded us to be mindful of parking. Please do not block our neighbor’s driveways.

- Dr. Dillon and Mr. Milano visited the school last week. They are working on the new parking plan for the back of our building. We will be adding additional parking on some of the grassy area. They are looking to do this over the summer.
- Kindergarten registration will take place February 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>.
- NYS Assessments are always a hot topic. He encouraged everyone to let their children take the tests. There is no pressure from the district, principal or teachers on our children. If anyone would like to speak with Dr. Maurer regarding testing please feel free to reach out to him.
- Unfinished Business-
  - None
- New Business-
  - None
- Meeting adjourned at 7:42 by Amy Hoffmann
- Minutes written by Jeanine Quigley