

Abbey Lane PTA Minutes

September 19, 2017

1. Meeting called to order by Amy Hoffmann at 7:03, quorum present. Pledge of Allegiance followed by introductions of all Board members.
2. Amy introduces herself as the new PTA President
 - Each Board member introduced themselves
3. Approval of minutes- Jeanine Quigley
 - Dawn Marmo made a motion to amend the May minutes because the Emergency meeting that was called was not included in the May minutes.
4. Treasurer's Report- Trinity Galarza
 - The June, July and August books were reviewed by Samantha Stanley and found to be in good order. There were no questions so budget was filed as is. Trinity made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 budget. Susanne Gallina was 1st and Beth Lyons was 2nd. All in favor and none opposed.
5. 1st VP- Linda Savage
6. 2nd VP- Beth DiCaprio
 - 5th Grade parent meeting will be on 10/10 at 6:30. They would love help and input from all. The yearbook packets have been sent out. Please start getting pictures together. The yearbook is a work in progress. Lori Edvabsky asked everyone to sign up for the Remind App.
 - LEAD Walk will be on 10/29. Walk and fair at Memorial. It is an actual parade and always a great time. Jason Sobleman will be making balloons and there will be many fun activities for the kids.
7. 3rd VP- Samantha Stanley
 - Samantha explained that we are in need of a Hospitality Chair. They will be responsible for picking up refreshments and setting them up at various functions.
8. Corresponding Secretary- Kathleen Pedrick
9. Special Committees-
 - Welcome Back Festival- It was a great time had by all. We used a carnival company this year and they were great.
 - School Kits- Amy apologized for all the mix ups and confusion with school kits this year. The company has taken full responsibility. Please let us know if you are still missing any supplies.
 - Kids Stuff Coupon Books- Kathleen Pedrick requested all books to be returned or money sent in as soon as possible.
 - Gift Wrap- Samantha Stanley explained that they will ship directly to home so we are no longer the middle man. This should make the entire process much easier for all. Brochures will be going home in the next two weeks.
 - Picture Day- Jeanine Quigley explained that all picture envelopes are due tomorrow 9/20. Picture Day is on Wednesday, September 27th. We will be using Class Act Photographers again this year.
 - Boo Party- The Boo Party will be held on Friday, October 27th. The chairs are Laura Hickey and Andrea Bliss.

- 15th Annual Fundraiser- Chairpersons are Susanne Gallina and Jennifer Banfich. It will be held on Friday, March 16th at Verdi's. This year's theme will be "Abbey Go Lucky". Please sign up to help with this year's fundraiser. We are looking for all different talents. If you know somebody who is willing to donate please contact Sue or Jenn.
- Apparel- Chairpersons are Dawn Marmo and Jeanine Quigley. Jeanine asked for all apparel order forms to be handed in by Friday, September 29th.
- Box Tops- Chairpersons are Beth Malinowski, Kerrie Kienzler, and Michelle Spahr. Beth explained that each box top handed in gets Abbey Lane a 10 cent credit. Please send them in to school in a Ziploc bag with your child's name and teacher on it. There is a contest going on for which class hands in the most box tops. The class with the most will get a prize or an ice pop party.
- BJ's- Laura Hickey is the chairperson. Abbey Lane gets \$5 per membership. You can add on to your current membership at any time and your membership will be adjusted accordingly.

10. Standing Committees-

- Cultural Arts- Chairpersons are Jerri-Ann Lovece and Jess Berju. So far they have booked a 4th grade assembly on American Indians on October 16-17th. They have a character education assembly on the 25th that coincides with LEAD week. This assembly is for the entire school and includes a robot that will interact with the students.
- Membership- Jenny DeMeo is the chairperson. So far we are up to 215 members. Membership is \$10 per person. Please continue to send in Membership forms.
- Nominating Committee- Amy asked if anyone was interested in being on this year's Nominating Committee. Interested persons are JoAnna Georgatos, Colleen DeGrottola, Lisa Lanyo, Frank Marmo, Susanne Gallina, Stacey Herschmann, and Lori Chlebek
- Audit- The 2016/17 Year was completed on 8/16 by Dom DeMeo and found to be in good standing. The half year audit will take place after 12/31.

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- Chairperson is Beth Lyons. She explained how she checks the quality of the lunch in the cafeteria. Beth let everyone know that if they have any questions or concerns they can text or email her. Dawn Marmo brought up her concern that the cafeteria tables may not be being thoroughly cleaned. Although they are being wiped down between lunch periods, it may not be enough to guarantee nothing is left behind. Part of the problem may be the cleaning solution. According the NYS we are not allowed to use any harsh chemicals. Jenny DeMeo brought up that children with all types of allergies are placed at the same table. This doesn't necessarily make sense because one child could be allergic to something that another child isn't and vice versa. Another issue was brought up in regards to children with allergies buying hot lunch.

There aren't many, if any, lunch options for children with allergies. The district is looking into possibly adding allergy free food to the menu.

- Wellness- No report

12. Principal's Report-

- Dr. Maurer welcomed everyone back to school and is looking forward to a great year. He encouraged all parents to keep attending our PTA meetings. We are always looking for help and any and all help is appreciated. Dr. Maurer explained that he loves the sense of community at Abbey Lane. Abbey Lane has great spirit. We are a unique school in the way that we all work together and come together for the benefit of our students. He said that the Welcome Back Festival was a great night and everyone really enjoyed it. He thanked us again for purchasing the new BBQ. On 9/27, Abbey Lane will be making a presentation to the BOE. Camp Invention will be showcased. Mrs. Schneider was the director of Camp Invention. He also spoke about the Abbey Action News. It is a program for our 5th graders. It has blossomed into a fully functioning studio. Students do things such as write, edit, report and shoot. To find episodes of Abbey Action News online, go to our district website then ->media center->Abbey Lane->archived. He ended by saying how is looking forward to a great year.

12. Unfinished Business- none

13. New Business- none

14. Meeting adjourned at 7:43