

Abbey Lane PTA Minutes

January 18, 2022

Call To Order: Susanne Gallina calls meeting to order at 7:02pm. She welcomes everyone back and wishes them a Happy New year, and hopes all is well.

Approval of Minutes: Janette Ruddy asks if everyone had a chance to review the minute from the last meeting in November. Janette asks for a motion to approve the minutes. Rebecca McCrea and Amy Hoffmann approve the motion. The minutes will be filed as written. Susanne would like to mention that if anyone has questions it best to reach out to me, or anyone on PTA. We can answer your questions or concerns in the best way possible.

Treasures' Report: Amy Hoffmann reports for November and December. November had an opening balance of \$36,370.39 with incoming balance of 10,897.13 and expenses of 3,147.51, and ending balance of \$44,120.01, Money market balance of \$5,165.965. December had an opening balance of \$44,120.01 with an increase of \$16,199.94 with expenses of 6,161.67 being paid out in January leaving a balance of \$53,658.28. The money market was \$5,166.36

1st VP Report: Jeanine Quigley

Book Fair: Erica Kerr reports that the Spring BOGO book fair will need to be pushed back due to supply chain issues. The new dates will be 5/11/22-5/13/22

Apparel: Janette Ruddy reports that apparel is an ongoing sale. You can send in order form through PTA mail box or through email at abbeyapparelpta@gmail.com

Specialty apparel: we will be having an online sale coming soon for specialty apparel

Pie Sale: Rebecca McCrea reports that they sold 107 pies and that sale did well.

Poinsettia Sale: Rebecca McCrea reports the sale did well, hoping to do better next time.

Secret Store: Beth Lyons reports that the secret store was a huge success. We made over \$2,000. The volunteers were absolutely amazing. They went above and beyond to make the secret store the success it was.

Annual Fundraiser: Susanne Gallina, when we book this event we book a year in advance. As an executive board we met and discussed this year, and with ongoing numbers we have voted to move the in person event to a date next year. Verdi's will hold out deposit and hold a date for

us in March 2023. We are going to plan a family fun festival outside in May. You will be able to see the baskets all displayed, family events and participation from board. With all the financial planning, as well other planning that goes into it just doesn't make sense. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out at any time.

Monthly fundraiser: Thank you to everyone who participated in our Apple Air pods fundraiser. Congratulations to Christina Fitzgerald for winning.

2nd VP: Laura Hickey

5th Grade: Laura Hickey reports that 5th grade packets are due 1/21/22. They will go through and contact parents that have not completed.

We will be having our 5th grade social on 1/24/22 from 4pm-7pm at the VFW on Hickory Lane in Levittown.

We will be holding a 5th grade parent meeting on 1/26/22 via zoom at 7:30pm.

Parp: Erica Kerr reports that parp was pushed back to the week of 2/7/22 and 2/8/22 depending on last name. We will be having events in school all week as well as theme nights and local authors coming in. We will also be having a book swap. Please feel free to bring in books that you are no longer using and swap them out.

3rd VP: Beth Lyons

Elementary/Secondary Education: Holly Kennedy went to meeting on 1/19/22 and most info was regarding elementary quarantine instruction. The district is working on enhancing instruction for the students. They are piloting a program for streaming a 1 hour asynchronous teaching. With the increase in cases they are looking into a possible virtual option, however district is hesitant. Virtual Parent/Teacher overall had positive feedback on secondary level. On elementary level there were some concerns as parents want to see the classrooms. There are homework policy revisions that are beneficial. Teachers are being more mindful of homework on weekends and holiday breaks. They went over the climate survey, which is more relevant to the 5th grade class this year.

Food Service: Jeanine Quigley states there is not much new to report on food service. They are still having supply shortages. They will try to replace as close to possible, if it's French toast they will give pancakes. They are also seeing that students are not utilizing the free breakfast. Menus are available on Nutrislice.

Health and Safety: No Report

Septa: Amy Hoffmann reports that the blankets have been given out. She always encourages everyone to join SEPTA. They can help in any situation.

Transportation: Alyssa not much new to report. They are still processing the stop arm cameras. The installation is a long process for our district and will take about 1 ½-2 months to complete. We have about 100 buses they are installing on. Parents are concerned about routes being combined due to shortages and covid

Reflections: Erica Kerr stated that we are moving forward with 3 entries in our reflections contest. Our entries are from Joseph Lovece, Ashley Mestizo and Liyana Manha. Hopefully we can have a ceremony for them at an upcoming in person PTA meeting

Honorary Life: Susanne Gallina is our Honorary Life Recipient. We are so very proud of you, we are ordering a pin and will be presented to at Levittown Council meeting on 5/25/22. Each unit will be making a basket, raising money for seniors.

Corresponding Secretary: No Report, If you have a concern please message the PTA Page instead of posting on the page. I would like to help mitigate.

Delegate Report: No Report

Special Committee: The Bylaws were approved to be changed from 2 exec members and 3 general to 3 exec and 2 general members. We are just waiting for it to be signed. If anyone wants to be on nominating please put your name in the chat. This is a very important committee to be on, as you are picking the board for upcoming year.

Membership: No Report

Cultural Arts: Erica Kerr, Holly Kennedy and Colleen DeGrutolla have worked hard and gotten some great programs back into the school. K-1 has a new program coming in 2/1/22 interactive creative adventures. The second and third graders have mad science, dinosaurs coming. The Third graders have fundamental forces. Starting next week the Fourth graders have Journey to American Indian Territories. If you have any questions please reach out to the chairs.

Principals' Report: Dr. Maurer welcomes everyone. He is happy that we are keeping things as close to normal as possible and were able to have class parties, gingerbread making, night of lights and holiday sale etc..

We had around 18 bags to donate to toys for tots. We will be having an as close to normal PARP event with a virtual option as well. Guest readers will be back. We are also bringing back Terrific kids for the 4th and 5th graders. Winter concert will be next week at Wisdom Lane. Our goal is to have a variety show this year. This will be contingent on how spring and numbers go. We were

a pilot school for streaming class however not an optimal way for students to learn and teachers to teach. 15 cases were reported today, that is from a long holiday weekend. We are going to continue to do what we are doing. Happy kids are in the building. I encourage you to pick up at home test kits, that are available at school.

Old Business: No

New Business: No

Adjourned: *Susanne Gallina adjourns meeting at 8:02pm*

Notes written by: Janette Ruddy