

Abbey Lane PTA Minutes 4/12/2022

Call to Order: Sue Gallina welcomes everyone and calls the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Approval of Minutes: In the absence of Janette Ruddy, Sue Gallina asks if everyone had time to look over the minutes from our March meeting. She asks for a motion to approve the minutes. Jennifer Lohmann approved the minutes and Elizabeth Guerrier seconded. Minutes will be filed as written.

Reflections: Erica Kerr, Chair of Reflections, presented certificates and gift cards to 28 students who participated in the PTA Reflections Program for 2021/2022 "I Will Change the World By...". Many students and families were present for this ceremony. Those not present were given their certificates in school.

Special Budget Report: Dr. Dillon spent time going over the 2022/2023 proposed school budget. Some of the highlights include a 2.95% budget increase largely related to inflation of food and fuel costs. Dr. Dillon discussed capital improvements in terms of infrastructure, curb appeal projects, and overall facilities planning. Improvements to our music program in terms of purchasing school owned instruments (rather than renting) were also discussed. Additionally, Dr. Dillon touched on the increases needed to our technology budget as we are now a district where every student has a Chromebook. This summer the school is proud to once again partner with SCOPE to provide summer enrichment programs. Dr. Dillon finally spoke about the upcoming school year implementation of Responsive Classroom which poses additional costs. For full budget, please click the following link.

<https://www.levittownschools.com/boe/budget/2022-2023/2022-2023%20Adopted%20Budget.pdf?v=2022051615#page=1&navpanes=0&view=FitH>

Treasurers' Report: Amy Hoffmann states that books were audited by Jennifer Lohmann and were found to be in good order. We had an opening balance of \$36,486.82, activity of \$12,364.50 and some expenses of \$2,368.13 and closing balance of \$46,483.19. Money market opening balance of \$5,167.64. Mid-year audit was performed by Colleen DeGruttola, Jennifer Lohmann, Erica Kerr, and Susanne Gallina and the books were found to be in good standing.

1st VP Report: Jeanine Quigley

Book Fair: Erica Kerr reports that the BOGO spring book fair has been moved to June 9-10.

Spring Pictures: Chairs are Rebecca McCrea and Elizabeth Lyons. Students must Pre-Pay. Pictures will be on May 10th. Props will be used.

Mothers Day/Plant Sale: May 5th and 6th. Anne Schubeck volunteered to chair. We have some volunteers from Facebook. Colleen DeGruttola volunteered to chair the plant sale.

BJ's Membership: This fundraiser is currently on hold. Our contact passed away and we have no new contact.

Spring Specialty Apparel: Jeanine Quigley mentions that specialty apparel is on sale now through LI Athletic through mid April. Multiple colors available in most items.

Apparel: Lillie Conroy mentions that apparel is still an ongoing sale, that sale order forms can be found in virtual backpacks and on school pages. Airbrushed apparel will again be offered for fall.

Hershey Park: Jeanine Quigley thanked Rebecca McCrea for chairing this successful fundraiser. Tickets should be in school by end of April and Rebecca will pass out.

Annual Fundraiser: Susanne Gallina reports that the annual fundraiser is Friday May 20 and will be held behind the school. Rain date is June 3. Baskets will be able to be viewed on 5/19. Tickets may be purchased and placed in baskets even if you cannot be there in person. We are looking for volunteers.

School Kits: Rebecca McCrea is chairing this, and information will be out shortly.

2nd VP Report: Laura Hickey

5th Grade: Updates for 5th grade per Laura Hickey. Wisdom and Salk apparel sales were shared with 5th graders. Fifth grade graduation will be 6/23 @ 9:30am at Wisdom Lane Middle School. Volunteer meeting will be on 4/27 @ 7pm to discuss the picnic and the social.

Cultural Arts: Colleen DeGruttola reported that 1st grade had a cultural arts event today, 4/12. Kindergarten has an event tomorrow 4/13. The program was Jason Edwards who does interactive storytelling. Kindergarten will have same vendor but different program.

3rd VP Report: Beth Lyons was not present. Susanne Gallina read her reports.

Transportation: Levittown will move forward independently to work with Bus Patrol who is the vendor for the stock arm cameras. 4/27 board meeting should be when this is approved. Installation of cameras will likely occur over this summer. Bus Patrol is in charge of the oversight of the installation of cameras. Topic of late buses was discussed as well. It appears as though due to driver shortage, late buses may not be available next year.

Elementary/Secondary Curriculum: Holly Kennedy reports on meeting from March 23. ARP update for summer enrichment programs. Three 2 week sessions (\$100 per session) will be available through SCOPE. Reading and math academy is also being funded through ARP. Additionally more mental health staff will be on board. Mr. Todd Winch will be moving up to superintendent roll. District is interviewing for assistant superintendent now. Holly also reported on end of year events being back to 'normal' where parent volunteers don't need to show negative covid test or vaccine card. Wellness Month is May, more details to come. Holly also explained that Parent portal has enhancements including transcripts and iReady scores. Lastly, chromebook issues were brought up and addressed with the technology team.

Food Service: Jeannine Quigley reports New menu items. Cheesy pull apart bread and boneless breaded chicken. Kids are more likely to have cereal than have new items, but they are working on encouraging. New brand of Mac N Cheese starting in April due to vendor issue. String cheese shortage from our distributor (gordons) has been remedied by lunch workers cutting large blocks of mozzarella to cheese sticks.

Health and Safety: Nothing to report. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the PTA board or specifically Liz Guerrier.

Membership: Kerry Villiume is not present, but Susanne Gallina reports one new member.

SEPTA: Susanne Gallina let us know that SEPTA has a great fundraiser going on with Miss Chocolate for cookie dough and other items. Money is being raised to give scholarships to special education students.

Corresponding Secretary: Erica Kerr Nothing to report

Delegate Report: No delegate reports.

Special Committees:

Bylaws: No report

Membership: No report

Audit: Midyear audit was completed.

Nominating: No official report.

Principals' Report: After spring break things go into full gear. NYS ELA assessments were in March. More students took the exam this year than in recent years. Dr. Maurer explained he believes kids should sit for the exam. It is good training for Regents. The ELA showed the kids had poor stamina in terms of the test. NYS Math and Science will be happening in April. Teachers and students are not pressured in Levittown for these tests. The 5th graders will be going on their field trip on 4/28 to Old Bethpage Restoration Village. Dr. Maurer's reasoning for this is that they can all go at one time as opposed to other locations which cannot accommodate the full grade. Keeping on the topic of 5th grade the Maturation video will be shown at the end of April. Parents can opt their child out of seeing it, but the default is to view it. The conversation is facilitated by the high school and middle school health teachers. Dr. Maurer is proud to share that the Abbey Lane Variety Show is back on for May 14th at 4pm at Wisdom Lane. Field Day is scheduled for the first week of June. Spring instrumental and choral concerts will be in person. Kindergarten moving up is in person as well as 1st grade flag day. There is a half day on 6/17 with a noon dismissal. Dr. Maurer is looking into doing an event at the school from NCPD that discusses internet safety "Don't Hit Send" and it's age appropriate for parents and students.

Old Business: No report

New Business: Staff Recognition day is May 11. Monetary or food donations are welcome for the day of celebrating our staff. Looking for volunteers for that also.

Adjourned: Sue Gallina adjourns meeting at 7:58pm

Meeting Notes written by: Erica Kerr