

## **Abbey Lane PTA Meeting 2/13/2023**

**Call to Order:** Susanne Gallina calls the meeting to order at 7:04pm, she welcomes everyone to the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Janette Ruddy asks if everyone has had a chance to look over the minutes from last month's meeting, and asks for a motion to approve the minutes. Amy Hoffmann and Erica Kerr approve the motion.

**Treasurer's Report:** Amy Hoffmann reports we had an opening balance of \$38,313 with income and expenses from events leaving a balance of \$30,416.10. Our money market opened with a balance of \$5,171.52 with interest of 0.44 leaving \$5,171.96. We had an outstanding check at the end of January. Our account has a balance of \$32,071.04.

### **1st VP: Erica Kerr**

**Apparel:** As always apparel is an ongoing sale. You can email your apparel order at [abbeyapparelpta@gmail.com](mailto:abbeyapparelpta@gmail.com) and we will get back as soon as possible. We had a table at our Someone Special dance.

**Specialty Apparel:** We will be having one more online specialty apparel sale this year, and more information will be coming in the next few weeks.

**Entemanns:** We just wrapped our Valentines sale and handed them out at our Someone Special dance, we will be having a St. Patrick's sale. They will offer Irish Soda bread, Jelly Donuts, Shortbread cookies and DIY Cookies.

**Hershey Park:** Our sale is still ongoing and ends 2/28/23. The sale could be extended if needed. To buy tickets fill out google form, and tickets are good through 1/1/24.

**Cards for a Cause:** This fundraiser is up and running, we have sold a good amount so far. There is also a google form online, sale will end 2/28/23.

**Annual Fundraiser:** We have unfortunately had a significant drop in interest in the event this year. As a board we are talking about making some changes. We are still looking to make it a night for adults. Our goal is and will always be to make sure the children of Abbey Lane have the best experiences they can. It is so important that nights like these happen.

**Someone Special Dance:** We had our dance on Friday and it was a huge success, kids had a great time.

### **2nd VP: Laura Hickey**

The night of our 5th grade Governors fundraiser has changed to 3/31/23

Please submit any missing 5th grade info ASAP

### **3rd VP: Jeanine Quigley**

**Elementary/Secondary Education:** NO Report

**Food Service: No Report** Please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have. New food item was introduced "The Bird Dog"

**Health and Safety:** No Report

**Septa:** Holly Kennedy went to the 2/6/23 meeting where Dr. Farber was the guest speaker. Dr. Farber Stated that annual reviews are coming up for CPSE to Kindergarten meetings regarding preschoolers who are classified for services. Special education budget meeting is 3/8/23 Speaker from parent to parent was there.

**Transportation:** No Report

**Reflections:** No Report, students will be at our March meeting to receive their awards

**Corresponding Secretary:** No Report

**Delegate Report:**

Academic Presentation from Lee Road Elementary: STEAM Presentation, projects from 4 th and 5 th grade students

Art Display- Gardiners Avenue School.

Louise Kobs, 41 years as Crossing Guard Nassau County Police Department crossing Levittown Schools.

Retired. Thankful to her for her dedicated service, and best wishes in her retirement.

No previous comments or reports

No previous public be heard questions

Board Approves on

- Sending a letter to Governors office regarding a bill to require Covid Vaccine for school children.

Recommendation to state to not make new mandate regarding this vaccine. Mr. Winch stated that letter would be sent to please refrain from any new mandates. There has not been need to shut schools down, mission of district has been continued, things are going well, results on state of district showed students doing very well regarding academics, regents, results college admissions. Board supports parental choice. Todd Winch will send letter for digital signatures to Board Members and letter will be sent. Board agrees to send letter.

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- Letter to be sent to Governor regarding mandate for Electric Busses by the year 2027. During last transportation meeting, under new mandate, by 2027 the district will have to purchase electric busses. Issues would be caused financially. No infrastructure to charge the busses. Electric busses have 8 year battery life span. Tremendous burden and unfunded mandate. We have one of the biggest bus fleets in Nassau county, 83 busses. Busses generally go for 400,000 a piece. If electric busses, they would have one charging station for every 2 busses. Electric busses usually run 100 miles per charge in a range, and lose 30% of charge on a cold day. Grants did not cover infrastructure. Board is not against trying to do something environmentally friendly, however the timeline does not make it possible to carry out this mandate.

Student Liasons report- Division Avenue High School, MacArthur High School

Public Be Heard:

2 parents representing Lee Road 3 rd grade students- concerned about 3 rd grade class size

Up to approximately 27 students per class, each year since covid, no set board of education policy for class size

Upcoming Meetings:

March 8 th Budget Plannin Session #3 Curriculum, Technology, Athletics and Special Education

March 22 nd 4 th Budget Planning Session, Special Meeting, hoping to adopt budget

Tonight's meeting regarding Preliminary Revenue and Tax Cap Calculation

Governors State Aid Proposal and Tax Cap Calculation

State budget will be adopted at end of March – This is all preliminary as things may change

Executive State Aid Estimates:

Foundation Aide is up by a little over 20%- District happy that now receiving foundation aid as formula intended.

2022-2023 adopted is 44,913,239

2023-2023 executive proposed 56,019,756

Percent variance 24.73

There is no back-payments coming from state/federal government for previous years.

What will future hold since no additional aid from federal government like in the past few years of Covid.

UPK Percent Variance 46.78% increase

Property Taxes, Assessment and The Tax Levy

Tax Cap Formula

The School District does not set the Tax Rate and the Tax Bill

There is a 2% cap on the "Allowable Growth Factor" which is only 1 variable of 8 in the Property Tax Cap formula

The School District sets the Tax Levy, the Property Tax Cap limits the Tax Levy

Nassau County determines the Assessed Value of your property

Nassau County determines the Adjusted Base Proportions among the 4 classes of property: Class 1 Homeowners, Class 2 Condos and Co-Ops, Class 3 Utilities, Class 4 Commercial. Levittown is 90.6 percent residential (class 1 homeowners)

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2023-2024 Preliminary Capital Expenditure Exclusions

Add Capital Expenditures- Total Capital Expenditures \$6,143,129

Deduct Building and Transportation Capital Aid \$3,993,935

2023-2024 Preliminary Net Capital Exclusion: \$2,149,194

2022-2023 Adopted Net Capital Exclusion \$2,572,914

Change in Net Capital Exclusion (423,720)

2023-2024 Preliminary Property Tax Cap Calculation

2023-2024 Property Tax Cap Variables

2023-2024 Tax Levy Limit \$155,740,206

Tax Levy Limit Increase 2,983,974

Tax Levy Limit as a Percentage of Prior Year 1.95%

Guidance in regards to tax levy- they need to put in to controllers office what the levy limit is. Direction from Board, no final discussions for tonight, but before they meet next time, the tax levy limit needs to go into controllers system.

Levy Limit 1.95% or less, cant be more, but they can calculate less at a later time. They will submit 1.95% to the controllers system, and aim for less if possible.

Inflation for schools is driven by healthcare, salary and benefits

**Membership:** We had 1 new member giving us 190, 150 standard and 40 staff

**Nominating:** Letters have been sent out and are due Friday 2/17/23

**Principals report:**

Parp was one of the best Parp Nights we have had here in a long time. It was great to have the Someone Special Dance back in the building and to see the kids back. I am going to turn it over to Mrs. Ferrari, we had created a school climate committee. We have found in the report that we need a strong welcome school environment. We want to create a "Buddy Family". This is to help a new family to Abbey learn all about our activities, clubs and everything Abbey has to offer. We will be sending home a letter within the next coming days detailing exactly what this program is and what it offers. It will describe what being a buddy family means. We want everyone to feel welcome here at Abbey Lane.

**Old Business:** NO

**New Business:** No

**Adjourned:** meeting adjourned 7:31pm

Notes written by: Janette Ruddy