

## **ABBEY LANE PTA MEETING 3/21/2023**

**Call to Order:** Susanne calls the meeting to order at 7:04pm, she welcomes everyone and mentions how nice it is to see everyone in person.

**Approval of Minutes:** Janette Ruddy asks if everyone has had a chance to look over the minutes from our February meeting. She asks for a motion to approve, Lillie Conroy and Jenn Lohmann approve the motion. Minutes will be filed as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Amy Hoffmann states we had an opening of \$30,466.10 we had an income of \$2,277.26 and expenses of \$6,335.80. closing checkbook balance of \$26,407.56. Money Market had an opening of \$5,171.96 interest of 0.40 closing balance of \$5,172.36. We have outstanding checks of \$803.08.

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

Apparel: sale is always ongoing if you have an order you can email [abbeyapparelpta@gmail.com](mailto:abbeyapparelpta@gmail.com)

Specialty Apparel: sale will be going live and posted online to our page today

Vincenzo's Pizza: We will be doing a fundraiser over break at Vincenzo's on 4/14/23. They are located on Wantagh Ave. We get 10% of all sales from that day. Jane is our Chair flyers will be going home before break and will also be posted in the store.

Hershey Park: Sale is complete and we sold a total of 35 tickets. We got 4 tickets to be added to our annual fundraiser.

Irish Soda Bread: Sale is also completed, we sold 27 items and have been delivered without a problem.

Cards for a Cause: This is also closed, we sold about 23 boxes and should be delivered tomorrow and distributed.

Spring Picture Day: Picture Day is 3/30/23, flyers should be going home 3/23/23

Annual Fundraiser: Fundraiser is Friday 3/24/23, doors open at 6pm. Event is 6:30-9:30pm and is adults only. You can buy admission tickets at the door for \$25 or you can still pre buy for \$20. You can bring your own food and drink, light snacks. All baskets are available and you can purchase tickets. Our family night is tomorrow 6:15-8:15 for viewing and our pre-bought bundles will be available for pick-up. Kids will go through with their classes to look at baskets. Susanne wanted to point out as a PTA we can not hand in tickets for anyone. You will have to find a friend or family to put your tickets in for you if you can not attend the fundraiser for yourself. This is being run as it was before the pandemic. Your child can not put tickets in the bags!! All baskets will not be at family viewing, the only way to see all baskets will be to come to the fundraiser. We are fundraising for next year, all funds raised are used for events for kids next year.

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

5th Grade T-shirts have been handed out to all students. They are to wear them every Tuesday until the end of the year. The 5th grade group pictures are on 3/30/23 please have them wear their shirts that day. Our comedy club fundraiser is also 3/30/23. Adventureland is coming up

and tickets are still available. Question was asked if parents need a bracelet for Adventureland and yes they do. They have changed their policy.

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

Elementary/Secondary Curriculum: Holly Kennedy stated that the 2/15/23 was canceled and the next meeting is 3/22/23. Dr. Z had presented her budget at the 3/8/23 and highlighted some of her incentives such as the redesigned k-5 summer reading program. Her presentation can be found on our schools website.

Food Service: Jeanine march menu had some changes on Thursday and Friday to our traditional chicken and pizza choices. They are still chicken and pizza but they have popcorn chicken or boneless chicken. Pizza choices are slightly different also. They have not been overly well received. Discovery Kitchen is still rolling out in schools and having children try out mood boosting foods. Abbey is hoping to have their turn 4/4/23. They are still encouraging everyone to apply for the free/discounted lunch

Health/Safety: No Report

Septa: No Report, still has Miss Chocolate fundraiser going on and has been extended to 3/29/23. Info can be found on our webpage. They are still nominating for their SEPTA PTA board and nominations are due friday. Next meeting is 4/3/23

Transportation: No Report, still handing out stop arm tickets and are also in need of 8 new bus drivers.

Reflections: No Report

Honorary Life: Dinner is 4/26/23

Corresponding Secretary: No Report

Standing Committees:

Delegate Report: No Report:

Cultural Arts: The 1st graders had Imagine Arts Academy in and had an amazing time learning about underwater sea life. 3/29/23 Kindergartners will have a Sea Tour Safari and then on 3/31/23 our Aba students will have a musical performance.

Membership: We have 229 members total 39 new members which are staff, 78 staff 120 standard 13 students and 18 family members. March is student rock month. Student membership is \$4

Nominating Committee:

Abbey Lane 2023-2024

Proposed Slate is as follows:

Co-Presidents: Jeanine Quigley and Rebecca McCrea

1VP: Dimitri 'Didi' Vega

2VP: Erica Kerr

3VP: Amy Hoffmann

Recording Secretary: Carla Chintapalli

Corresponding Secretary: Jane Yun

Treasurer: Samantha Stanley

Delegates:

Lillian Conroy

Jennifer Bailey

Michele Sewitch

Kim Panek

Gaby Fonseca

Wendy Herman

Anne Schubeck

As per our Bylaws- If you wish to run against anyone on this proposed slate, have your signed letter of request in writing (2) two business days prior to our April 14th meeting. Please send any letters to our Chairperson and Recording Secretary, Janette Ruddy.

The proposed slate will also be announced at our regular March PTA meeting on 3/21.

### **Principals Report:**

Good Evening, as you know we had done the climate survey a little while back and one of the things we have been focusing on is embracing our new families. We are fortunate enough to have had 40 new families into the building and we felt it was important that we connect with them to our existing families. We want to show them what we offer here at Abbey especially to our families that may not speak the language. We have our Buddy family program and we had our first meeting tonight. We now offer AC in all rooms in the building. Variety Show rehearsals are now in full swing. Abbey Active has wrapped up and was highly successful. Our 3D printing club is still going strong and the kids are very creative. We had 90 kids participate in the March Madness Basketball Event. Our Sports night will come back sometime in May and weather permitting we may have some outdoor events. Dial screening is coming in May and our Kindergarten orientation will also be in May. There have been some field trips our 4th and 5th graders went to the outdoor learning center at Memorial. The 5th graders will be going to Commerce Plaza and our 4th graders will be going to Garvies Point.

### **Unfinished Business: No**

**New Business:** Mr. Pappas from the Board of Ed is here and stated that our budget is a great budget and is the 3rd lowest 0.99% increase. Every 4 or 5 years we do a capital reserve and we take funds that we save over the years and will be used on approved safety projects. Its around \$70 million, this is money that we got from the state, it's not a tax increase and for every dollar we spend we get \$56 million back.

Field day is 5/31/23 and Didi Vega and Anne Schubek are chairing

**Adjourned:** meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Notes written by: Janette Ruddy