

## **PTA Meeting – October 21, 2025 – Abbey Lane Elementary School**

**Call to order – Reina Brown, PTA President, 7:02pm**

- Pledge of Allegiance

### **Recording Secretary – Christina Stavropoulos**

- Approval of minutes from Sept 15
  - o Kim Panek & Amy Hoffmann

### **Treasurer's Report – Jennifer Bailey**

- Financial report copies available

### **1<sup>st</sup> VP Report – Heather Burns**

- Apparel, ongoing sale
- Booster A Thon
  - o Successful
    - Profit of over \$16,000
- Picture Day
  - o Retakes will be November 12
- Pie Sale
  - o Extended until Thursday October 23, 2025 – extra flyers available
    - Pies will be distributed on November 25, after school @ 5<sup>th</sup> grade doors
- Book Fair
  - o November 6 & 7 – School hours both days, night on Nov 6 as well
    - E-wallet as well as cash accepted
    - Volunteers needed
- Annual Fundraiser
  - o Beginnings of setting up for it, occurs in the Spring
  - o Any donations can start being asked for, letter to be given for tax purposes
  - o Funds cultural arts program
  - o Class baskets
    - Made by class parents, themed
    - Letters will be starting soon to be handed out to students for home

### **2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report – Amy Hoffmann**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee
  - o “Rocking into Middle School” chosen for theme
    - Artwork will be approved by principal; shirts will be made and handed out to students
  - o Chocolate Fundraiser

### **3<sup>rd</sup> VP Report – Holly Kennedy**

- Jeanine Quigley on curriculum
  - o District website has PDF from meeting
- Food Service – Loretta Rolon
  - o Discussion on how Ingredients effect behavior
  - o Grilled cheese will be available every day for lunch option

- Trying to waste less food, downsizing on ordering foods that are not as popular, finding options for even less waste like a compost bin, Free lunch contributing to more children ordering but also more waste.
    - Dr. Maurer will look into compost option
  - Next meeting Nov 19
- Health & Safety
  - No report
- Septa meeting was Sept 29
  - Sensory hallways are underway
  - More funds needed for completion
  - Fundraisers – Apparel & boo bags
  - Family Fun Night
    - IEP Presentation
  - Next meeting Nov 17
- Transportation - Rebecca McCrea
  - Drivers/Matrons needed
  - Next meeting Nov 18
- Trunk or Treat
  - Will be October 24
    - Volunteers will be contacted with information on time and setting up
    - DJ booked
    - Photo booth
- Hospitality
  - Thank you to volunteers
- Reflections
  - Theme “I Believe” – encourages expression through art
    - Mrs. Schneider is in charge
    - Flyers will be distributed this week

#### **4th VP – Mrs. Orth**

- Nothing to report

#### **Corresponding Secretary – Sarah Tamberelli**

- Nothing to report

#### **Delegate Reports**

- Stefanie Schwab, Board of Education Meeting Sept 17
  - Summer Project update
    - Fire alarms updated, security systems, new flooring, asbestos, new library for Abbey
    - Memorial will get a new track & field
    - Abbey will be getting an upgraded playground
    - Transportation issues will be worked on
    - Lunch lines to be helped as well
    - Armed guards discussion, will be brought up again in the future
- Michelle Sewitch
  - Security updates, will be voted on October 29

- Copies available
- Jenny Chen, PTA council meeting October 7
  - Approved cell phone banned
    - Kids more attentive/productive
    - Comfort dog visiting secondary schools
    - Lunch issues will be worked on
    - Track lights for wisdom/abbey
    - Anonymous reporting system will be launched November 2

#### **Cultural arts – Wendy Herman**

- Positive feedback from game assembly from students from LEADD week
- 4<sup>th</sup> Graders will have Native American assembly
  - In process of looking into other programs

#### **Membership – Loretta Rolon**

- 219 Members
  - Member dues help fund PTA events and Cultural Arts Program
    - Can join any time throughout the year
- Raffle for new members

#### **Principal – Dr. Maurer**

- Booster-a-thon
  - Successful in profits but also the teamwork from the staff/volunteers
- Student council will meet with PTA board members with their ideas
- 20+ clubs for the students – any club sign up can be seen on ParentSquare
  - Will work on having a list posted of all clubs available at Abbey Lane
- Math night success, ticket sales go towards scholarship for seniors that attended Abbey Lane – both from MacArthur & Division
  - Some other events from Abbey – Deck the halls, March Madness, K-2 Sports night, Multicultural Night, PARP, etc.
- Kindergarteners got their chrome books
- LEADD Week - Making good choices
  - Themed days
- Playground work will start mid November, hopefully be finished end of December
  - Swings added, as well as other new equipment
  - Astro turf in some areas
  - Wood chips replaced
- New fire alarm system
- New PA system
- Sandy Hook Promise
  - Anonymous tips system
    - Hotline for people to call in about issues/threats that will be routed to principal, and other members of the district
      - Level of threats will be filtered
- PTA Member asked about Breast Cancer Awareness @ Abbey Lane due to other schools wearing pink in October on Fridays

Reina Brown

- Support the book fair
  - o Looking to get book vending machine
- No unfinished business

**Meeting adjourned : 7:53pm**

**Minutes written by: Christina Stavropoulos**