

# Grace Abbott Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Board Members:** Jaime Diamond, President; Josh Kitchen, Treasurer; Alyssa Mason, President Elect

- **Welcome/ Introduction** of Board Members and meeting attendees. Jaime called meeting to order at 6:33pm.
- **Review February Meeting Minutes:** Maureen Kitchen motioned to approve. Joy Campbell seconded. The February meeting minutes were approved with no changes.
- **Principal Report:** Teacher appreciation week. Mr. Williams, new PE teacher, will be replacing Mr. Spooner this fall.
  - **Little Free Library:** Goal will be for it to be at school by end of year. Paperwork is in for District to install.
  - Waiting on **fitness equipment** and ADA requirements. This is being worked out at the District level. This equipment has already been purchased, so need to keep in mind the extra cost has not been accounted for.
  - **Water Bottle Filling Station:** Should be done by end of year.
- Discussed how State budget changes will cause a decrease in funding to our District. Parents should continue to monitor this, as well as watch for Charter School changes that would also impact our school district.
- **Treasurer Report:** Water fountain and pencil sharpeners have been purchased.
- **Committee Updates:**
  - Hospitality (Becky Eichmann)
  - Teacher appreciation week in progress:
    - Monday – Breakfast & fancy bathroom supplies
    - Tuesday – Snack Cart for Teachers
    - Wednesday – Luncheon
    - Thursday – Target Giftcards from PTO
    - Friday – Room Parents handle individually
  - Fifth Grade Farewell (Candace Casper/Jennifer Cukendall/Shelly Anzalone): Date Change to May 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Yearbook (Suzie Hartman): Submit Photos if you have them!
  - Movie Nights (Maureen Kitchen): 75 attendees for Feb; next movie night is 4/7. Used the popcorn machine.
  - Educational Grant Programs/Scholarships (Carri Dyer): 2 scholarship winners selected: Jackson Hardin & Joasiah Aakre
  - Youth Frontiers (Julie Shaner): Jaime will follow up with her on booking the church.
  - School Carnival (Kristy Gotschall) planning is going well.
  - Cash Rewards/Incentive Programs (Candice Casper/Robin Matthes) There will be a spring drive for box tops.
  - Original Art Works Fundraiser (Debbie Smith) Artwork is done; picking up Friday.
  - Bricks (Erin Barry): No update
  - Complete for Year: Fun Nights (Cara Robbins), Buzz Book (Laura Hensley), Classroom Party Volunteer Coordinator (Carri Dyer), Social/Welcome Committee (Jessi Mann/Amy Skolaut).
  - Walk-A-Thon (Julie Shaner): Complete for year.
- **Funding Decision: Voted that Landscape Architect will be hired over the summer.**
  - Do nothing, save funds for next year

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- Hire a Landscape Architect to make designs to review next year
  - Will request multiple design options
  - Hire a Natural Playground consultant and purchase equipment
  - Buddy Bench
- Dr. Chaussee will ask the District if we can use their resource and eliminate having the work done twice.
- **New Business**
  - PTO Closet Cleaning Day! Monday March 20<sup>th</sup>. Josh and Jaime will clean the closet; feel free to help!
  - Committee Chairs for Next Year – Social Committee, Carnival
  - Board for Next Year
  - Need President Elect
  - Christy and Josh will stay on. If others want to have those positions we can have a vote
  - **Questions:** None
  - **Adjournment:** Joy Campbell motioned to adjourn, and Laura Hensley seconded. The meeting ended at 7:45 PM.