

Grace Abbott Elementary PTO Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017

Board Members: Alyssa Mason, President; Josh Kitchen, Treasurer; Christy Kleffman, Secretary; Matt Liston, President Elect

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

Welcome/Introduction of Board Members and meeting attendees

Report from Addie Hollingsworth will be made next month. She asked Alyssa to pass on that there are many opportunities to get involved with the Millard Public Schools budget campaign. Please contact her if you would like to help or have a sign in your yard. Her email address is: addielou76@mac.com

Review May Meeting Minutes The minutes were motioned for approval by Jaime Diamond. The motion was seconded by Josh Kitchen.

Principal Report Dr. Chaussee reported that the eclipse viewing for the students went very well. Students and teachers had great discussion about this event. On Sept. 21st at 6:30, a budget presentation will be made at Abbott to make parents aware of the budget problems in the Millard district this year. Despite the population at Abbott increasing yearly, the budget shortfalls continue to necessitate cuts. If the budget doesn't pass, there will be additional cuts for Abbott. There have been 1000 students added in MPS since 2010, but 54 staff positions have been cut in the district during the same time period. The Watchdog Pizza Kickoff is on Sept. 19th at 6:30 in the gym. It's a great way to have men be involved in the school, and be role models for students! Also, a landscape architect will be visiting Abbott on Wednesday Sept. 6th to make recommendations for a master plan for improvements to school grounds.

Treasurer Report

-Budget overview: Josh Kitchen reviewed changes in the budget for the current school year. Original Artworks received additional money this year to reflect the past years expenses. The Snowflake breakfast reflects less income this year, as the past few years have brought in less revenue. The Walkathon has been very successful the last few years, the budget reflects additional projected income from this project. It was suggested to increase Peggy's (the crossing guard volunteer) financial gift from \$20 a day to \$22 a day. Carri Dyer motioned for this idea, and the motion was approved. The PTO will also be paying Mr. Carl for his help with traffic duty for the first time this year as well. He will receive \$1000 for his services in exchange for becoming a permanent volunteer for all 10 of the week's traffic duty times. A motion was made by Carri Dyer to increase, to be called the Rhodes Memorial Scholarship, that would be given yearly to an education major. A note would be given to his family letting them know who the scholarship was going to every year. No motion was made to approve, so this idea will not proceed. A motion was made by Carri Dyer to increase the hospitality budget by \$500. The motion did not pass.

-Budget approval: A motion was made by to approve the budget by Christy Kleffman as set forth by the board for the 2017-2018 school year. Jessi Mann seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the budget was approved.

Committee Updates:

Movie Nights (Maureen Kitchen) The first movie night is Nov. 3rd.

Youth Frontiers (Matt and Ashley Liston)

-This year the retreat is taking place Oct. 24th at Westside Church.

-Volunteers are really needed! The event doesn't coincide with days off from OPS and Millard, so it has been hard to get student volunteers. If you are available, please contact Ashley or Matt Liston.

Walk-a-thon (Julie Shaner and Erika Rooney)

-On Fri., Sept. 15th, the Walk-a-thon Kick off Dinner and Dance will be held. Pledge packets are coming home with students this Monday Sept. 11th.

-Fri., Sept. 29 is when the actual Walk-a-thon takes place during the school day. Each student commits to walk approximately a 5K. Parents are invited to come to school to cheer your child on while they walk on the field.

-Connie Goesser, cafeteria manager, will be cooking dinner this year. Dinner includes Connie's famous cinnamon rolls. \$3850 in sponsorships have been collected so far. These will be listed on the back of the t-shirt and will help to fund the expenses for the dinner. Most money brought in will go right to the school. Tickets are sold online until Sept. 13th.

Yearbook (Suzie Hartman and Jaime Diamond)

-Yearbooks are on sale for \$12 through Sept. 8th, and will then increase in price to \$15 after this date.

-Order forms for yearbooks and 5th grade dedications went home in the PTO packet; extras are available in the office.

Cash Rewards/Incentive Programs (Robin Matthes) \$540 was raised in the summer Box Tops collection. Kindergarten classes won the popsicle reward party! The Bonus Box Top App is still available. Parents, please check out this and the Tag App. Both can directly benefit the Grace Abbott PTO.

Social/Welcome (Liz Guinn)

-The ice cream social was a success! Thank you to all the volunteers! This year, we reduced choices from 4 to 2 (fudge bar or drumstick). We also purchased all items from Costco and Sam's club. We spent \$191.07 on supplies and sold 263 pieces at \$1.00 each = profit of \$70. Ticket sales moved from school entrance to in front of the bulletin board. This will continue next year.

Fifth Grade Farewell (Kristy Gotschall and Addie Hollingsworth) no update

Hospitality (Becky Eichmann)The committee is working on getting staff recognition dates from Cindy and will be purchasing \$25 gift cards from Target

Original Art Works Fundraiser (Debbie Smith) no update

Fun Nights (Cara Robbins and Cheri Shoup)

Oct. 1st : 1st grade Fun Night This year we will switch from BINGO to a new activity. CLR is one activity being considered.

Oct. 9th: 2nd and 3rd grade Fun Night

Nov. 16th: 4th and 5th grade Fun Night

Dec. 7th: Kindergarten Fun Night

Educational Grant Programs/Scholarships (Carri Dyer) no update

School Carnival (Kristy Gotschall)

-Fri., April 27th

Classroom Party Volunteer Coordinator (Carri Dyer)

-Halloween Parties will be held Oct. 27, 1:45

-Room parents are still needed. Please contact Carri if you are available!

Buzz Book (Laura Hensley and Jaime Diamond) Online registration is going well. So far, roughly 50% of families have confirmed their information. This is due Friday Sept. 8th.

Bricks (Erin Berry) A lot of orders have been turned in this year!

New Business Dancing classrooms is a program Dr. Chaussee would like the PTO to look into this year. This is a program offered for 5th grade students. A presentation with more information will be given to the PTO at the October meeting.

Questions no new questions

Adjournment Jaime Diamond motioned to adjourn the meeting. Matt Liston seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

