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- ← **Grace Abbott Elementary PTO Meeting** **Tuesday, March 6, 2018**
- ← **Board Members:** Alyssa Mason, president; Josh Kitchen, Treasurer; Christy Kleffman, Secretary; Matt Liston, President Elect
- ← Alyssa Mason called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- ← **Welcome/Introduction** of Board Members and the meeting attendees
- ← **Review January meeting minutes** Jami Diamond motioned to approve minutes, and Carri Dyer seconded the motion.
- ← **Principal Report** There is no new progress to report on the installation of the Track. Dancing Classrooms is about half way through the program and is going very well. Dr. Chaussee will be talking with the instructor later in the week to see if students will be ready and interested in competing in a competition later in the year. Exact Path has been going on since November and it seems to be going well with very good participation from the students. Teachers want parents feedback and something should be going home with students soon. Each class has set their own goal and a popcorn and movie party will take place at the end of the year as an award for their hard work. Currently, there are two teacher positions to fill for second grade and currently there are 35 qualified candidates. Interviews should start sometime after spring break. ADA test scores come back and 3rd graders got 94% passing rate, while the 5th graders got a 100%. Something should be going home with students Friday telling more in detail how each grade did. Tetherball polls have been installed and have had a mostly positive review. The 300 dollars that was saved on the installation was used to buy new books for the free library.
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- ← **Committee Updates:**
- ← **Movie Night (Maureen)** The next event is planned for April 6th, students will be voting on the movie that will be showing.
- ← **Youth Frontiers (Matt and Ashley Liston)** We have been awarded the scholarship for 2018. Unfortunately, Westside church will no longer be hosting for undisclosed reasons. Matt and Ashley are in the process of finding other possible locations. Youth Frontiers is still saving 10/23 but other dates are available.
- ← **Walk-a-thon (Julie Shaner and Erika Rooney)** No update
- ← **Yearbook (Suzie Hartman and Jaime Diamond)** Still in great need of photos. A few hiccups with ordering where people might have ordered too many but otherwise going.
- ← **Cash Rewards/Incentive Programs (Robin Matthes)** No update
- ← **Social/Welcome (Liz Guinn)** Big thanks for all the parents who volunteered. 303 tickets were sold (lower then last year) Next years breakfast is booked Jan 19, 2019.

- ← **Fifth grade farewell (Kristy Gotschall and Addie Hollingsworth)** Meeting was held on February 2, subcommittees have been set up to divide up tasks. Video was made of each 5th grader saying what they want to become. Invitations will be sent digitally, no rsvp and no siblings. Considering inviting teacher from other grades and would have to rsvp. Still looking for food options. T-shirts have been voted on and have been budgeted for. Photographer is booked.
- ← **Hospitality (Becky Eichmann)** Teacher Appreciation week started Monday. Staff bathroom has been spruced up. Fancy lunch for staff on Wednesday. Gift cards and notes of appreciation on Thursday.
- ← **Original Art works fundraiser (Debbie Smith)** Packets have been sent home
- ← **Fun Nights (Cara Robbins and Cheri Shoup)** Next year is Cara's last and we will be looking for a co-chair for next year and for that person to take over the following year.
- ← **Educational Grants Programs/Scholarships (Carri Dyer)** Student scholarships were due March 1, they were done digitally this year. The committee will review them and decide soon.
- ← **School Carnival (Kristy Gotschall)** no new changes, carnival is set for Friday, April 27. Fun services has been reserved and booked.
- ← **Classroom Party Volunteer Coordinator (Carri Dyer)** Nothing new
- ← **Buzz Book (Laura Hensley and Jaime Diamond)** No update
- ← **Bricks (Erin Berry)** No update

New Business

A new committee is being formed for Volunteer Recruitment and Recognition Committee, Cara Robbins and Carri Dyer will get it going. This committee will speak at PTO sponsored activities to recruit, advertise, and welcome new families. The committee will also nominate and select a PTO volunteer of the month, and nominate and select Millard Employee of the year (2 per year), one teacher and one staff. Dr. C said he could help with nominating Millard Employee.

Questions No questions

Adjournment The meeting concluded at 7:18 PM. Jaime Diamond motioned to adjourn the meeting and Matt Liston seconded the motion.

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