

Grace Abbott Elementary PTO Meeting

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

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

Welcome/Introduction of Board Members and meeting attendees. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by Dr. Chaussee.

Review April Meeting Minutes Erin Barry motioned to approve the minutes from April. Cheri Shoup seconded the motion.

Principal Report The new tether ball clips arrived on Thursday (as a replacement for the first set that broke). Mr. Williams presented to each class the rules of tether ball and how to use the tether balls appropriately. Unfortunately, one has broken again. Dr. Chaussee will be researching a softer ball to use with the clips.

Dr. Chaussee visited with a couple of people in the district about the walking track. He requested that a district representative come and speak with the PTO regarding whether or not this will ever be a possibility for the school, and if not, why that decision has been made. At this point, that meeting has not been scheduled. A final decision on the track will need to be postponed until next school year. In the future, the district may change their restrictions on PTOs purchasing technology. It may be an option to use the money that had been set aside for the walking track for technology items instead. Other items were discussed for the PTO to purchase such as funding field trips, new desks in classrooms, new classroom projectors, and funding for flexible seating.

State testing finished last Friday, and MAP testing began May 1st.

Treasurer Report Final numbers for the carnival are not yet available. We will have one more Box Top and Bakers deposit this year from Cash Rewards. An additional educational grant was added. The PTO will be funding Mr. Williams request for an inflatable obstacle course for Field Day. No numbers have come in yet for Original Artworks. Diane Corrao will be the new treasurer next year.

Committee Updates:

Movie Nights (Maureen Kitchen)

The following dates have been set for next year's movie nights: Oct. 5, 2018, Feb. 1, 2019, and Apr.5, 2019.

Youth Frontiers (Matt and Ashley Liston)

Next year's date will be October 23, 2018. The new location will be St. Andrews (15050 Maple Street).

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

Next year's dinner/dance will be held Friday, Sept. 7, 2018. The walk will take place Friday, Sept. 21, 2018.

Yearbook (Suzie Hartman and Jaime Diamond)

Yearbooks will be here the last week of school. Next year the new co-chair with Jaime is Gretchen McPhail.

Social/Welcome (Liz Guinn) No report**Cash Rewards/Incentive Programs (Robin Matthes)**

The last Box Tops Competition ends this week. Abbott is number 4 in our area and number 6 in Nebraska for most Box Tops submitted. Our total for the year is \$2,375.10. Baggies are going to go home at the end of the year for the summer collection.

Fifth Grade Farewell (Kristy Gotschall and Addie Hollingsworth)

The Farewell will be held May 21, 6:00-8:00, at Kiewit. The theme is "Our future's so bright we have to wear shades". The \$35 includes t-shirt, activities, food for 3 people. The Tap House will be catering – great food and a great deal! A video was made of each 5th grader saying what they want to become when they grow up. Baby photos and photos from grades K-5 were collected for the video. There will be music, dodge ball, a tattoo artist, video arcade games, etc. A photographer is booked, and the committee is working on party favors. We are still in need volunteers to help.

Carri Dyer motioned to fund \$200 additional dollars so that all students can attend the Fifth Grade Farewell. Christy Kleffman seconded the motion.

Hospitality (Becky Eichmann)

The 2018-2019 co-chairs are Erin Barry and Stephanie Ludwig

Original Art Works Fundraiser (Debbie Smith) No report**Fun Nights (Cara Robbins and Cheri Shoup)**

Dates have been set for next year and will be:

-Kindergarten: Dec. 11, 2018

-1st grade: Oct. 9, 2018

-2nd/3rd grades: Oct. 30, 2018

-4th/5th grades: Nov. 13, 2018

Educational Grant Programs/Scholarships (Carri Dyer)

Scholarship winners are Brett Andreason and Eden VanArsdall. Eight students total applied.

Teachers were asked to follow up to the PTO with a report on how their grant was used in their classroom.

School Carnival (Kristy Gotschall)

Next year's carnival will be held on April 26, 2019.

Classroom Party Volunteer Coordinator (Carri Dyer)

Next year's party dates are:

-Halloween Party: Friday, Oct. 26, 2018, 1:45

-Valentine's Day Party: Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019, 2:15

Buzz Book (Laura Hensley and Jaime Diamond) We will be staying with the My School Anywhere program next year. The renewal fee is due over the summer.

Bricks (Erin Barry) No report

New Business:

-PTO website: Cara Robbins has graciously agreed to take over the website for next year.

-Dancing classrooms 2018-2019 has concluded. There was lots of positive feedback from most parents and students for this year's session.

-Next year's PTO Board Members were Installed:

President: Matt Liston

President Elect: Cheri Shoup

Secretary: Joy Neville

Treasurer: Deb Corrao

Congratulations to the new board!

Questions no questions

Adjournment Christy Kleffman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM, and Laura Hensley seconded the motion.