

Board Members: Matt Liston, President; Cheri Shoup, President-Elect; Deb Corrao, Treasurer; Joy Neville, Secretary

Welcome and call to order at 6:00 pm.

Introductions: Board members and meeting attendees.

Review of November minutes: November minutes approved.

Superintendent advisory: MAP testing in the fall indicated they need to improve their language art programs. With the new levy they were able to hire four new teachers. The accreditation was reviewed. Proposed some calendar changes for the 2021 year. The big change is they want to pull two days away from Christmas break and add it to fall break so teachers can have a break. They are welcoming parent input. The calendar is not approved yet. New State Legislators start this week. They would like for people to be involved. To find your senator go to <https://nebraskalegislature.gov/senators/senatorfind.php>.

Principal's Report: The accreditation included Abbott and it was very positive. The accreditation happens once every five years. The Friday before Christmas break the state test results went home. Testing was done in April. The tests are more rigorous. Reading is more difficult. The kids are being asked to read more and to read for understanding more. Report cards go home on Friday. MAP results will be given during conferences.

Treasurer's Report: Half of the teacher grants have been paid for. PTO insurance just got renewed. Reimbursements for fun nights were given.

Committee Updates:

- **Movie Nights (Maureen Kitchen)** Friday, February 3rd. Doors will open at 6:30 Movie to start around 6:45.
- **Youth Frontiers (Ashley Liston, Matt Liston)** Reached out to youth frontiers for available dates and cost for 2019. Also need a committee chair for the next school year.
- **Walk-A-Thon (Erika Rooney) No report.**
- **Fifth Grade Farewell (Julie Shaner)** We had our first meeting. The theme this year is a beach theme.
- **Yearbook (Jamie Diamond):** We are in need of pictures. We have 253 orders for yearbooks.
- **Cash Rewards/Incentive Programs (Robin Mattes)** Final week of winter box top competition, currently running behind where we are last year at this time. Box tops check from fall submission should be received soon in the amount of 701.20. The Hy-Vee cash for students submission is due on January 15th.
- **Social/Welcome Committee (Liz Guinn)** Snowflake breakfast, we are in need of volunteers and only have 7 out of 24 spots needed. Also need more bake goods for the cakewalk. Link for the sign-up sheet is in the gator tales and on the PTO website. Two new things this year, ages 2 and under will be free and eggs will be available as well. Ticket prices are the same as last year. Big thanks to Cara Robbins and Deb Corrao for getting the website up to date for this event.
- **Bricks (front entry):** No report.
- **Buzz Book(Laura Hensley, Jaime Diamond):** No report.
- **Fun night (Cara Robbins):** Overall the committee hosted approximately 242 students this year

First grade: Left center right: 35

Second/Third grade: Tenzi, 86

Fourth/Fifth grade: Bunco, 53

Kindergarten: Gingerbread house, 68

Holli Vessely has agreed to take over next year. She would like to continue to keep all the fun nights in the first semester.

- **Original artwork (Debbie Smith):** No report.
- **Classroom Party Volunteer Coordinator (Carri Dyer):** Valentine's day party is on Wednesday, February 13th at 2:15 pm.
- **Hospitality (Erin Barry and Stephanie Ludwig):** No report.
- **Volunteer Recruitment and Recognition Committee (Carri Dyer, Cara Robbins):** Still pushing for people to fill out MPSF form for one teacher and one support staff. Still brainstorming ideas to welcome new families to PTO.
- **School Carnival (Kristy Gotschall)** An email will go out this week regarding this. Several members of the committee will not be at Abbott next year, so we need volunteers for this committee for next year.
- **Educational Grant and Scholarship Committee:** No report.
- **PTO Website (Cara Robbins):** Need someone to take over the website for next year.
- **Student Scholarship (Carri Dyer, Elana Nato)** Scholarships are due in March.
- **Announcements:**
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New Business: Still looking for ideas to present to the CFO for approval or to find out what is feasible. The track is not possible. The suggestion was made to connect the sidewalks around the school. There is some concern about the loading dock and the safety of the students. Another suggestion was made to replace the ramp on the mobile classroom. We need to vote on rubber mats/recycled tires, ceiling mount projectors, update teachers lounge with ice machine and submit it to the CFO to see what is feasible. The motion was made to move forward on mounting the projectors and updating the teachers lounge. The motion passed.

Adjournment: 7:40

Next Meeting is Tuesday, February 5th, 2019.