

Board Members: Jennifer Thorndyke, President; Marcy Saniuk, President Elect; Jon Warren, Treasurer; Molly Warren Secretary

Welcome and call to order at pm

Introductions: Board members and meeting attendees.

Principal's Report:

- 433 students at Abbott (as of today!) this year
- Great start to the school year - teachers appreciated PTO coffee & early reimbursement
- Levy Override
- Watch DOGS

Treasurer's Report:

- Teacher wish list items due date 10/31

Secretary Report:

- The PTO Quarterly Newsletter will go out in October in Gator Tales

Committee Updates:

- **Movie Nights (David Falke):**
 - January - one this year
- **Dance-A-Thon (Jennifer Thorndyke) :**
 - Currently have three volunteers for handing out prizes in the morning but could use some more
- **Fifth Grade Farewell (Jocelyn Nickerson?):**
 - Date: 5th grade parents plan and 4th grade parents help
 - Date on Kiewit's calendar sooner than later May 18th
- **Yearbook (Jackie Ryba):**
 - Jostens increased pricing this year, due to increased production costs. Save \$2 if yearbooks are purchased before Oct 31st (\$14.49 / \$16.49 starting Nov 1st).
 - 5th grade dedications are due Nov 4th. Will ask teachers to remind parents at conferences in October.
- **Cash Rewards/Incentive Programs:**
 - Thank you to Robin Matthes for serving on this committee. The cash rewards committee is not what it used to be and is now mostly promotion. With the change, Robin needs to update the box tops coordinator with a new email contact. She gave the TAGG organization the general PTO email address but can provide another contact as well.
- **Social/Welcome Committee (Kristy Gotschall):**
 - We are trying to contact The Flapjack Guys to arrange a date for the pancake breakfast.
- **Bricks (Sarah Ruttle) :**
 - 2021/2022 school year: 15 purchased, \$300 raised
 - Still working with engraver to get these delivered & installed (tried for end of July/before start of school year)

- Do we want to continue? yes
- **Buzz Book (Kim Parker and Julie Calvin)**
 - Two volunteers from last year and one learning how to. Still could use some more volunteers.
 - Invoice reminder - has this been paid?
- **Fun night (Holli Vessley):**
 - December 8th
 - Could use volunteers ahead of time
 - Save milk cartons ahead of time
- **Dancing Classrooms:**
 - Meeting TBD
- **Original artwork (TBD):**
 - Mrs. Gray is willing to do the artwork. Do we have a volunteer to lead the fundraising portion? Christmas or Mother's Day?
 - Volunteers for the Art Room
- **Classroom Party Volunteer Coordinator (Kristy Gotschall):**
 - For Room Parents: We would welcome more room parents in all classes, but especially need more for Schulte, Frenche, Suiter, Dolezal, Hale, Kamphaus, Petersen, Pate, and Meusch. A message went out in Gator Tales.
 - We also need to know: Will parent volunteers be allowed at the Halloween party? Up to the teacher how many. If so, are the numbers limited? Will Fifth Graders be allowed to have a combined party in the gym? YES
- **Hospitality (Marta Thomas and Sarah Ruttle):**
 - Request increase to budget, from \$2500 to \$3000 - YES
 - 2021/2022: \$3,912 in expenses (\$1300 staff appreciation cards & gift cards); \$2612 in meals for conferences (x2), staff appreciation week
 - 2021/2022: raised \$1,100 from parents; \$2500 PTO + \$312 approved PTO overage
 - Combination of parent-provided meals and restaurants/catered; catered helps to make staff feel "special"; food costs are up; parent capacity is limited for full meals, though they love to provide snacks/sides/desserts/beverage
 - 52 staff this year - Sarah will talk to Jon about GCs (first recognition day is November 7)
 - Fall Conferences - October 12-14 (need to know which 2 nights committee is providing meals)
- **Educational Grant and Scholarship Committee (Elena Nieto):**
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- **Gator Bash**

- Need to organize a committee

Announcements: none

New Business: none

Adjournment: 7:04 pm

Next Meeting is Tuesday, October 4th @ 6:30pm