

PTA Board Meeting Agenda, 11/15/18, 7:30-8:30

Call to order and approval of previous minutes.

NOTE: Previously submitted committee reports can be found here as appendix A.
Specific questions on previously submitted reports to be handled during open forum.

New Business:

1. Equity and Inclusion: Kirsten Isaacson (for Joyce Chow) (7:30-7:40 pm)

Proposal to make the chili cook-off a free event, to remove all barriers to community participation.

2. Technology: Carolyn Duran (7:40 pm-7:50 pm)

Future iterations of Support Abernethy -- how can it better support programs that require registration, as well as donations and merchandise?

Unfinished Business

Open Forum: 7:50-8:25

Further questions/discussions on Abernethy PTA/foundation presentation, from community meeting

Adjournment

Appendix A: Committee updates:

After school programs: Julia Silverman

We have had problems with Coding with Kids since the start of school, and had to cancel their K-2 coding class on Thursdays, after repeated instances of the instructor showing up late and unprepared. The 3-5 class is still going, but was cancelled last minute last week, resulting in some unhappy parents, so they may not be long for Abernethy. If anyone has a suggestion for a replacement coding class, we would love to hear it. Otherwise, the new schedule for winter is ready to go. We are adding a potions class and a math challenge class. As always, open to suggestions for other classes.

OBOB: Sara Albert

We hosted the parent information meeting on Literacy Night (October 17th). Nineteen teams have registered so far. We implemented a Team-finder Google Form this year to help match up students looking for a team to join. Registration deadline is November 17th, and the mock battle will be December 5th at 5:30.

Communications: Gretchen Kilby

Nothing new for communications other than still looking for another person to learn the ropes of Monday Mailer.

Auction: Terry Franks

Auction had its second meeting this past week, finalizing various chairs and volunteer assignments. We are now putting our backs into the effort and the excitement is delightful. We are in hot pursuit of donations and sponsorships, so if you have any or know anyone that wants to donate, please reach out to us.

Tour de Ladd: Carrie Richardson:

TOUR DE LADD: I think that we are just about wrapped up and right now it appears that our total is standing at \$49,537.25!! (\$47,260 already deposited and \$2,257.25 needs to be moved over from Paypal, which Bill is working on.) There may also be some lingering checks at the office and we will send out one last reminder for the \$1248 that was invoiced on Pledgestar but not yet collected. However, it seems likely that with one last push we might get to \$50k! :grin: We think that Pledgestar had a great deal to do with being able to collect this much this year and as parents get used to the system I think that it will be even more effective. We do need to start filling some roles for TDL 2019, so if you can think of anyone that might be willing to lend a hand, please let me know. We're going to need a new Volunteer Coordinator, which is a HUGE job, and also

a Communications Director to take over sending out all the info and reminders on Julie's email, Yahoo Group, Facebook, on paper, etc. This job is pretty well mapped out and just needs someone with a computer and a schedule and a little time. I'm hoping that the rest of our leads are still on for next year, but need to double-check on those commitments.

Finance: Craig Stack

Financial statements posted to Dropbox.

Bank made an error with one check resulting in a \$40.90 discrepancy. Following up with bank.

This month, we will update budget based on board approved programs, validated 1099 employees/spending and work with our accountant to fix our filing year. Basically PTA changed its fiscal year three years ago and but did not file the needed paperwork.

Co-President's Report: Kirsten Isaacson

Odd collection of updates: *Minh and crew are off and running with the mini grants. Get those applications in! *Quinn sent the PTA a very beautiful thank you note for helping to support literacy night. *Mural in Mr. Day's classroom is progressing. Team restoring it would like to "unveil" it before/after a community meeting. *Teachers would like 15-20 min at a future cmty mtg to get parent feedback on Positive Behavior Intervention Support.

Equity/Inclusion: Joyce Chow:

Student Aid Fund recent distributions --\$20 requested assistance to purchase Original Artworks--\$50 for Blazer tickets to participate in music program (Thanks Hanna for suggesting we look into it) *Portland Council PTA* After receiving the Portland Council PTA Student Aid Fund request form from Kirsten, sent inquiry to Jackee Duvall, Portland Council PTA student Aid chair. This was her response to my questions, "Portland Council PTA runs the Clothing Center and Student Aid Fund. Any student enrolled in PPS may visit the clothing center 2 times per year. during those visits, if a student can not be fitted for clothing, shoes or jacket, they are referred to the Student Aid Fund. I am able to process the referral and issue a gift card for the items needed. Each student can access up to \$100.00 per school year. We have made exceptions for students who need more that 100.00 for clothing because of special needs such as plus size clothing that has a tendency to cost more. I am also able to assist in gift cards for eye glasses and exams, as well as a one time bus pass. The Student Aid fund is run off of donations from local PTA's and community members. Our capacity to

serve is based on need of students from year to year and in the past budget has played a role in the number of students served. Please let me know if you have any further questions." From my understanding, in the recent past, Abernethy has not donated to this fund.

Conversations About Race--the first book club meeting will be held this Wednesday. There are copies of the book in the Abernethy library for any families that are interested in reading Becoming Kareem but did not register for bookclub. Seven Corners New Seasons donated \$50 for snacks at the book club. Also, PTA student aid fund has distributed 20 certificates valued at \$10 to Jenny Morgan for scholarship families to use at the Scholastic book fair (thanks to Sara Albert for helping to coordinate).

Advocacy Committee: Bethany Cavanaugh

Advocacy/Equity/Inclusion committee has created a google group to share relevant materials and action items, and will invite community to another meeting in December.

GAP/SKG parent committee: Jay Austin

GAP is humming along at full enrollment, still with wait lists for all days. We have two scholarship students enrolled for a total of four days, which meets our budget commitment of \$2700 in aid over the school year. Allyson Wilinski has offered to handle more of the day-to-day supervision of the teachers and classroom matters, which will allow me to focus more on registration, tuition billing, and the SKG parent committee, which has continued to meet to explore options for Garden and its relation to the science curriculum. We have started some outreach to selected/identified teachers, and may consider sending a few short survey questions to all teachers if they and Heather agree. We are aiming to have a draft report to the Board sometime in January, in advance of that month's meeting.

Membership: Dawn McNeill

Membership & Chinook book update: PTA membership is currently at 188 members. Reminder: We are required to have all PTA leadership listed as paid members, other board and committee members are strongly suggested to hold current membership as well. Kirsten Isaacson or Carolyn should update the leadership list (or let me know if I should do so) on the OregonPTA.org site. We are still running behind our membership goal of 248 members (based on Oregon PTA target of 10% growth from last year's 225 membership total). We have wrapped up this year's sales for physical Chinook books and apps combos with a total of 42 books and 28 apps sold for a total of \$1,470, plus an additional 14 or so online app purchases, totaling \$111. Parents, relatives, friends and other Abernethy supporters can continue to re-up their Chinook book app by entering

the code "AbernethyElementary" when renewing subscriptions via the mobile app (50% of proceeds will automatically be credited to our PTA bank account). All Chinook books and apps have been distributed either at an event or to the oldest child's teacher for the child to bring home. I have a supply of coupons (courtesy of Oregon PTA, our parent org) for FREE ice cream at Baskin Robbins for all current PTA members. I will have them at Thursday's meeting to distribute and will put the extras in the office for parents to pick up next time they are at school.