

In Attendance: Terry Franks, Mark Lawson, Nick Macdonald, Anna Young, Sara Walsh, Bethany Antikajian, Jeff Azerrad, Gretchen Kilby, Caroline Bleckmann, Susan Beal, Dawn McNeill, Murielle Adair, Kirsten Choate, Robin Bruns Worona, Allie Quady, Missy Ryan, Kirsten Isaacson, Beth Cavanaugh, Joyce Chow, Karen Liao, Hanna Nesper Newell, Lisa Delaney, Jen Burkart, Dave Shanley, Julia Silverman, Abby Bush, Paul Coleman, Paul Horsell, Scott Wallace, Jen Wallace, Diane Masini, Jennifer Sorcinelli, Tiffany Howard, Christina Murff, Andrew Rice, Robert Krueger, Christine Olsen, Jessica Quarles, Karen Anderson, Heather Hull, Craig Stack, Stephanie Hart, Rose Caudillo, Carolyn Duran, Jay Austen.

Carolyn Duran calls the meeting to order at 6:37 pm

Principal's Report: Heather Hull

- A big thank you for all the community support over the years, as Principal Hull prepares to move on from Abernethy at the end of this year.

Treasurer's Report: Craig Stack (See attached budget)

- We are ending the year in good shape. Last year, we set very aggressive fundraising goals, and in the end we couldn't hit them. We've hit the limit for donations from our community. For 2019-2020, we tried to set the budget at a more achievable level.
- We will be launching a Scrip program to try and bring in revenue from a new source.
- The PTA will no longer be supporting a garden after-school program for next year.
- We are adding a playground monitor to help engage kids on the playground, plus adding some new supplies on the playground (tetherball, game rule boards, a motor area on the cement, etc). This is a new cost of about \$10K. Currently, some issues with gender equity on the playground, in terms of who plays in which space.
- We have increased a budget for recruiting new PTA members, and for the teacher appreciation fund.
- We are recommending that next year, we aim to fundraise enough to fund 1.8 FTE in the 2020-2021 school year, instead of the 2 FTE in the 2019-2020 school year.
- For the future, note that principals receive staffing budgets around mid-March, so decisions on FTE funded by the PTA need to be made by then.
- All grades are currently funded at three classes per grade, except for the single ½ split classroom (grades 1 and 2 are funded at 3.5 classrooms).
- Audience question: Is there any money for garden maintenance? Answer: There is \$1,000 for garden maintenance. Audience question: Can there be parent volunteers who sign up to help maintain it next year?

VOTES:

Should we try to fundraise \$250K to pay for 1.8 FTE at Abernethy in the 2020-2021 school year, with one third of the funding going to the Fund for PPS? Hanna Nesper-Newell makes a motion to approve, Julia Silverman seconds. One nay, two abstentions, motion passes.

Should we aim to raise \$153K for PTA programs for the 2020-2021 school year? Stephanie Hart makes a motion to approve, Lisa Delaney seconds. Vote passes unanimously.

Elections: All votes unanimous.

- Daniel Amoni elected as Safe Routes to School co-coordinator.
- Jen Burkart elected as Advocacy committee chair.
- Mark Lawson elected as mini-grants co-chair
- Alex Foster elected as grounds committee chair
- Becky Spencer and Beth Burns elected as co-chairs of student support committee.
- Rose Caudillo elected as vice-president.
- Ericka Morgan elected as secretary
- Paul Horsell elected as treasurer
- Christina Murff and Jen Wallace elected as co-chairs of the finance committee
- Christine Olsen elected as PTA check writer
- Morgan Long and Kim Bedwell elected as co-communications committee chairs.
- Lisa Delaney elected as e-commerce chair
- Jami Haaning elected as co-chair of the new family connections committee.
- Murielle Adair, Mandy Schmole and Lindsay Bertsch elected as chairs of the volunteer committee.
- Paul Coleman elected as chair of the membership committee.
- Abby Bush and Emily Moore elected as co-chairs of the Annual Appeal.

Positions that remain open: co-chairs for auction and fund run, basketball and the chili cook-off.

New Business:

Garden Education and GAP: Jay Austen, Dave Shanley + Allie Quaidy

- ECO Outdoors will be bringing daytime garden based education back to Abernethy's classrooms next year, visiting all rooms in grades K-3 between four and six times over the course of the year, for 45 minute lessons focused on the outdoors. Curriculum is designed to integrate with science standards.
- They will also be running a 5-day a week after-school program. Registration is underway. The price will be comparable to the current GAP program. Kids can enroll for two, three, four or five days. It's for K-5.

Next steps on fundraising conversation: Carolyn Duran

- About 160 people have responded to our survey on fundraising (see attached). Considering whether we can drop a fundraiser next year if we can meet our goals. Need to reduce the ongoing pressure for volunteers and the community, understanding that there is a spectrum of ability and time to accomplish these goals.

Grounds: Hanna Nesper Newell

- The turf is getting old, and becoming a safety hazard. We are considering doing a named brick fundraiser. There is more research to be done, but the turf was installed by a previous PTA, so we are responsible for it.
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Advocacy committee: Beth Cavanaugh

- A package to give an extra \$1 billion/year to education has passed the legislature. The next hurdle will be figuring out some sort of PERS legislation.

Meeting adjourned, 7:30 pm.