

The Arts Based School  
Parent Council Board Meeting  
Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 12:00pm  
Held via Zoom

In Attendance: PC Board: Stephanie Smith, Katy Whiteheart, Kathleen Stimley, Tabatha Smith, Katherine White, Jill Lane,  
Administration/Staff: Robin Hollis, Joey Cutts  
Parents: 5

Meeting called to order at 12:01pm by Katy Whiteheart

Welcome - Katy Whiteheart and Stephanie Smith

- Teacher Appreciation Update
  - Small Valentine's treat planned.
  - Planning underway for Teacher Appreciation Week in May.
- Nominations open for the 25/26 Parent Council Board.
  - Nominations for all positions will be held at the March meeting.
    - Open positions include:
      - Co-Chairs
        - This is a two year position. Ideally for a parent from each campus.
      - Secretary
      - Teacher Appreciation Coordinator - South Campus
  - Please reach out if interested in joining the Parent Council board in any capacity.
    - [absparentcouncil@googlegroups.com](mailto:absparentcouncil@googlegroups.com)
  - Descriptions of each role are being refined for accuracy and clarity of expectations.
  - Volunteers from SOUTH CAMPUS are especially needed.

Girl Scouts- Sandra Abrams (Engagement Manager for Forsyth County)

- Would like to set up a table to promote Girl Scouts at our events (Fall Fest, etc)
- There are currently 22 girls from ABS in Girl Scouts. The top school in her area.
- Delivered swag for girls k-2nd at both campuses.
- Questions - [sabrams@girlscoutsp2p.org](mailto:sabrams@girlscoutsp2p.org)

Director's report/Board Update- Robin Hollis

- Lottery was held.
  - 478 applications this year.
  - Lottery is now closed.
    - Applications are now open to join the waitlist.
- New board members have been approved.
  - New slate of officers will be determined in April.

- Their service begins in August.
- Reviewed student achievement
- Electric Bus reimbursement
  - EPA is having delays with reimbursements. It is unclear how we will be reimbursed. The board is troubleshooting how to handle the situation.
- Community Creates
  - Information can be found in Thursday Notes.
  - Fundraiser to pay for our resident artists.
- Power School is going away.
  - A switch is being made over the summer to Infinite Campus.
    - We are looking to consolidate all information in Infinite Campus.
  - If your information was compromised, you will be sent an email from PowerSchool. You will be offered 2 years of free data protection.

#### Question/Discussion

- Q- Will the new federal lunch program be affected by the new federal spending issues?
- A- It is unclear at this time. Up to this point, we have not received any federal dollars for a lunch program- it has been funded by ABS. We are moving forward under the assumption we will be receiving federal funding. Please fill out the new forms if you think your family is eligible for free or reduced lunch.
- Q- Does every family need to fill out the survey for free and reduced lunch?
- A- If you know you will not qualify, you do not need to fill out the forms. However, you do need to set up an account on the new system if you want to order hot lunches or pizza Friday. The new system will replace mymealorder.com. It will be the same caterer.

#### Final Thoughts

- Thanks to all parent reps for keeping classes informed.
- Look out for information regarding Field Day coming soon.
- Pizza Friday T-shirts are available! Check for the link in Thursday notes. \$5 from each shirt will be donated to the ABS Teacher Appreciation fund.
- The draft of the yearbook is almost due to be sent in- Check the Facebook page for links to send in any pictures.
  - The link to order yearbooks is now live, check Thursday Notes or the Facebook page for the link. Due date to order a yearbook is March 31st.

Meeting adjourned at 12:24PM

Next ABS Board Meeting March 11, 2025 at 5:45 pm -CANCELLED

Next Parent Council meeting Friday, March 21, 2025 at 8:30am in MLK cafeteria

Minutes submitted by: Secretary Tabatha Smith

Minutes approved on: 02/19/2025 by: The Parent Council Board