

Abernethy PTA Board Meeting

Date: 3/14/2017

Attendees:

Jim Kohler	Shonda Laborde	Murielle Adair
Lisa Delaney	Stephanie Hart	Rachel Haas
Kirstin Isaacson	Ryan Gibson	Rose Hurner
Kari Brooks Capony	Leah Woods	Hanna Nesper Newell

Agenda:

1) **Call to Order** - 7:10pm, by Jim Kohler

2) **Approval of Minutes**

Kirsten Isaacson makes a **MOTION** to approve the minutes from the last PTA Board meeting, Kari Brooks Capony seconds.

VOTE: The motion passes unanimously.

3) **Officers & Committee Reports**

a) **Finance Committee**

i) No update.

b) **Auction**

i) Netted \$74,800 on the event, \$98 gross (approximately \$24k in expenses). Paddle raise did very well, and the raffle did great and brought in more money than if that same item had been in the live auction. Last year the event netted \$69,500, so we were up a bit and on target.

ii) Next year the auction will be on February 10th at Left Bank. It's earlier than usual because of the availability of the auctioneer and the timing of other school auctions.

c) **Fun Run**

i) Schedule is a bit cramped this year, between spring break and the auction, the fun run doesn't have as much pledge/prep time.

ii) We are using a new cover letter and form to make the event information consolidated and clear.

iii) Event will be the same format as last year with water bottles under the covered area and track surrounding. Will meet with new teachers to make sure they know what to expect.

iv) They are sending info to the community on Julie's list, the yahoo group, the Monday Mailer, directly to teachers, and also to Kinder families thru Bobbi Jo- to frame the event a little more for them so they are comfortable.

v) Met with Ms. Romanaggi, and she didn't have a lot of info about the event. There was no assembly this year as there had been in years past. Mr. Goodrich had always done an assembly to give a big platform to the event, but given snow days and the instructional time

crunch the school opted to skip this.

- vi) Mr. Goodrich will come back for the run day. He'll also volunteer for the dunk tank as incentive if his availability works out.
- vii) Incentive for biggest fundraisers will be the dunk tank to dunk teachers at the carnival, (no line wait or tickets needed).
- viii) Distance run idea – last year if the distance of all laps run was tallied, the students would have made it to Sioux City, IA. Could we make an incentive for kids to get to a certain point by grade?
- ix) 2/3 of the day-of volunteer positions are filled already.
- x) Goal this year is \$42K, goal last year was \$40K and then we pulled in \$55K. Last year we had an anonymous donor on top of this to incentivize more pledges, we do not know if that will happen this year.
- xi) Forms need to be turned in before break to give the team time to process them and see how much we need to encourage the community for additional donations.
- xii) Payments will be online soon.
- xiii) Bonus laps will be counted (the standard +1 lap on the actual run total) and will be explained in the letter when forms are returned for pledge collection.

d) SKG/GAP

- i) Had a good garden clean up event on the 25th.
- ii) Prepping for earth day celebration – students can make peace flags for the garden and then people will gather for the chili cookoff inside.
- iii) Want to recognize the Garden Specialist for all her work in the garden and with the clean up event.
- iv) GAP – grossed \$70K this year; vendor who provided the teachers dropped out, so we will contract directly with the afterschool teachers like we do with Spanish.
- v) For next year will scale back GAP with fewer kids and teachers and figure out a better vendor solution.
- vi) CUB is going up to \$15/hr from \$85/year, so this will be a big new expense for the program.
- vii) Need to set the garden curriculum standards: what do we want to accomplish with it, how do we evaluate it? Want to coordinate with Site Council on standards tie in between classroom work and garden. Need to revisit to move this along.

e) Staff update

- i) Enjoyed the auction- will relay message from PTA about teacher auction tickets and options for the future.

f) Other Committee/Officer updates

- i) None.

4) Unfinished Business

- a) Will we have the Fregenet fundraiser this year? Mr Kurtz is gone- could we do this to collect books for other city libraries or schools?
Results: Counselor Jenny Morgan will be taking this on and do a similar fundraiser.
- b) Should we have a service coordinator on the PTA Board to coordinate maybe 2 events per year for service?
 - (1) Could advertise it as an open position and then if it doesn't get filled we won't pursue at this time. Someone may be very interested. Could be a family...
 - (2) Let's leave as unfinished business until more 2017-2018 positions are filled.
- c) Regarding the WPA mural restoration effort: Questions: How would being the fiscal agent for these grants impact our taxes? Who would claim this as income?
Results: Have 2 grants due tomorrow. One of them we will likely fall short on submitting

requirements due to short turn around. Still need the follow up on the tax questions above.

5) New Business

i) **Staffing Updates, District News, Additional Ask?**

- (1) No updates yet. Waiting...
- (2) May need to have an additional ask/fundraiser if there is a key gap that can be funded. We will find out budget and then know if this is needed.

ii) **March Community Meeting**

- (1) Updates: Auction, Fun Run, Recruitment
- (2) Votes: Standing Rule amendment, Add PTA Board position for eCommerce Manager, remove Fundraising Chair
- (3) Update from Heather – Staffing
- (4) Other?
 - (a) We will stream this meeting on Facebook as an experiment.

6) Announcements

7) Open Forum

- a) Could the USA map on the blacktop be repainted by scouts? Hanna would like to have a painting day in May where the portables and map are repainted. A couple of troops have been approached to ask about the map specifically, but perhaps this could be a wider school event.
- b) PTA would like to let everyone know that the holes in the playground were caused by the snowplows. We're not sure when they'll be fixed.
- c) Why aren't the bark chips being spread? They sit in mounds on the playground for weeks. Not sure. Will need to check with Heather.

8) Adjournment

- a) Kirsten Isaacson makes a **MOTION** to adjourn, Lisa Delaney seconds.
VOTE: The motion passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Highlights denote items requiring follow up at the next meeting.

APPROVED



Leah Woods
Abernethy PTA Secretary