

Abernethy PTA Community Meeting, 4/18

Attending: Beth Burns, Joyce Chow, Maria Caudillo, Heather Hull, Lisa Delaney, Hanna Nesper-Newell, Kirsten Isaacson, Robin Bruns-Worona, Alex Foster, Beth Cavanaugh, Rose Caudillo, Jess Quarles, Julia Silverman

Kirsten Isaacson calls the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

Beth Cavanaugh makes a motion to approve the minutes from the March community meeting. Robin Bruns Worona seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Hanna Nesper Newell

- All committees must provide their line item budget for next year by the end of April.
- Last year's budget will be placed on Slack, for comparison purposes.

Grounds report: Alex Foster (See attached for more detailed review of options).

- Committee has been reviewing several options for moving forward with turf replacement, including a new turf, paving over the area, putting in a nature playground, putting in grass, and doing nothing.
- Variable include costs, payment of living wages, disposal of material and design/planning fees if needed.
- Committee members have also considered equity, in terms of which students are using the turf. Environmental factors are also a consideration, as were the risk of injury to students on different surfaces.
- Could we use Scrip to begin seeding a fund to pay for eventual replacement? Incoming grandparent for next year has experience with Scrip and may be willing to run it at Abernethy.
- Proposal to poll parents/students at the carnival via a voting jar to get a better read on which option is preferred for the long term. Also can use student council to survey students.

President's Report: Hanna Nesper Newell

- PPS is starting a new fund to replace All Hands Raised. The fund will focus on larger strategic partnerships and has already brought in big ticket donations from Meyer Memorial Trust, the Trail Blazers Foundation, etc.
- Same split — schools can keep 2/3rds of their donations after the first 10K can remain in place.
- Coordinator's salary will be paid by private donations.
- Scheduled to take place in the fall, will be considered by the school board next month.

- Administrators hope that new format will mean they can be more gradual about tapering off funding for some schools.
- Plans call for some parent-training, and for PPS to be a liaison to the business community for items like auction locations.
- Concerns from Abernethy: Does this give businesses a cheaper way to support schools without paying significant corporate taxes? Will corporations be able to direct their giving according to their priorities? What will it do to schools in the rest of Multnomah County that have benefitted from All Hands Raised in the past? Can we draft a statement from our PTA expressing some of these concerns?

Fun Run: Kirsten Isaacson

- Donations are still coming in. Unlikely we will hit the \$60K goal.

Nominating Committee: Beth Cavanaugh

- Will begin targeted outreach after committee members are elected. Keeping track of people who have expressed interest. Fliers went home in backpacks earlier this week, with information about different roles available next year. Will speak to teachers at K and 1st in search of specific recommendations.

Advocacy Committee: Mark Leece/Beth Cavanaugh

- Proposal in Salem to fund education in the form of a gross receipts tax, will meet significant resistance from business. Amendments will come in this week.
- OEA and PAT are supporting the bill, but fear it is regressive, because all businesses making over \$1 million are taxed at a flat percentage.
- May 8 is the date for a rally to support public education at Waterfront Park. Want to have a big turnout from Abernethy -- set up carpools? A meeting place at the rally? Sign-making party? Help with child care for working parents?

New Business:

- Beth Burns, Lisa Delaney and Alex Foster nominated to join the nominating committee by Kirsten Isaacson. Julia Silverman seconds. Vote passes unanimously.

Public Announcement:

Robin Bruns Worona: Working to recruit parents for a garden work party. Will coordinate with grounds committee.

Julia Silverman makes motion to adjourn at 10 am. Hanna Nesper Newell seconds. Motion passes unanimously.