

## Abate Parent Group Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2019, 5:30pm

### Present:

Mrs. Bianco

Mrs. Tompkins

Jennifer O'Conner

Becky Hedgepeth

Paul Hedgepeth

Alex Padilla

Tracy Vincent

Becky Hedgepeth welcomed everyone and read the minutes from the December meeting. She also reviewed the charter, voting procedures and necessary volunteer sheet for newcomers.

The Parent Group distributed January newsletters to staff mailboxes.

We reviewed events recently done, including the juggling assembly by In Jest (Nels Ross), on Jan. 7 for 1-3 graders, which had been a great success, and the staff break room face lift, which took place on Jan. 9, and was also met with positive feedback.

We discussed upcoming events including the Nickel City Reptile show on January 31 for 4-6 grades, the Abate STEM night on February 21 and the Spelling Bee on March 12 and mandatory info night on Feb. 26, both at 5pm.

For the Spelling Bee, the following action steps would be taken:

Becky would create flyer and distribute to schools in January with Tracy Vincent's help.

Tickets for participating students would be \$5 and entrance for all ages \$1.

An optional coloring contest would be open to participating students and their younger siblings. Mrs. Bianco and Mrs. Tompkins would provide supplies for prizes.

Becky would reach out to Mr. Carella and Ms. Doerr about serving as judges.

Becky would work with Mrs. Manella to create word lists.

Mrs. Tompkins would offer overtime pay with a grant that is available.

Paul Hedgepeth would look out for Fidelis Care potential donation of \$400.

Becky would check on the status of last year's decorations.

Becky would recruit volunteers and contact volunteers from last year.

We discussed the possibility of hosting a family movie night later in the year.

Paul Hedgepeth gave a financial update. The balance was \$1,668.90. We voted to approve reimbursing all expenses related to the staff break room remodel (approx. \$400), as well as some misc. expenses for staff Christmas treats and the canned food drive winning class pizza party as soon as receipts were collected.

We discussed an Abate Garden Club to work on beautifying out school's exterior. Jennifer O'Conner would reach out to Grass Roots Gardens, Ms. Gawron, Tracy Vincent, and possibly

others, to form a committee and meet in February to discuss ideas and possibilities. Mrs. Tompkins would inform the district of the school's desire to incorporate the garden in summer school curriculum. Also, the April parent group meeting would be a family planting activity night.

Becky invited parents to participate in "Nominate Your Favorite Teacher" contest by Cheese Heads Bright Future ([www.cheeseheadsbrighfuture.com](http://www.cheeseheadsbrighfuture.com)), for a chance to win \$500 for their classroom.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 28, 2019, at 5:30pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Becky Hedgepeth, bh