

Abate Parent Group Meeting Minutes - November 8, 2018, 3:00pm

Present:

Becky Hedgepeth, Alex Padilla, Loretta Smith, Margaret Mozell, Diane Bianco, Assistant Principal

The following issues were discussed:

1. Educational Assemblies and Field Trips

The Abate Parent Group made approximately \$1,700 through the Harlem Wizards event on October 25, 2018. Besides the profit earned that evening, the event was considered a spectacular success, as over 1,300 people attended and had a wonderful, memorable time.

The group discussed the following possibilities that the funds could be used for and decided to pursue bringing two educational assemblies to the students: "Nickel City Reptile Show" for grades 4-6 and "In Jest" juggler Nels Ross for grades K-3 in early 2019.

Other possibilities for educational assemblies included Presti (monkeys) and DeVeaux Woods State Park.

The group discussed providing funds for other field trips to the movie theater. Alex P. and Loretta S. would gather information from Regal Cinemas and the Four Seasons Theater about showing older, non-fiction educational films, cost per student, how many students could it, and discounts on concessions.

2. School Beautification

The group discussed surveying students, parents and staff to get their input about school beautification. The group decided to survey staff through a short survey put in staff mailboxes and returned to the parent group for analysis; and survey students and families with a large poster at the upcoming family STEM night on November 15. Miss Mozell would provide the poster. Becky H. would prepare and distribute survey to staff.

The group looked at the staff lounge and would brainstorm ideas on how to make it more personal and comfortable.

3. Teacher wish list items

The group decided to postpone this, allowing the school to allocate funds to the teachers to use for various needs/desired items for their classrooms.

4. Teacher Appreciation Day

The group voted to allocate \$200 for Teacher Appreciation Day events, including 1-2 paint nights for staff with Wendy Udy at NF Public Library.

5. Teacher Communications

The group signed a November communication for teachers and staff. Becky H. would distribute to mailboxes.

The group planned a Christmas communication for Dec. 13. Loretta S. would provide a platter of home baked treats, Mrs. Bianco would provide hot drinks, and Becky H. would provide paper goods and a Christmas card/sign, all to be placed inside the mailroom.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 9:00am.
All parents and guardians are welcome to attend!

Minutes respectfully submitted by Becky Hedgepeth