

Abate Parent Group Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2019, 5:30pm

Present

Jeff Paterson	Joy Murphy	Jada Cunningham	Kereen Barracks
Evie Shepherd	Alex Padilla	Kraig Robison	Paul Hedgepeth
Becky Hedgepeth	Lynne Tompkins	Angela Manella	

Procedures - Becky Hedgepeth welcomed everyone and led the group in introductions. Everyone received a copy of the Parent Group charter. Paul Hedgepeth explained the voting/dues policy in the charter. Everyone was also invited to fill in a volunteer application in order to volunteer at the school.

Events - Becky discussed the different types of Parent Groups, and how the Abate Parent Group focuses on events that bring families and the school together. Funds raised at such events are used to help the school with various needs.

Upcoming events during this school year are the first Abate Family Craft Fair in conjunction with the Abate Family STEAM Night (Nov. 14); the District Wide Spelling Bee (March 24) and Teacher Appreciation Day (May 5). New ideas are always welcome at any time.

Financial Report - Paul Hedgepeth showed the group his banking records and reported that the Parent Group has between bank funds and cash a total of \$1,232.63.

The Parent Group voted to purchase 8-10 rectangular tablecloths for the school to use during community events. Mrs. Tompkins would purchase and be reimbursed at our next meeting.

Box Tops - The Parent Group discussed the shift that Box Tops was making from clipping to scanning with a smart phone app. Mrs. Manella would research this further and send a notice home to parents regarding the new way to collect Box Tops.

Administrative News – Mrs. Tompkins, Mrs. Manella reported that school safety was a top priority. Already 3 fire drills has been administered. Also they were placing high importance on attendance incentives, including the 5 week ice cream parties, gift card drawings for parents and a bike raffle at the end of the year.

Invitations - The WNY Boy Scouts presented their new program starting in Niagara Falls and invited anyone interested to get information at their table.

Parents were invited to attend one of the upcoming Sister School Public Forums taking place on Sept. 24 at NSS, Oct. 1 at Kalfas, or Oct. 8 at Abate, all at 6pm.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 5:30pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Becky Hedgepeth/bh