

Abate Parent Group Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2019, 5:30pm

Present

Jeff Paterson	Jada Cunningham	Evie Shepherd	Alex Padilla	Lisa Szalach
Paul Hedgepeth	Becky Hedgepeth	Lynne Tompkins	Angela Manella	Kristina Zaffran

Presentation – Mrs. Szalach gave a presentation on her Healthy Behaviors 5-week curriculum to be taught to 5th and 6th graders at Abate in January or February. Mrs. Zaffran gave a presentation on efforts by the school to tackle the issue of student attendance.

Events - The group planned for the upcoming STEAM Night/Craft Fair. We were expecting 12 craft vendors, including Abate students, families and staff. Becky would prepare name tags for the craft vendors as well as for the student ambassadors involved in STEAM events. We would host a gift wrapping station for shoppers. Flyers would be distributed to students on October 21, and included in the November school newsletter. Vendors would be invited to come set up as early as 4pm on the night of the event. Raffle prizes would be distributed on the night of the event, about half hour into the evening.

Financial Report

Paul Hedgepeth reported that we had about \$1,232.63 in our account. We would reimburse Mrs. Tompkins for the purchase of 6 new tablecloths, and expected about \$250 in revenue from Box Tops and the Craft Fair.

Ideas

A. We discussed sending our Band students on a field trip to the Buffalo Symphony Orchestra on March 4, 2020. The school would pay for bussing, and the parent group would pay for the tickets (\$7 per student). Becky would follow up with the BPO about the field trip and ask if they had any presentations that could be done at Abate.

Jeff would also look into having Matt's Music come to the school for presentations to younger students.

B. We discussed a seemingly easy fundraiser with Schoolstore.com, which happens with online shopping and designating the school of your choice. Becky would see if any other schools in our district had any experience with Schoolstore.com, and proceed to try it out.

C. Nels Ross from In Jest would be coming to the school for an assembly. In exchange for Abate promoting his services, he would give the school \$100 off. Becky would promote his services at the District Parent Committee meeting on October 21.

Administrative News

Mrs. Tompkins and Mrs. Manella reported that on the school's recent evacuation drill with the Earl Brydges library as the school's safe location; upcoming Book Fair open to parents during parent teacher conferences on Nov. 21; Halloween protocol regarding costumes and celebrations; and Title I programming.

Upcoming assemblies were scheduled for October 21 with Willy Price, emotional well being motivational speaker; November 6 with Cris Johnson on No Bully Zone; December 4 with Nels Ross from In Jest.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 5:30pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Becky Hedgepeth/bh