

Abate Parent Group Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2019, 5:30pm

Present

Michele Paterson
Paul & Becky Hedgepeth
Lynne Tompkins
Stacie Smith

Opening – Becky Hedgepeth read the minutes from our last meeting in October and reviewed the presentation at the November District Parent Committee Meeting, including Superintendent Mark Laurrie's plans to move forward with the Sister School initiative; considering becoming the proprietor of Head Start in Niagara County; moving the Living Environment class from high school to middle school in order to allow 9-10th graders the ability to take non-college elective classes (trades); alternative programs for dealing with student suspension, such as youth court; new community sponsorship opportunity to generate more funds for schools; offering dinner to students who partake in after school programs, beginning in Abate in 2020; district updates via you-tube posts; cameras being installed on school buses; new Starbucks open inside NFHS to teach students in barista certification.

Events Done - The group reviewed the Harlem Wizards event on October 25 and suggested the planning committee look into having Niagara University students from the Event Planning major join in an internship type setting. Becky would bring this idea to Mike Kurilovitch's attention.

We also reviewed the Family Craft Fair STEAM Night on November 14 and discussed ideas on how to make it better next year, including setting up the vendor tables in a larger common area and encouraging vendors to focus on holiday items under a certain price limit. We will bring up this idea again at the end of the year about doing it again next Fall.

Both events had articles in the District newspaper. 😊

Upcoming Events

- a. BPO Symphony field trip for band students on March 4, 2020 – we purchased 80 tickets + 5 chaperones (Mr. Kineke, Abate building based sub + 3 parents)
- b. BPO Assembly at Abate on February 26, 2020 for 3-5 grade students
- c. Schoolstore.com fundraiser set to begin on Jan. 21, flyers will arrive on Jan. 13 and the Parent Group will distribute.
- d. District Wide Spelling Bee on March 24

Financial Report

Paul Hedgepeth reported that we had \$363.46 in petty cash and \$244.88 in our checking account after spending \$560 for the BPO field trip, and. We earned \$180 from the Craft Fair and received an anonymous donation for \$40.

Administrative News

Mrs. Tompkins shared about the new Christmas tree with hats and gloves for students to take. She also shared that Abate was the recipient of the WNY STEM Hub. Congratulations, Abate!

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2019 at 5:30pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Becky Hedgepeth/bh