

Abate Parent Group Meeting Minutes  
February 28, 2019, 5:30pm

Present:

Cassandra Empson  
Tracy Vincent  
Paul & Becky Hedgepeth  
Lynne Tompkins

Welcome & DPC Updates

Becky H. welcomed the group and gave a brief overview of the District Parent Committee presentations from January and February which included the Northpointe Council Prevention & Education Program presentation on helping teenagers with issues of substance abuse, and Bikers Against Child Abuse, a group of concerned citizens who "adopt" children in dangerous abusive situations to provide protection, support and boost confidence.

Recent Events

The group reviewed recent events, including the Abate family STEM night on Feb. 21, which was a big success; the Spelling Bee Info Night on Feb. 26, at which 72 students district wide registered for the Spelling Bee; and reactions from Abate staff to the staff room remodel (very positive!).

Spelling Bee

For the upcoming Spelling Bee on March 19, the following action steps would be taken:

- \*Becky would connect with Margaret Mozell about being in charge of the pizza and Jennifer O'Conner about being in charge of the fruit at concessions.
- \*Paul and Cassandra E. would work together with concessions and cash register.
- \*Mrs. Tompkins and Paul H. would work on ordering and paying for the pizza. Cassandra would be available for pizza pick ups if needed.
- \*Cassandra and Becky would set up for the Spelling Bee on March 18 at 5pm.
- \*Becky would reach out to Ezra Scott with details about being one of our judges.
- \*Tracy V. would help with clean up at the Spelling Bee at 7:30pm.
- \*Tracy V. would reach out to Rich at NFHS about having the event televised.

Financial Update

Paul Hedgepeth gave a financial update. The balance was \$1,665.13 in checking and \$623.57 in cash, totaling \$2,288. We agreed to keep all the cash until the night of the Spelling Bee to insure enough money for cash boxes.

Garden Club

The Abate Garden Club led by Ms. Gawron was to begin March 20. Tracy V. would reach out to Ms. Gawron with her idea of having local parents from Head Start get involved to maintain the garden during summer months. Mrs. Tompkins informed the group that her idea of having the summer school program incorporate the garden into their curriculum would not work after all,

as the building would be undergoing capital improvements over the summer and there would be no summer program held at Abate this year.

#### Fun Day Game Equipment

Mrs. Tompkins informed us of upcoming events including Family Fun Night around May 9 and Fun Day in June. The group discussed the possibility of purchasing some outdoor games for Fun Day that could be used year after year and possibly be shared with Niagara Street School. Everyone would research ideas and discuss this further at our next meeting.

#### Next Meeting

Our next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2019, at 5:30pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Becky Hedgepeth/bh