

Abate Parent Group Meeting Minutes - Jan. 13, 2020

Present

Michele Paterson, Paul & Becky Hedgepeth, Mrs. Manella, Mrs. Tompkins, Stacie Smith, Laura Hood

Financial Report

After a welcome and reading of the minutes from our last meeting in December, Paul H. reported that our funds were up to \$591.46 in cash and \$333.20 in checking, totaling \$924.66. This included a check from Box Tops for \$88 and \$180 income from the Craft Fair.

Administrative News

Mrs. Tompkins and Mrs. Manella shared the following:

- a. Graphic novel sets focusing on difficult emotional topics being distributed to classroom teachers under the direction of our school counselors;
- b. Safety drills including an evacuation drill to take place on March 10 and new locks and key settings installed under Capital Improvements that allow classrooms to be locked from the inside
- c. Upcoming events including Perfect Attendance awards for Jan. 6-31; Jan. 28 Math simulation for 6th graders; Feb. 11 ELA testing for 3-6th graders

SchoolStore Fundraiser

Becky reported that the packages from SchoolStore had arrived and were ready for distribution to classrooms. Upon further discussion regarding the fiasco with the fall fundraiser and the disastrous results leading to bad feelings about school fundraisers, the group decided to write a letter that would be included in the February school newsletter, and then send out the packets on February 7.

Becky would send a fundraiser overview for Lynne to include in the letter for the February newsletter.

Spelling Bee

Plans were well underway for the upcoming District wide Spelling Bee on March 24, including:

- a. Becky was working with the District on supplies
- b. Lynne would look out for packages from Jones Supply and Oriental Trading for Becky
- c. Classroom lists from all elementary schools would be collected by Lynne and given to Becky by January 31
- d. Copies of flyers would be ordered by Feb. 10
- e. Flyers would be sorted and prepped by Becky, Michele P. and Tracy V. by Feb. 19
- f. Flyers would be sent out to schools by Feb. 20
- g. Flyers would be distributed to Abate classrooms by Feb. 24
- h. Decorations for the forum, photo station and prizes would be overseen by Stacey S. and Michele P.

- i. Food purchases would be discussed closer to the event with Lynne (pizza) and Stacey S. (Wegman's).

The group decided to make the following change this year: instead of issuing a list of words plus a challenge word list, we would distribute only a list of words. One list of 50 Challenge Words would be unpublished but available for use if needed. This decision would be included in the rules and explained to parents at the Info Meeting on March 10.

Matt's Music Assembly

Jeff Paterson contacted Matt's Music about the possibility of doing assemblies at Abate. He would send the information to Lynne to pursue further.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2020 at 5:30pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted
by Becky Hedgepeth
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