

# Abernethy PTA Board Meeting

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*Date: 5/9/2017 agenda revised for 6/12/2017*

## Attendees:

<b>Jim Kohler</b>	<b>Shonda Laborde</b>	<b>Craig Stack</b>
<b>Lisa Delaney</b>	<b>Stephanie Hart</b>	<b>Beth Cavanaugh</b>
<b>Kirstin Isaacson</b>	<b>Gretchen Kilby</b>	<b>Ericka Morgan</b>
<b>Kari Brooks Capony</b>	<b>Leah Woods</b>	<b>Rose Hurner</b>
<b>Erica Arthurs</b>	<b>Sara Albert</b>	<b>Jen Burkart</b>
<b>Helen Rabold</b>	<b>Julia Silverman</b>	<b>Dawn McNeill</b>
<b>Cecily Murray</b>	<b>Carolyn Duran</b>	<b>Jen Leider</b>
<b>Nikki Rudiger</b>	<b>Leslie O'Connor</b>	<b>Robin Bruns Worona</b>
<b>Daniela Krebs</b>		

## Agenda:

- 1) **Call to Order** - 7:07pm, Jim Kohler
  
- 2) **Approval of Minutes**
  - a) Shonda Laborde makes a **MOTION** to approve the minutes from the last board meeting. Kirsten Isaacson seconds.  
**VOTE:** The motion passes unanimously.
  
- 3) **Officers & Committee Reports**
  - a) **Welcome Incoming Board Members**
    - i) Jim and Leah give an explanation of board roles so everyone understands who votes (officers; some share votes), who doesn't (standing committee chairs) and how that works.
  - b) **Finance Committee –**
    - i) Presented budget  
Q: Are professional development expenses for teachers included here?  
A: No. Not at this time. Could be added at a later date if board supports that budget addition/change.  
Q: Where do expenses come from?  
A: Chairs and Officers say what they need for their event/service, in some cases reconciling with what's been spent in the past.
    - ii) The Foundation expense is higher than what was approved. This is due to more faculty costs

needing to be covered by PTA as requested from Heather. The request comes to PTA because those funds/positions were cut at district level and if PTA doesn't chip in more, we lose those positions.

- iii) Need to edit standing rules to differentiate carry over versus emergency fund, and budget versus cash flow need to know the amount that's needed for carry over for beginning of year start funds and consider the rest surplus for emergency fund.
- iv) Lisa Delaney makes a **MOTION** to increase the FTE Foundation line item for the 2016-2017 budget as presented. Kirsten Isaacson seconds.  
**VOTE:** The motion passes unanimously.
- v) Q: How do we make sure the PTA is getting volunteer time compensation from employers?  
A: Certain companies offer this as a benefit. It's a communication issue because this compensation could go to PPS generally unless it's tracked correctly with the employer. Let's make sure our PTA members know to get their employer contributions tracked specifically for our school.
- vi) Lisa Delaney makes a **MOTION** to approve next year's (2017-2018) budget with the duplicate Harvest of the Month line item removed. Kari Brooks-Copony seconds.  
**VOTE:** The motion passes unanimously.
- vii) Q: To keep this budget open and flexible for the coming year and add in some broader service/charity items that might benefit larger community, can we recruit a service project chair to vet potential service projects and funding requests for those?  
A: To discuss at start of year.

**c) Staff update**

- i) Q: There will be no tug of war at field day, who made that decision?  
A: It was a community decision based on parent feedback, some teacher feedback as well. Students will do flash mob or pole vault events after doing all other stations instead of tug of war.

**d) Other Committee/Officer updates**

- i) SKG- Garden waterers are on board this summer. Erika Morgan will take the worm bin to babysit this summer.
- ii) Everyone should be transitioning roles now and through the summer so everyone is ready.

**4) Unfinished Business**

- a) Should we have a service coordinator on the PTA Board to coordinate maybe 2 events per year for service?
  - (1) Could advertise it as an open position and then if it doesn't get filled we won't pursue at this time. Someone may be very interested. Could be a family...
  - (2) Let's leave as unfinished business until more 2017-2018 positions are filled.  
Results: Consider this for next year.
- b) Need to set the garden curriculum standards: what do we want to accomplish with it, how do we evaluate it? Want to coordinate with Site Council on standards tie in between classroom work and garden. Need to revisit to move this along.  
Results: Will work on this for next year with garden stakeholders.
- c) Regarding the WPA mural restoration effort: Questions: How would being the fiscal agent for these grants impact our taxes? Who would claim this as income?  
Results: Waiting to hear back from grants.

**5) New Business**

- i) **Current Year Budget Amendment**
  - (1) Covered above. See b) iv)

ii) **2017-2018 Budgeting**

(1) Covered above. See item b)

iii) **Voting Officers; need tie-breaker clarification in Standing Rules**

(1) Options might include: separate president role for tie breaker, or separate treasurer and other finance committee members.

iv) **Other Year End Business**

**6) Announcements**

- a) Most new members are on the Yahoo Board group, and then dropbox will be invited soon.
- b) Courageous Conversations About Race will be on the next community meeting agenda.
- c) Q: How do we get the calendar for events for next year to schedule our participation?  
A: Contact Julie Wood- this is being finished now with the district calendar.

**7) Open Forum**

**8) Adjournment**

Kirsten Isaacson makes a **MOTION** to adjourn. Kari Brooks Copony seconds.

**VOTE:** The motion passes uananimously. Meeting adjourned 8:48pm.

**Highlights denote items requiring follow up at the next meeting.**

**NOTE: These minutes are provided for review and distribution but have not yet been approved by the PTA Board.**

Leah Woods  
Abernethy PTA Secretary