

Abernethy Community Meeting

Date: 6/14/2017 – Special Meeting

**This meeting will be live streamed on the Abernethy Homeroom Facebook page.*

Agenda:

1) Call to Order - 8:49am, Jim Kohler

2) Approval of Minutes

a) Beth Cavanaugh makes a **MOTION** to approve the minutes from the last community meeting. Lisa Delaney seconds.

VOTE: The motion passes unanimously.

3) Public Comment – *Community members are welcomed to sign up to speak for up to 2 minutes each regarding issues, questions, concerns, or feedback. [Sign up here](#) or immediately prior to the meeting start time in the auditorium. Public Comment period will last up to 15 minutes.*

4) Officer & Committee Reports

a) Year end reports as needed

i) None.

5) Unfinished Business - N/A

6) New Business

a) Budget change for 2016-2017

i) Explained proposal of increased Foundation expense. \$203K to \$322K; that will fund FTE for 2017-2018. Needed to increase to keep current staff with district cuts. Also proposing a \$10K increase to teacher support to pay out this year. The Board voted to approve these changes in the last board meeting.

b) Budget vote for 2017-2018

i) Reviewed budget for the year.

Q: Budget for membership numbers, it's more going out than in. Why?

A: There was a discrepancy so we estimated. There is still a discrepancy but it seems a small discrepancy- some of it is accounted to credit card fees.

ii) We may try to separate CC fees as new line item to track this expense more and help with accounting.

iii) Community input in each budget is important. This is money given by the community, so all members have a say in where it should go: proposing new things not currently in the budget, or proposing changes to existing approved budgets. For example, we have talked about adding a Service Coordinator who could vet expenditures for service projects/donations. We possibly need to fund additional 5th grade activities, etc.

Q: What happens if there is a surplus or deficit?

A: We need to work on this more. We added a rule about routing surplus to an emergency

- fund, so that is part of the solution. Don't yet have a thorough process for these outcomes.
- iv) Surplus in the distributed budget is \$43K, but we actually have \$100K or \$110K due to account cash accumulation over the years. Craig has been looking into this and found this is our actual left over cash in the PTA account.
 - v) Garden is half time next year, there are many specials (music, PE, library); 2 or 2.5 month-long units for NGSS will be next year too.
 - vi) Helen Rabold makes a MOTION to approve the budget proposed for the 2017-2018 year, Sara Albert seconds.
VOTE: The motion passes unanimously. The proposed 2017-2018 budget is approved. (attached)
- c) Courageous Conversations About Race
- i) Joyce spoke to offer support and resources after the Hosford incident. Meetings are open for everyone. Other ways to be involved if you can't come to meetings might include different formats: coffee snacks in gazebo after drop off; use the resource page on the Abernethy website. If you have resources, please share and we can post on line; email CCAR with info, questions, suggestions. Hosford principal has shared some resources via email, Karen Laio put together a handout (attached) reviewed publicly. Important to note race not science or genetics, it's a societal definition.
 - ii) Teachers are trying to bring different perspectives through literature given it is a pretty white community, this is a method to use. There will be more race work and training in the school so parents will see this more in the coming year.
 - iii) Come to any meeting if you are interested – Joyce, Karen and Jessica Quarles facilitate; contact them with questions.
 - iv) We have a few book ideas from the Oakland library. <http://oaklandlibrary.org/blogs/from-main-library/listen-learn-participate-blacklivesmatter-resource-series>

7) Announcements

- a) Community meetings every third Thursday, board meetings second Tuesday of the month next year- calendar still in progress. Need to know late starts before publishing from district.

- 8) **Open Forum** – *If you would like to give a presentation to the community, contact abernethyptasecretary@gmail.com to be added to the Open Forum agenda. Open Forum also allows meeting attendees to ask questions or follow up on items discussed during the course of the meeting.*

9) Adjournment

- Helen Rabold makes a **MOTION** to adjourn. Beth Cavanaugh seconds.
VOTE: Motion passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned 9:35am.

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 PTA Membership.

Leah Woods
Abernethy PTA Secretary