ACES PTA Board Meeting (11/9/2018)

January 11th, 2018 [Board Meeting Minutes](http://www.abbottscreekpta.org/pta-meeting-minutes.html)

5:30pm [General Meeting Minutes](http://www.abbottscreekpta.org/pta-meeting-minutes.html)

 [2017-2018 Committees](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1v12X_wGXp2_DagJzty05_xnLiUQ4jSdObeCUFbkYyqI/edit#gid=836576003)

 [2017-2018 Calendar of Events](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SgLnN6-iLbfakg9gOquX3OvQI9mxm4KKY8RbPHOhLvg/edit)

# Attendees: Laura Bowman, Aimee Dudley, Lauren Jones, Kim Paradise, Jen Gallagher, Paula Trantham, Charissa Sturino, Becky Holt, Mary Mudryk, Marla Binker, Scott Schnack

# Officer Reports

**President**

* Michael Scroope w/ Apex Fun Run joined us to talk about fundraising options for next years Fun Run
	+ Company helps children to become better leaders and build character
	+ Increased one school’s profit over 100% from previous year’s booster-thon, typically 25-30% increase expected
	+ Works with teachers and administration to build upon foundation and goals of school
	+ 2 week program. Starts with Teacher Huddle Day, gets everyone energized
	+ Recommend that 10% of profits go to teachers
	+ Pep Rally on Tuesday – singing, dancing, see awards carts
	+ Wednesday through following Wednesday are lesson days. Theme is United. Anti-bullying.
	+ 2nd Thursday is Fun Run event day
	+ Friday is wrap-up day, hand out awards
	+ $1,500 booking fee for Apex Fun Run company. One time fee, will not incur for future years
	+ Most difficult thing with company is scheduling – book out 9-12 months in advance
	+ Ballpark estimate 54-56% (50-60K)…32K profit. Goal to get to 35K profit and will make plan for that.
	+ 2 other programs besides Fun Run available through this company.
	+ Decision by board is to go with Apex Fun Run for 2018-19 school year
* We are up to date on National Dues and in good standing with NCPTA.
* Outdoor classrooms / shade structures
	+ In touch with company and Elizabeth. Want to see where budget is since teacher reimbursement is over and grants will be paid. Big chunk of money needs to go to chrome books and fixing iPads.
	+ Still want to put one structure in, still having issues with county approving
* BAC (Board Advisory Council) meeting on 2/12. Food will be provided from Newks or Jason’s Deli. Dinner starts at 5:30 and chorus is singing.
* Secondary Fundraiser - we need about 10k. Probably do not want to do another fundraiser this year. Once all grants are funded and accounts are reconciled we are likely in pretty good shape. Some ideas for secondary fundraiser:
	+ Read-a-Thon
	+ Go Play Save
	+ Painted Rocks
	+ Art Night / STEM Night
* Pasta for Pennie service learning – program has approached us. Similar to Jump Rope for Heart in terms of donation and service
* We need to start thinking about next year's BOD
	+ Is anyone planning to return? 2 year terms are up for President and Secretary
		- President
			* Laura is willing to stay on if no other parents are able to fill this role
		- Vice President, Fundraising
			* Aimee Dudley will likely return
		- Vice President, Hospitality
			* Lauren Jones will likely return
		- Secretary
		- Treasurer
			* Scott Schnack may return
		- Member at Large
			* Laura will do this role if not President
			* Possibly Mary Mudryk
		- Audit Committee
		- Advocacy Committee
			* Charissa Sturino will likely return
		- Nominating Committee
* Final PTA General Meeting is April 19th at 6:30pm - this is when BOD nomination and voting will happen
* Grant requests are due by end of this month / Teacher reimbursement is now over
	+ Susan Reynolds – additional instruments for music room. 1K.
	+ iPad screen repair – no line item in budget so wrote a grant - $110.00
	+ Krista Brinchek – tomato sphere project for 3rd grade – grant request for $52 for rest of supplies
	+ Krista Brinchek – 2000 red worms for composting – grant request for $50 – will support whole school
	+ Charissa Sturino – grant for advocacy stuff – wiggle chairs, cover overlays, books stands, lap desks, all things to help accommodate children in the classroom. Grant request covers enough items to see if they will work in the classroom. Grant request is for $1,700.
	+ Another grant may come from Elizabeth Dolby - tbd
* Winter coats; do teachers request that students wear them out to recess?
	+ If it’s 32 degrees or lower kids will not go outside.
	+ Children will be reminded to put their coats on but it is not something that can be mandated by the school.
* Cafeteria meals; how do parents get updates when the menu changes – It is now posted on our website.
* No BOD Meeting in February

**Vice President (Hospitality & Volunteering)**

* Do we know they dates for Love the Bus this year?
	+ Feb 12-16
	+ Similar themes to last year – write your bus driver a note, breakfast, etc
	+ Register our event to receive publicity? <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfkPxBOW-A_LM6jPARmCh0RAsyXABk_Gw5Zvey3STtDJ8dgEg/viewform>
* Teacher Appreciation

***February 9th***

*School Supply*

*Supplies are running low by now, please bring in a school supply for Teacher, TA and Adopted Staff. The PTA will also be sponsoring a staff luncheon on this early release day!*

*There will be luncheon provided by Sassool. Corporate sponsor is funding the majority of the luncheon.*

***May 11th***

*Teacher Favorite*

*Please help the PTA wrap up our teacher appreciation week by bringing in a favorite item for your Teacher, TA and Adopted Staff Member.*

*We will do a drive for treasure box toys. A box will be put in the front office for a couple of weeks to collect any donations.*

**Vice President (Fundraising)**

* Spirit Nights (color change cups will be distributed)!
	+ McDonalds 01/17
	+ Panera 02/28
	+ City BBQ 03/29

**Treasurer**

* Monthly Report / Current Spending / Remaining Budget
	+ 40K approximate in bank
	+ Looking at Media budget and will move any money as necessary

# Committee Reports

**Audit Committee**

**Advocacy Committee**

* Internet Safety
	+ Charissa has worked with Ms. Bigelow to coordinate an internet safety update for each PTA newsletter
* Library of books is now available with books to help parents with various concerns. It is in the front office for people who are looking for additional resources. We will ask for book donations and look at used book stores and then look and fund where there may be gaps.

**Cultural Arts**

* February 8th, Didgeridoo Down Under will introduce our children to Australian Music
* Won another grade we will use for 3rd grade. Drummer type program

**Membership**

* We have 215 members, which puts us short by 85 ($850)

**Reflections**

* Brooklyn Delgado and Thilde Gotterup are moving on to the state level!

# Other Reports

**Principal**

* Class size mandate update
* Tours next week – Lauren Jones will help give parent perspective Thursday night and Laura Bowman will do Friday morning.

# Adjourn Meeting

6:30pm

**LLS Pasta for Pennies Overview**

**Pasta for Pennies is a service learning, character education and philanthropy program offered to schools by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society as a way for young people to gain the unique experience of helping thousands of children and adults in their fight against blood cancers like leukemia. Students see firsthand how their involvement can make a difference in helping save the lives of blood cancer patients simply by collecting spare change and engaging their community for online donation support.**

**Why Participate?**

Character Education

By participating, not only will students learn about making an impact, but about leadership, teamwork, philanthropy and what "doing good" for others can mean. As children move through their years at school, they can grow with the Pennies program and have an even greater impact on the lives of patients.

Philanthropy

The core program consists of collecting money over a 3 week period. To further engage the students, there are one-day themes & events that your school can include to make your program even more successful. We provide an exclusive online donation webpage to engage family and friends near and far to donate!

Leadership

Let your student leaders take charge! A student leadership group can organize and distribute materials, do classroom presentations & morning announcements, track donations, put up posters, organize event days.

STEM Curriculum - NEW for 2017-18!

Our educator team has developed a fantastic STEM curriculum to accompany your Pennies project that incorporates the STEM standards into the service learning focus of the Pennies project.

Ø Our amazing new STEM curriculum meets common core standards making it easy for teachers to integrate into their daily lessons.

Ø Not only do we want to help you create kind, caring students, we want to foster the next generation of researchers! Our STEM curriculum encourages curiosity and analytical thinking.

Ø The projected cost of cancer care in the US in 2020 is $173 billion. Pennies for Patients and our STEM curriculum will encourage students to become the researchers and doctors of tomorrow to help us develop treatments to decrease costs and save lives.

Ø Our curriculum is turn-key and includes teacher guides, lesson plans, videos, worksheets, parent letters and certificates and is something that we believe your staff will find useful

Ø Students are learning while they are giving – we’re not just asking for money. We’re educating students about why they’re giving.

It’s is easy, fun and FREE

LLS provides all materials free of charge including collection boxes for each student and classroom, posters, letters to families and more. We connect with you in person: I will come to visit one on one with staff to plan ahead, meet with student leaders to plan their project, and/or present a kickoff assembly for your whole school – 30 minutes that educates, inspires and encourages your students.

Prizes and Incentives

Pennants for top classes, Olive Garden luncheon party for top class, gift card incentives for your school, and gift card incentives for online donations individually and as a class.

**How do I start?**

**Call to register!** I can answer questions and review the project plans with you! OR

**Register online!**  [www.studentseries.org/nc](http://www.studentseries.org/nc). It’s easy and we’ll stay in touch to support your plans. There are lots of helpful tips on the website, click on **Steps for Success!**