ACES PTA Board Meeting (9/14/2017)

September 14th, 2017 [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: Marla Binker, Aimee Dudley, Paula Trantham, Jodi Bulmer, Becky Holt, Jill Kuhn, Charissa Sturino, Mary Mudryk, Lauren Jones

# Officer Reports

**President**

* **PLEASE REVIEW THE GENERAL MEETING DECK**
  + You may have a speaking part and I will be introducing everyone who is in attendance
* We are up to date on National Dues and in good standing with Wake PTA.
* Outdoor classrooms / shade structures
  + Jill, Laura, and Paula will meet to discuss and get the shade structures done
* Clubs - The clubs page is updated on the website
  + Jump Rope (being covered by Meredith Dorman)
  + Yearbook (being covered by Nancy Tan)
  + Interest in starting a Board Game club. 5th grade student is working with librarian

**Vice President (Fundraising)**

* Making Great Gators Campaign
  + This year we have online donations set up!! Whoo!!
    - <https://aces.memberhub.com/payment_requests/45>

T-Shirt orders will go in through 3 Buck Threads for Fun Run.

**Vice President (Hospitality & Volunteering)**

* 8/20 : Chalk the school event - SUCCESS
* 8/21 : Welcome Back Faculty Breakfast - YUMMY
* 8/23: Class List Popsicle Party! - SUCCESS
* 8/25 : Meet the Teacher 1st-5th (11am to 1pm) - DONE!
* 9/01: Meet the Teacher Kindergarten (12pm to 1:30) - DONE!
* 9/05 : Tissues and Tears - SO MANY TEARS
* Teacher Appreciation
  + 10/20 (Favorite Flower) Soup/Salad Catered Lunch
  + 12/21 (Expression of Thanks) Holiday Dessert Bar
  + 02/09 (School Supply) Sassool Catered Lunch
    - *CARE Realty would like to sponsor the February Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, at $500*
  + 05/11 (Teacher Favorite) Taco Bar Catered Lunch
* Do we want to do anything for the 9/29 Early Release? Something small? Lauren and team to work on it

**Treasurer**

* Monthly report

# Committee Reports

**Spirit Wear**

* We will be using the same company as last year and again offering one drive in the Fall.
* Website going live after Open House, drive closed on 9/29

**Audit Committee**

* July and August are done. First meeting to do monthly audit is next week. All good in Member Hub.

**Advocacy Committee - SEIC**

* General Update; any interest in the following programs for the school and/or parents. How about partnering with DRES on some events? Anyone know a parent that would like to take this one?
  + Internet Safety – will be biggest push this year
  + Bullying Prevention
  + Sexual Abuse Awareness
  + Wake Up and Read
  + Backpack Buddies Drives
  + Parent Library – Charissa will lead after Internet Safety

**Cultural Arts**

* In October, Leni Newell (Artst in Residence) will inspire our 5th grade students to create large, vibrant, fabric banners for our Cafe! This is part 2 of our two-year cafe banner project. How exciting for our 5th graders to create a permanent legacy for their school.
* On November 16, Number Drummer will present an amazing interactive math & music performance. Everyone will play an instrument.
* Our final performance will be Digeridoo Down Under on February 8th. They will introduce our children to Australian Music & caring for our environment. Have you ever seen anyone play a didgeridoo?
* When International Bluegrass Festival is in Raleigh, band will come here for 3-5th graders.

**Membership**

* We have 150 members so far!
* Paper forms are updated and posted
* Marla sending out messages tomorrow through Member Hub to join Member Hub and PTA (two different sign ups).
* Goal is 300 PTA members. $7 of $10 stays with school
* Discussion about Membership Drive to increase membership. Will continue to chat about best time to do this.

**Reflections**

* We are signing up for the Reflections program again this year. The theme is Within Reach. Dues have been paid.

**Communication Committee**

* Thank you Marla for the amazing September Newsletter!
* Newsletter was translated into spanish

# Other Reports

**Principal**

* Paula is working on getting teachers reps on board.
* Becky Holt and Kim Paradise will be teacher reps this year.

# Adjourn Meeting

6:00pm

**General Meeting - 6:30**

Welcome by Paula Trantham

General announcements

* About 850 students this year
* WRAL/N&O changes announced for next year. Legislation to lower class size. 27 schools potentially impacted, including ACES. Parents are asked to listen, be aware and advocate for our school.
* Good possibility that we will become a capped school.
* Board Advisory Council – every quarter there is a meeting. 9/18 is next meeting. 6pm at West Millbrook. All urged to attend.

Laura Bowman announced board and community sponsors

* A big thank you to our community sponsors
* Also a big thanks to Mr. Kevin and Mr. Brian for all they do for the school

Scott Schnack took everyone through the budget.

* Big ticket item for this year is to keep up with technology. Goal is to have 2:1 device to child ratio.
* Budget was voted on and passed for 2017-18 school year.
* Spirit Wear drive will be about first week of October. It will run for 2 weeks and parents will have the opportunity to purchase t-shirts, pullovers. T-shirt will likely be blue, there will be a tie-dye option. Pullovers will probably be gray.

Fundraising – Jill Kuhn and Aimee Dudley

* The Fun Run will be the end of October. There will be health challenges, games, help parents and children to get to know each other.
* Donations can be sent online or by check. There will be classroom challenges.

Hospitality – Lauren Jones

* Teacher Appreciation Days will be on Early Release Days

Cultural Arts – Sue Reynolds

3 programs planned

* Leni Newell – Artist-in-Residence will help 5th graders to create banners for café
* Number Drummer – November 16
* Digeroo Down Under

Reflections Program will continue. Parents will receive information in Tuesday folders

How can parents help??

* + Join the PTA!
  + Send in Box Tops
  + Link up grocery cards!