ACES PTA Board Meeting (2/9/2017)

February 9th, 2016 [Board Meeting Minutes](http://www.abbottscreekpta.org/pta-meeting-minutes.html)

6:30pm [General Meeting Minutes](http://www.abbottscreekpta.org/pta-meeting-minutes.html)

# Attendees – Laura Bowman, Jen Gallagher, Scott, Schnack, Eliza Redlus, Mary Catherine Hedrick, Paula Trantham, Brian Imfeld, Suzi Lombardi, Mary Mudryk

# Officer Reports

**President**

* Last reminder for teacher support and grant requests! Asked that these requests be in by 2/15 so we know how much money we have left. Budgeted for about $250 per class.
  + Teacher Reim. $100
  + TA Reim. $100
  + Specialist Reim $100
  + Grants can really be any amount, but about $250 per class or more if combined at grade level
* Grant Approvals
  + Science backpacks for Mrs. Brinchek. Looking at Eddie Bauer and LL Bean. If we go with LL Bean, any time there is an issue, holes in the bookbag, etc we can return and get a brand new bag.
  + Slab Roller for Mr. Imfeld
  + Mrs. Barton (2nd Grade) put in a grant for a reminder wristband ($100), it is fine to approve grants for just one grade level teacher vs an entire grade level.
  + Ms. Barfield would also like a grant for bouncy bands following a successful pilot in her classroom. Would be about $300.
* Jump Rope for Heart donations due by 2/17 for those students participating
* Science Fair will be on May 4th (2nd - 5th Grade). We do have a $500 budget. Mrs. Trantham will ask Mrs. Brinchek if she wants to do anything with the budgeted funds.
* School wide pajama day 2/16 for box tops award. We collected way more than 5,000 box tops (10 cents per box top, some were doubles, etc)
* **Talking points:** 
  + Approved volunteers for field trips / room parents - how do teachers / pta make this happen? The rule is there are “guests” – people who are in the school but never left alone with students – and “approved volunteers” who are able to be alone with students.
  + Teachers taking away recess as punishment? Is this allowed? Per Mrs. Trantham, this is not allowed. 30 minutes of recess is a Wake County requirement. In some instances grade levels give extra recess – this can be taken away.
  + Communication about class changes (example, the use of Ms. Newman for 4th grade)
  + Bulk school supply orders this year? No
  + Are we having a 5th grade trip, like Washington DC? The 5th grade goes on a field trip overnight. It may not be the same location each year. Due to rules and regulations about allergies, nurses, etc, some locations are more viable than others. It will likely be in state.
  + Attendance; Kids must be in school by 12:30pm to be counted as present. Is there a cut off for ½ days? 11:15 is the cut off for half days – half of the half. Per WCPSS students must be in school a full ½ day to be counted “present”
  + More spirit days? More spirit days will be considered.

**Vice President (Fundraising)**

* Shade Structure Update / Installation
  + The city has pushed back on location of the structures, so we are on hold at the moment
  + Jill continues to work with Paula and WCPSS on location. She will ask POC (Elizabeth) to come out and let us know where they can be put.
  + Current quote is $23,500 – increase in price due to footers.
* Restaurant Nights - we have raised over $700 to date (Sweet Tomatoes, Marco’s, Milton’s & Barnes & Noble). Tina Gordon is finalizing dates and locations for the rest of the school year.

**Vice President (Hospitality & Volunteering)**

* Teacher Appreciation Updates
  + 2/10 (Teacher Luncheon & Backpack Buddies Donations)
* [Love the Bus Week](http://www.abbottscreekpta.org/uploads/5/8/3/1/58314055/image1.jpg) next week
* Sweet Goodbyes End of Year Event
  + Lauren Jones and Tina Baxter are starting to come up with ideas and plans for this end of year family event. New students will also be invited to attend. Event is scheduled for May 25th from 5pm to 8pm.

**Treasurer**

* Laura drafted a 2017-18 budget, will review with Jennifer and then send to the board for approval. This will need to be voted on at the April meeting
* $8,200 left in grant money.
* Classroom Support - $100 reimbursement – $2,855 left there.
* Will need to look at where to take money to account for shade structure overage or get another quote since location will likely change outside.
* Coding Club, News Crew, Library Helpers have not submitted for reimbursement. Due date is the same as grants.
* Agendas – so far one grade level has said they want them for next year.

**At-Large**

* Membership
  + Our goal this year is to have over 300 active members of the ACES PTA. We currently have 260 members. Can we meet our goal before the end of the year? The class with the most PTA memberships will win a popcorn party in May!

# Committee Reports

**Audit Committee**

* Audits complete through January.

**Advocacy Committee**

* Wake up and Read bins in the front office until 3/3. A few posts will go out on that. Bring in any books no longer used or needed from home!

**Cultural Arts**

* ACES won a free cultural arts assembly because our awesome ACES staff had the most participation in the United Arts Fundraising Campaign. On February 13, Jonathan Daniel, an African storyteller, will share personal stories of his childhood growing up in Rhodesia, Africa. All grade levels will attend.
* On March 24, Kuniko Yamamoto will present *Origami Tales.* Through origami, music and audience participation, Kuniko provides a magical entry into Japanese culture. Mythological character masks & puppets, amazing flowers and a six-foot-long dragon-all made from origami-set the stage while Kuniko shares heartfelt stories from ancient Japan.

**Nominating Committee**

* Susan Reynolds will chair the Nominating Committee this year. Lauren Jones and Danielle Kestnbaum will be on the committee.
* At this time the committee is accepting applications for nominations.
* Slate to be announced and voted in at the April 3rd PTA Meeting
* People interested in being on board should complete a quick application.

# Other Reports

**Principal**

* Mrs. Trantham has been approached to have the NC State wolves here for Read Across America. Cost is $100 plus transportation. Suzi Lombardi will also call and see if we can get Stormy from the Hurricanes. This is the week of February 27th.
* Teachers who have homerooms get a Data/Planning day once per quarter. It’s about $3,400 each time it occurs. They look at standards, like ELA to better understand, etc. Maybe an option is to bring someone in on a workday and have them help to unpack the standard. Options were tossed around on how to make this happen – grant, discretionary, etc. This will need to be discussed more in coming months – will need to find a way to supplement what comes from county. It may not even be needed but we want to be prepared.

**Teachers**

* Teachers will be reminded again about grant deadlines.

# Adjourn Meeting

7:30pm