**General PTA Meeting – Abbotts Creek Elementary School Gym – 9/15/16**

Principal Paula Trantham opened the meeting.

618 students last year on the 10th school day, 795 this year on the 10th school day. 820 counting pre-K. Capacity is 780.

The board was introduced.

A corporate sponsorship program was created. Sponsors were acknowledged and thanked. They provided t-shirts, prizes, membership koozies and water bottles for the Fun Run.

Jen Gallagher took us through the budget. Allocation of Funds were explained.

Suzi Lombardi motioned to approve the budget. Alison Peck seconded the motion. Budget was approved.

Jill Kuhn talked about Fundraising.

Information on Fun Run will come home the first week of October. All money raised will stay in the school. Volunteers are needed – donations, handing out water bottles, etc.

Money from Fun Run will go toward shade structures on the play ground. These structures will also serve as outdoor learning spaces.

Sue Reynolds discussed membership to the PTA. The goal is to have 300 members of the PTA. We are currently at around 200 members.

Sue also talked about Cultural Arts. Introducing children to the Cultural Arts is so beneficial to them. There will be 2 performances this year. Parents are welcome to come for the fun!

5th graders will be introduced to silk painting. An Artist in Residence, Leni Newell, will be helping the 5th graders to create silk banners for the cafeteria.

Reflections – more individual art focused. Could be writing, photography, dance, music composition, etc. If children are interested in doing their own work they can enter the competition. The 2016-17 these is “What Is Your Story?”. More information will be coming home in the next few weeks.

Scott Schnack reported on Spirit Wear. Order forms will come home next week and are due by September 30th.

Box Top competition going on now through 9/30.

Link up Harris Teeter, Kroger and Amazon Accounts

Important dates were covered – Spirit Wear, Early Release, Teacher Appreciation, etc.

The meeting concluded and parents went to their next Open House session.