

**March, 2017**

**6:30-8:00pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:**

* **PTA Board Members:** Jeni Hornback, Rebecca Kennedy, Rebecca Kim, Nicole Knight, Carrie Lewis, Kim Mathis
* **Faculty/Staff Present:** Ms. Uyeda, Ms. LiGuidi, Ms. Donoghue, Ms. Firster, Ms. Abbott, Ms. Heslep, Ms. Davis
* This is the second Abingdon PTA meeting being simulcast on Periscope!

1. **Fairlington 5K:** Beth McGinn, parent of two Abingdon students, presented on the upcoming Fairlington 5K auction and race, which benefit Abingdon Elementary and A Cure for Ellie. The auction will take place on April 21 at the North Fairlington Community Center. Exciting items include a week at a beach house and a weekend in a ski condo. Local businesses are encouraged to donate items for auction. The PTA will provide babysitting. The race will take place on April 29. Last year, the auction and race raised over $30,000 for A Cure for Ellie.
2. **Schools Then and Now: Schools Have Been Transformed by Technology –** Kerry Abbott, Abingdon Instructional Technology Coordinator, and Jackie Firster, Abingdon Gifted Services Coordinator presented on how classroom learning has changed dramatically in the past few decades and how technology is integral to the new learning environment. Changes in learning include 1)students sitting in rows at individual desks vs. using flexible spaces, including walls and floors; 2) teacher-led lessons vs. student-led learning with teacher facilitation; 3) all students doing the same work at the same time vs. differentiated work and more personalized learning; 4)students working individually vs. collaboration; 5)learning by listening and reading vs. learning by doing. Abingdon has incorporated technology into the classroom as an integral part of the transforming learning environment. Examples of programs and apps in use include Seesaw, MakerSpace, Genius Hour, Schoology, and Nearpod. Students use technology to research, gather, and produce information.
3. **Official Business**
   1. Principal’s Report – Joanna Uyeda

* Construction update:
* Work on the gym is progressing quickly. Completion is expected by late April/early May.
* The sawtooth area behind the library is a bit ahead of schedule.
* The kindergarten orientation snowed out on March 14 has been rescheduled for March 23 at 12:45pm.
  1. Treasurer’s Report – Kim Mathis gave a brief report on the PTA budget. We are on track as expected. We sold 175 yearbooks.
  2. ACI – Nate Hardy reported that the county would like ACI to give more input to the school board on issues of importance, such as the vision for a new high school; the device policy; and technology in the classroom.

1. **PTA Events and Activities**
   1. Spring Fundraiser – Mixed bags, ends Wednesday, March 22
   2. Key Upcoming Dates:
      1. March 24 – International Night Potluck at 6:30pm
      2. March 30 – Math and Science Night, Around the World at 6:30pm
      3. April 5 – Spirit Day at Fairlington Pizza starting at 11:00am
      4. April 10-14 – Spring Break
      5. April 17 – No School, End of Quarter
      6. April 21 – Fairlington 5K Silent Auction
      7. April 25 – PTA Meeting at 6:30pm
      8. April 26 – Early Release at 12:26pm
      9. April 29 – Fairlington 5K (early registration closes February 28)
      10. May 1 to 5 – Teacher Appreciation Week
      11. May 5 – Spring Picture Day
      12. May 16 – PTA Meeting at 6:30pm
      13. May 24 – Spirit Night at District Taco
      14. May 29 – Memorial Day Holiday, No School
      15. June 1 – EduKit school supply ordering opens (PTA gets a portion of proceeds)
      16. June 2 – Spring Dance
      17. June 8 – Abingdon volunteer breakfast at 7:30am
      18. June 9 – Musical showcase
      19. June 16 – Field Day
      20. June 20 – Market Day
      21. June 21 – 5th grade promotion
      22. June 22 – Awards Ceremony
      23. June 23 – Last Day of School! Early Release at 12:26pm
2. **Next PTA Meeting – Tuesday, April 25 at 6:30 pm**