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**Abington Heights Middle School PTA Minutes**

September 18, 2017

**In attendance**

Mindy Dickman Aimee McGuinness Natalie Studebaker

Jennifer Selvenis Jenn Bachan-Breiten Mark Wyandt

Pam Ryan Cindy Holmes Kate Marinaro

Julie Venesky Becky McHugh Joyce Zeiss

Kathleen Boyle Kathi Casper Tracey Duffy

Stephanie Ann Parfrey Holly Regan Katharine Schkloven

Lorie Schneider Karly Shepherd Neil Patel

Mohit Patel Skip Schneider Laura Pease

The meeting was called to order by Mindy Dickman at 7:15pm.

Laura Pease made a motion to approve the budget and Lori Schneider seconded to approve the budget.

**Welcome/President’s Report – Mindy Dickman**

Mindy welcomed everyone, introduced herself, and shared her excitement about the upcoming year.

**Secretary’s Report – Aimee McGuinness**

 Aimee read the audit report form. Jenn Bachan-Breiten made a motion to accept the audit report form and Cindy Holmes seconded the motion to approve the form.

**Recording Secretary Report – Jenn Bachan-Breiten**

 Jenn introduced herself and encouraged members to email her at jbachanbreitenpta@gmail.com with any questions and she will get back as soon as possible. Jenn also mentioned that the first movie night will be October 13, and welcomes suggestions for movies for that first evening.

**Vice President’s Report – Natalie Studebaker**

Natalie welcomed everyone and introduced herself.

**Treasurers Report – Jen Selvenis**

Our starting balance in our account was $15,712.87. Deposits totaled $3,090.11. Expenses totaled $6,668.05. The ending balance is $12,134.93.

**Principal’s Report – Mr. Wyandt**

Mr. Wyandt introduced himself and welcomed everyone. He expressed his appreciation for the members of the PTA because they work so hard and get a lot of work done to benefit the students. He is looking forward to a great year and we have had a great start to the school year. Because of the uncertainty of when the students will be coming back to school he was unable to provide dates of upcoming events at this point.

Please check the website for any forms or any answers you may need to questions you have. They will continue to keep the website up to date. Also check out the middle school facebook page. Please fill out and sign forms attached to student handbook to provide permission or deny permission for photos of children to be used.

Mr. Wyandt explained some detailed information about changes to some of the school rules. In relation to dress code, students must wear a collared shirt. A ¾ zip sweatshirt will count as a collar. Students no longer need to wear a collared shirt underneath a hooded sweatshirt. Cell phone violations will no longer result in the loss of their phone, because this may hinder communication with parents. There will be another consequence. Water bottles may be brought to school without a doctor note, but they need to be transparent.

There are two big initiatives Mr. Wyandt explained. Chrome books are new this year. Students may be doing a lot more of their work on the computer as opposed to pen on paper work. Any issues with the Chrome book, please don’t hesitate to communicate with the administration. Comets Care is also a new program to help students develop the important skills that aren’t as closely related to academic skills. They are also looking to improve on identifying student leaders and giving those students the skills needed to grow in their leadership skills and potential. Mr. Wyandt concluded with an update on some new staff.

**Committee Reports**

 Mindy went through each of the committees and gave an explanation of each committee. She then opened it up to questions.

**New Business**

 None

**Adjournment** **– Mindy Dickman**

 Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm

**Upcoming Meeting**

 October 9 at 7pm