

PTA Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 28, 2015
9:30 a.m.

Attendees: Melissa Kennedy, Nicola Davies, Lisa Smith, Kristen Schestag, Johnna Reuter, Susan Price, Carolyn Lyon, Dr. Mitchell, Vanessa Elias, Lisa Finn, Anne McGann, Gretchen Jeanes, Jackie Shaw, Hillary Morrissy, Laura Rowley, Abigail Russell (Taylor), Debbie Cowic, Jason Gossman, Diane Strickrodt

Lisa Smith called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Opening Statements

This meeting is scheduled to vote on two items. The first item is from Gina Dignon. She is requesting that we have Tony Abbot come as a visiting author for next year. He has written, "Secrets of Droon" as well as many other books. He would be here for 3 days at a cost of \$1900. He would be local so there would be no travel costs for a cost of about \$5700. We would only need to provide lunch.

We would have to see if he would do one grade per day, but all students will be able to see him.

Kristen made a motion to have Tony Abbott come as a visiting author with a budget of up to \$6000. Johnna seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes *Three more votes were received in favor of the motion via email from Ginna Yarrel, Kimberly Felton, and Maria Koutsoukos.*

Second item on the agenda. Jason Greasley present to answer questions. The school is asking for about \$20,000 for a new Ipad cart. The goal is to get one for each house. They are also asking for Chromebooks to support the library. The purchase price includes warranties. Currently, they have two carts, one for each side of the building. The Ipad are used as a creating tool to enhance learning. There is a demand from the teachers for them to support the students creativity. The second part of the request is for 8 Chromebooks to be used in the library to support the ones we have. The high school and Middlebrook currently use Google classroom. We have been piloting a class here and it has gotten up and running very quickly. Each student has their own account. The Chromebooks are used to through Google Classroom document management system. The teacher can push out assignments and can collaborate with each other on the documents to revise and edit as either a teacher or student. It ends up being more writing in an interesting and collaborative way for the students. Google also has its own Chrome Store to purchase apps.

It can enhance presentation skills and students are able to own their projects. There are 8 Chromebooks to be used in the library. The general school order has already been placed and these 8 Chromebooks will support it. It will give us a starting point. The Chromebooks will be used as a portable device to use for research. More like a mini computer or a laptop, but are more durable. The plan is give a good starting point. The grant is for \$20,000 for 3-

10 packs of Ipads (30 Ipads total) to include a 3 year warranty, protective cases, and Ipad cart. It also includes Apple TV to show projects.

As well it is for 8 Chromebooks and their operating system support for 3 years. The total price is \$19,948.

We will be supplementing what was coming from the District. The library used the Ipads to go through the library as a scavenger hunt tour to scan the codes to become more familiar with the library.

Johnna makes a motion to approve the purchase of the 30 Ipads, the Ipad cart, cases, and warranties up to the amount of \$20,000 as well as 8 Chromebooks and their operating system support for 3 years.

Hilary seconds the motion. All approve motion passes. Carolyn Lyons had to leave the meeting but voted yes. Two email votes were received from Ginna Yarrell and Maria Koutsoukos

Meeting is adjourned