**Abiqua Parent Organization**

**APO Meeting: 2/24/2023**

**State of the School address**

**Ida Lafky: Chair**

**Heather Newman: Vice Chair**

**Bijal Mehta: Secretary**

**Nickolas Kintz: APO Liaison**

**Board of trustees: Tyler Reich**

* Long term lease of school building done
* Strategic plan: closing of High School due to not being financially sustainable
* Future plans: facilities upgrade through financing and fundraising (not raising tuition)

**Head of school: Mark Novom**

* Facilities upgrades done so far: revised library, MS and LS bathrooms, kitchen upgrades, parking lot.
* Future facilities upgrade: High school building remodeling, tentative reopening date Fall 2024
* Programs worked on so far: Professional development for staff
* Programs currently being worked on:
* Rebranding of the school for upcoming 30th anniversary
* Partnering with Chatter Box next year
* Onsite counselor
* Mentoring and feedback to teachers from HOS
* Grades 3-8 scores comparison:
* Oregon state wide scores comparison for before and after online learning (2019-2022) – English: 8% average loss, Math: 9% average loss in scores
* Abiqua scores comparison for before and after online learning (2019-2022) – English: .32% average gain, Math: 0.53% average loss in scores
* Enrollment:
* Budgeted: 193
* Opening: 201
* Current: 210
* Accreditation:
* Jun 2024 – NWAIS visit
* 2024-25 – Abiqua will conduct self-survey
* 2025-26 – Accreditation year
* COGNIA – school accredited through 2027
* Finance report:
* Will finish this school year on budget
* 2023-24 budget will be set by Board in April
* Annual fund: $130,000 collected so far

**APO: Ida Flaky**

* Lower school potential gala (Reach out to APO or Nick with ideas)
* Holiday baskets: greatly appreciated by everyone
* APO funds: $374
* Bottle drop program reminder: blue bags can be picked up from school at the front desk
* Parking lot safety reminder: please follow the rules and HEART skills
* Next APO meeting: April 7th, noon to 1

Please feel free to reach to APO at [apo@abiquacademy.org](mailto:apo@abiquacademy.org) with any ideas, support, questions or concerns.

Go Griffins!

