



Abraham Lincoln School PTO

"LINCOLN PRIDE"

Minutes: September 17, 2015

Welcome

First meeting of the year & Flag Salute Start time 9:15-10:38 am

Secretary's Report - Jenn Duca

- Approval of minutes - Minutes approved
- Correspondence

President's Report - Colleen Wilson

- Welcome to Mr. Lee
- Mrs. Russell is new 3rd VP
- Mrs. de St Paer already sent thank you for monetary gift from PTO
- Email went out last night with addendum to bylaws because there is a new company that does directory - PTOOffice - and membership is now \$15 and includes online and paper directory. Voted and approved.
- 2014-2015 Volunteer Survey - is down to pick class parents. How class parents are chosen.
- Membership - glitches are on the end of PTOOffice, not Lincoln. Working through glitches and already have over 150 successful registrations. Registration is open again. The \$16 charge is because there is a \$1 credit card fee but there is another fee that the PTO paid to balance it out.
- Question: Can we go digital to pay all things online? Now with MR. Lee it is something we are working on - but there are also glitches in other schools with online ordering so not a bad thing that we're not all digital but we are working in that direction.
- Committee Chairs - Chairperson Meeting - Chairs notified via email. Time change to 2:30 in Media Room
- 2015-2016 Theme - "A World of Wellness" - What's a world of wellness? Very broad - social, emotional, health, etc. Coincides with Mayor's wellness campaign. We don't have the 2 chairs we need for theme day. Let Tracy Dohrmann know if you want to be a chair.
- District Calendar - Emails sent out that district calendar is online only. Google calendar - on wyckoffps.org website. You can sync your calendar to phone or computer. Lincoln online calendar only filled out until December but now that school started it will be filled in for the rest of the year.
- Friday News-Please send blurbs to Colleen no later than Wednesday of that week
- Parking Lot Safety/Protocol/Pets - the new signs are out. Please be mindful that you now need to follow and loop around. Three new crosswalks. Please encourage kids to use them. State law is to stop for pedestrians in all crosswalks.

First Vice President's Report - Tracy Dohrmann

- 2015-2016 Membership - PTOOffice - extra paper copies will be available for \$3

- After School Programs - Online - Janet Mullin. Literary Lions -Heather Layng - looking for someone to help run meetings. Heather has everything put together but just needs someone to help at the actual meetings. Final published magazine uses art from TAP students. Kids meet afterschool but don't have to go every month to be published. Cara Huzinec will help.
- Stop n Shop Rewards-Dina Kincel - Easy way for our school to make money. With your customer reward card school earns money if you register it with SNS. Last year we raised about \$2500. Link to register card will be in eblast and on PTOoffice website. Runs 10/3 to 3/19. You don't have to register each year. Check bottom of receipt for "A+ rewards." You can have up to two schools registered per card.
- Fall Festival and Pumpkin Sale - 10/16 - Festival is right after school. Pumpkin sale during the school day. It's a free festival sponsored by PTO. 1.5 hours - crafts, face paint, games, and Eisenhower kids are the volunteers. Eblast through Eisenhower PTO. Also need parent volunteers for set up, during festival, and clean up.
- Pumpkin sale - Kristen de Marco and Sonja Del Buono - need volunteers to paint pumpkins. Reminder to parents to save some money to buy pumpkins from the sale.
- Masterpiece art sign up - Meeting in early October - three artists throughout the year.
- 5th Grade Activities - Joanne Certo and Laurie Ilardi - survey opening back up for parents to sign up to volunteer.
- Go Green - Alexandra Martl to check back with Mr. Lee in two weeks. Need volunteers. Want to refresh recycling in school and address idling in parking lot.

Second Vice Presidents' Report - Michelle Carbone and Janet Mullin

- Kids' Stuff Coupon Book - going out October 2, - youngest child receives it in backpack.
- Baskets - Nicole Iasello - needs help - sign up on survey. Half of the grades give to military bridge and half to ladies night. Goal of each class also soliciting one basket.
- BoxTops - Judi Surrat - box in hall but you can put in a zip loc bag with name and class and send it in. Please help by cutting them nicely.
- Fall Plant Sale - underway now. Orders due the 22nd and pick up is on the 28th.
- Luncheon Treats - Mary Latz - starting now with Parkwood Deli and Simply Gourmet. Pizza lunch starts in October. No late orders.
- Military bridge needs a chair or co chairs.
- Book Fair - different this year. Dates will change. Teacher wish list is coming back. Fair on Thursday and Friday. Clean up on Monday. Need help set up, clean up, and cashiers. Info will be in eblast.

Treasurer's Report - Amy Rolla

- 2014-2015 Financial - last years ending budget - Approved
- 2015-2016 Proposed Budget

Co-Coordinator's Report - Carrie Carpenter and Jamie Russo

- Economy Shop - started 65 years ago in someone's garage. In old railroad station on main street. Consignment store - proceeds are equally

Challenge our school because historically Lincoln is last on the list of volunteers. We split the funds equally but we don't have equal representation of volunteers. 2 hour shifts. Online volunteer sign up on PTO economy shop website for whatever shift you can do. High school students are welcome to the night shifts and they can get community service hours.

Principal's Report - Mr. Patrick Lee - Thanks to everyone for welcoming to Lincoln and especially Colleen Wilson and Joanne Certo. Great start to the year. Worked with Dr. Orr and staff in July to learn and get caught up with how the school is run. Thanks to custodians for extra help in August to reorganize some rooms quickly to get ready for the fall. Also thanks to secretaries for helping behind the scenes and over the summer and staying late. BTS night last night was a great turn out with positive feedback from teachers and parents. Next week we are off on Wednesday for Yom Kippur and then BTS for grades 3-5. Lobby Guard is the sign in / sign out system new to district in all elementary schools and middle school. There are some kinks but working well. Big events don't need everyone to scan in. Not a security guard. Key fobs coming next week. Only info pulled from license is name and birth date and cross checks against Megan's' law registry, custody issues, etc. Curricular changes - Mrs. Morgan is the Spanish teacher for grades 3-5 shared between Lincoln and Washington. Sicomac and Coolidge share a different teacher. Spanish is once per week. Computers for grades 3-5 standards have changed and Mr. Patanella will work as a tech coach in their classrooms to integrate the tech into their daily lessons. Since media and computer labs are going to be unoccupied some times, working on ideas on how to best use those spaces when free.

K-2 has new Discovery teacher. WEL has been rebranded. According to state codes and standards need to work with kids K-2 but don't need to pull out - specialist will go in to the classrooms to work with teachers and students.

2nd half of year for grades 3-5 there will be a TED ED program. Piloted at Coolidge and now at Lincoln starting in January.

Mr. Lee's initial plan is to assess the programs already in the school and build upon what is already in place.

Responsive classroom - info will be sent out on this whole school approach on children. Trying it out this year and then full roll out next year.

Words of Wisdom - Read every morning as part of a nation wide program. 5th graders will read them on T, W, Th.

Facebook page up and running - around 170 likes - no pics of kids yet because waiting for consent forms.

Third Vice President's Report - Mrs. Russell

- 10/5-10/9 week of respect. Welcome back treats very appreciated and thank you for generous monetary gifts from PTO. Report will be on website.

District Committee Reports - WEF / Family Fun Run-October 17th

- Rec sports are cancelled that day. Register online. \$500 prize to school that registers the most people. Even if you can't go you can still register. We won last year.

New Business

Walk to school day - waiting for approval

Lion Mascot Classroom Winner - Congrats 4K!

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 8th, 2PM