



Abraham Lincoln School PTO

"LINCOLN PRIDE"

Minutes: December 3, 2015

Welcome & Flag Salute 9:14 - 9:54

Secretary's Report - Jenn Duca

- Correspondence - none this month
- Approval of minutes - approved

President's Report - Colleen Wilson

- Next year Hannukah is 12/24 so Holiday Mall won't be right after Thanksgiving.
- PTO Holiday Gifts - thanks to all for all the hard work. We also give gifts to custodians, playground aids, and office staff.
- Ornaments - To keep with health and wellness theme for our tree, write family name and health and wellness goal on clear ornament.
- Playground - Using money from playground budget to purchase rolling cart for playground toys, sidewalk chalk, and looking into baskets for lunch boxes. Will research options on how to better organize lunch boxes during recess.
- Date Changes - PTO calendar is updated on website and Friday Folder. 4&5th grade bowling is now 2/5. That is also date of Family Bingo. Time to do both. Dad's Night Dinner Dance is now casino theme. Save the Date in this Friday Folder. Will be held at Biagio's on 2/19.

First Vice President's Report - Tracy Dohrmann

- Gift to Colleen from PTO Board and past president Joanne Certo.
- Kids' Nights-On Friday nights. Permission slips going out by end of December.
- Literary Lions-December 3rd
- 5th Grade Activities-5th grade trip voting this week
- 5th Grade Bingo Recap
- Go Green - Make Bird Houses on December 11th after school, permission slip due December 7th
- Theme Day - Vendors found and background work done - looking for someone to coordinate

Second Vice President's Report - Michele Carbone & Janet Mullin

- Pizza Order Form-going out this Friday - due 12/18 - no extensions!
- Spirit Wear-went home
- Dad's Dinner Dance - Casino Theme - February 19th
- Baskets-Committee had meeting - Nicole Iasiello has EIN number if you need a letter for a business donation. 1st, 3rd, and 5th grade make baskets for military bridge.
- Tons of Toys shopping event recap - earned \$500!

- **Holiday Mall-recap - big success!** Some stuff that has been around for a long time or that we have a lot of is being donated to the Ramapo HS Holiday Festival. Thanks to Tricia Galasso for help transitioning to new co-chairs and all the shopping last year!
- **Military Bridge - January 21st** - have chairs but need some more help
- **Farmigo - coming in January** - offer same options as from farmer's market. Pick up will be Wednesday afternoons. Need at least \$500 in orders each week to earn money back for school. There will be samples to try on first day and 20% off.

Treasurer's Report - Amy Rolla

- **Approval of November Budget - approved.**

Economy Shop Co-Coordinator's Report - Carrie Carpenter & Jamie Russo

- **First Quarter earnings - as of now, around \$21,000 in sales before expenses.** In desperate need of volunteers to keep it open. You can sign up for weekly emails that tell you when there are shifts available. Jamie Russo can sign you up for these emails.

Principal's Report - Mr. Lee - Happy Holidays to all! Thanks to Holiday Mall - great success! Thanks to all volunteers in all the different specials and activities. PTO donated portion of cost to purchase shirts for staff that say "All In" based on motivational speaker they had at staff a meeting. The staff is All In for each other and the kids at school. Gratitude assembly was held on Wednesday before thanksgiving. Mr. Lee read Bear Says Thanks by Karma Wilson. Mrs. Berger made cornucopia with things each class was thankful for. It was a great way to send kids off to Thanksgiving. 1st and 2nd grade concert tomorrow. Kids are so excited! Two shows tomorrow - 1st grade in the morning and 2nd grade in the afternoon. Report cards go live online on 12/18. PARCC scores will be mailed out from Lincoln school (even 6th graders) on 12/18. Mrs. Schulthes is holding a parent university on 12/10 - A Walk in the PARCC - how to understand the student scores at Eisenhower. At the Board of Ed meeting on 12/14 Mrs. Schulthes is presenting the district PARCC scores. At January PTO meeting will present the Lincoln School scores for grades 3,4,and 5 on language arts and math. The gate at Lucas Lane was closed twice in the past couple of weeks. There was a substitute custodian who wasn't aware of need to unlock the gate. Will make sure doesn't happen again. The staff is having their 2nd Responsive classroom meeting after school today. There are about 20 teachers taking their own time to help put this program in place. There are some subtle changes already in place in classrooms. Some creative engineering / STEM products purchased: Little Bits - simple magnetic/ electronic devices that can make toys. Lego WeDo and Cublex - early programming /coding. During the national Week of Code each grade level will have opportunity to work with Mr. Patenella. Wish you a happy holiday season!

Third Vice President's Report - Mrs. Russell - online

District Committee Reports - WEF

New Business

Lion Mascot Classroom Winner - KC

Next Meeting: Thursday January 7th, 2016 - 2pm

**Please join us for the next Coordinating Council Meeting-January 20th 9:30 at
Eisenhower**

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!!

Thank You!