



# Abraham Lincoln School PTO

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Minutes: November 3, 2016

**Welcome & Flag Salute 9:06 - 10:32**

**Secretary's Report - Jenn Duca**

- Approval of minutes - approved
- Correspondence

**President's Report - Colleen Wilson**

- Dad's Night Dance - not a casino night, just a fun night out
- Eisenhower Fall Dinner - 11/17
- Eisenhower fundraiser at Habit Burger today and 11/7 from 2:00-10:00
- Parking Lot safety
- No December PTO meeting
- If there is something you need in the Friday eblast please send it in by the Wednesday before and cc: Therese Simpson

**First Vice President's Report - Tracy Dohrmann**

- Extra Paper Directories are available for \$3
- Fall Festival/Pumpkin Sale Recap - went really well - petting zoo was great
- Kid's Nights: Younger parents can stay with their kids  
K - 1/6, 1<sup>st</sup> - 1/13, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 1/20, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 1/27, 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Bowling - 2/3
- Literary Lions - 11/15
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities - Memory Book Deadline 11/27 - contact Tricia Galasso with any questions - also please provide Kindergarten photo if your child wasn't here in Kindergarten
- Go Green Team - Create-a-Birdfeeder on 11/14 - Not a drop-off event - info coming out in Friday Folder
- Need some people to volunteer for January hospitality

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

- Kids Stuff Books Recap - went very well this year - six left over if anyone wants to purchase
- Baskets - Nicole Iasiello - Military Bridge - K, 2, and 4 give baskets to Military Bridge- \$5 from each child that donated class dues go towards the basket. Class moms can either shop on their own or give \$ to Nicole by 11/16 and she will shop for you. If you can solicit from local places you shop, Nicole has solicitation letter.
- Lincoln Shopping Night at Tons of Toys/Treasures on 11/30
- "I am Thankful" letters due by end of this week
- Holiday Mall - Kenna Petrevski and Natalie Grant - Outside vendor coming in and will be replenished each day. Will be contacting volunteers soon.
- Book Fair Recap - really successful - All for Books was new this year - raised \$630 dollars and bought 120 new books for Ramapo festival. Scholastic matches the money and gives it to charitable organization that they are associated with. Classroom wish lists were great and PTO will match to make sure all classes get equal donations - Spring book fair info

- Military Bridge - 1/19 - \$10 per person, 4 people per table, need volunteers for set up - event starts at 7:00, snow date is 1/26
- Kids Art - paperwork was due on Monday but you can still order online (Grades 1-5 only)

#### **Treasurer's Report - Amy Rolla**

- October Budget - approved
- Tax Exempt Form - we are a 501(c)3 so you need to use our tax exempt form because we cannot reimburse for tax

#### **Co-Coordinator's Report - Carrie Carpenter & Jamie Russo**

- Volunteers - Sign up at [wyckoffptoconomyshop.com](http://wyckoffptoconomyshop.com)

**Principal's Report - Mr. Lee - Morning Meeting - Create a morning meeting - one component of Responsive Classroom. Morning Meeting begins with a welcome and one minute greeting - stand up and mingle around the room to say hello with eye contact and smiles - modeled by two people. Teach concept of shaking hands but also fist bump, high five, salute, peace sign, etc. Some teachers use chimes provide signal for end of component. You begin the year with thinking of your hopes and dreams for the year. At first school-wide meeting shared hopes and dreams for the year. You're never forced to share. When you have something to share you can give a quiet thumbs up then teacher will call on some people. Some questions are silly and some are more serious. What you say isn't to please teacher but simply what you say is important because you said it. Not everyday is a share. It's good for kids to develop their sense of confidence throughout the year and bleeds into the academic day because they gain the confidence to raise hand and share as the year goes on. Games: Coseeki - a form of follow the leader. Energy Stick - make it light up but touching hands and guessing what kinds of things can make it light up. Morning Message on display on board. Can be an academic component or preview the day, etc. Typically entire meeting lasts 15 minutes. There is more to Responsive Classroom than Morning Meetings. Thank you to the PTO for purchasing The Morning Meeting Book for each teacher. Also using the books The First Six Weeks of School and The Power of Our Words. All four elementary schools are doing Responsive Classroom. Eisenhower has advisory but not same program. Specialists have a Google share doc with the schedule of where they go as a guest for Morning Meetings. School-wide morning meetings held on the first Friday of each month run by Mr. Lee.**

**Mrs. Burger is retiring at the end of this year. We wish her all the best!**

**Thank you: Book Fair was a smashing success! Evening event went well, too. Fall Festival was also great success. We have not done gold slips this year. Students were working hard to win a gold slip to try and win a Lincoln Lion and one kid won and maybe 50 who felt like they lost. Will find a different way to distribute the Lincoln Lions in an equitable way - working with Student Council on that. Gold slips are associated as a path to the toy and that's not the message we want to send. "Paws for Pride" is a new school-wide initiative with goal each month. We will chart as a school our progress with paws being placed on a banner. Communicate with the parents about these positive things that are going on at the school. Parking lot - individual correspondence going out to the grade levels because issue with people parking where the bus parks. We are working on ways to assist in parking lot issues.**

**Third Vice President's Report - Mrs. Russell - online - Please include teacher on PTO class correspondence when planning parties or pertaining to scheduling class activities.**

**District Committee Reports - WEF / Family Fun Run - we won!! \$500 extra grant and kids are voting on how to use that money.**

**Lion Mascot Classroom Winner - 4K**