



Abraham Lincoln School PTO

"LINCOLN PRIDE"

Minutes: February 2, 2017

Welcome & Flag Salute 7:08 - 7:47

Secretary's Report - Jenn Duca

- Approval of minutes - approved
- Correspondence

President's Report - Colleen Wilson

- Vote for MPR Sound System - cost \$9,846 - approved!
- Nominating Committee - Joanne Certo, Tricia Galasso, Andrea Marra, Kenna Petrevski, and Nicole Iasiello - fills executive board for next year. If you know someone for the board next year please send Joanne an email. You can nominate someone or yourself. Try to have people that have been around a little bit, maybe chaired an event. Any questions please email.
- Dad's Night Valentine's Dance - Dad's Night has been around for 20 years at Lincoln - huge tradition - money raised has gone to sound system in gym, K playground, basketball hoops, MPR TV screen/sound bar, etc. - The dance is a huge fundraiser for our school and we need the money to continue to support the events at the school. It's a fun night out and we hope to see everyone there to support the event. You don't have to come with a spouse - grab a group of friends! There will be basket items and auction items.
- PTO purchased some new games and sidewalk chalk for the recess cart

First Vice President's Report - Tracy Dohrmann

- Kids' Night's were a success. 4th and 5th grade Bowling is tomorrow. 5th Graders wear your shirts!
- Literary Lions - publication comes out once a year - open for all ages - next meeting February 7th - usually Tuesdays once per month
- Valentine's Day Parties - classes are responsible for paper goods
- Science Fair - March 8th - Laura Conkling is chair of event - Topic due by February 3rd - an awesome event held in MPR - open to all grades - can work in groups - even if your kid doesn't participate bring them to see all the great experiments
- Theme Day - May 25th (this is the new date!)- Volunteer sign up sheets will go out soon
- Family Bingo Night - 2/10 - Walk-ins are welcome but if you preregister you are entered into a raffle - 6:30-8:00 - kids love it - please register by Monday so we have enough prizes!
- Pi Day - 3/14 - Predetermined math projects - you don't have to be mathematically inclined - volunteers will get activities in advance. 3-4 parents per class needed.
- Math night - 3/3 - looking for volunteers to help set up at 1:30. Event 6:30-8:00 and looking for volunteers for the event and again don't need to be mathematically inclined. A lot of fun activities like Minute to Win It, snacks, Legos, etc.

Second Vice Presidents' Report - Michele Carbone & Janet Mullin

- Dad's Night - March 31st - Amato Galasso - T-shirt contest just ended. Dads will vote on the shirt. Winner posted in a couple of weeks. Skit contest - 4 skits will be chosen. Skits are in progress! Tickets will again offer family pack. Trying to do a digital download vs DVD.
- Dad's Night Contests - Winners will be announced soon
- Baskets - A lot of great ones at Military Bridge but need more for Ladies Night Out. As we get closer to LNO, Nicole Iasiello will be looking for help.
- Military Bridge - a big success - sold out! Thank you to everyone that helped!

Treasurer's Report - Amy Rolla

- January Budget Approval - approved

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

- Need volunteers
- 2nd Quarter Check - \$857 - small check because the shop needed a new heating system. The shop makes around \$6,000-\$8,000 per year per school!
- Board Positions open for next year

Principal's Report - Mr. Lee - Lots of clothes in lost and found! Kids nights were great and it's fun for them to come to school at night. Big talk among 4/5 grades is scooter bowl! Family Bingo night is great, please come out for that! A number of staffing changes for 2V and 4th grade math and they are off to a great start! Mrs. Hustegge is back! Mrs. Finan is not leaving yet - will fill in for a month for Mrs. Macaluso. Staff is hard at work - Mrs. Moscarello and Mrs. Weisman presented at statewide conference in January on Makerspace. Visitors here from Park Ridge schools came to see our Makerspace. Mrs. Dandeneau is working with a group of educators on Block Play to help PK-1st grade kids build skills. If you are a K or 1st grade parent currently, you should have received a survey on the 3/2 Kindergarten program. District is surveying to see whether to continue that program or make some changes. Next Friday is the 100th day of school. School wide morning meeting on that day. 1st Graders are dressing like they are 100 years old. Want to get our students involved in the school-wide morning meetings and one of the 5th grade classes, 5 P, is helping to plan. Will rotate which class helps throughout the rest of the year. Principal advisory group - about 5 teachers that meet to discuss instructional, school climate and culture, and managerial aspect of running the building. Last meeting discussed the role of teacher leaders and building the capacity for teachers taking initiatives in becoming leaders in school and district. Looking in to Flexible Seating Arrangements - how to restructure classrooms to help facilitate learning. Teacher-taught and student-taught communication skills. Technology update: 2nd graders have chrome books in their classrooms now on mobile carts. Meteorologist was here in the fall and kids were really excited about the green screen and so we bought one for Lincoln. Kids are loving using it with Mr. Patanella.

District Committee Reports - WEF Dinner Dance - at Indian Trail on 3/24

New Business

Lion Mascot Classroom Winner - 3R

Next Meeting - Thursday, March 9th at 9:00 am - Thank you!