



Abraham Lincoln School PTO

"LINCOLN PRIDE"

Minutes: March 9, 2017

Welcome & Flag Salute 9:09 - 9:57

Secretary's Report - Jenn Duca

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

President's Report - Colleen Wilson

- May 4th at 2:00 - Mr. Iasiello will be at our PTO Meeting
- Dr. Kuder will be at April Meeting for Budget review - also presented at Board of Ed meeting in April - 4/17 @ 7:00
- Raising Resilient Girls - speaker will come on May 16th to Lincoln - there will be an rsvp going out and depending on numbers may open to district - Resilient Girls Organization is in the process of speaking with Y to have some workshops. There is an initiative to foster girls in STEM and some grants out there and district is looking into those also.
- WEF Spring Fling - March 24th
- TV is coming - moved pride sign and hopefully next week will be hung up
- Working on dates for the spring book fair - more info to come

First Vice President's Report - Tracy Dohrmann

- Science Fair - last night - was a success! Laura Conkling did a great job - thanks! 91 participants!
- Math Night - was fantastic! Thanks to Tricia Galasso!
- Pi Day - 3/14 - class parents if you got an email please help getting volunteers signed up.
- Family Bingo Night - was great!
- Theme Day - May 25th - there were some vendors that couldn't make the original date so had to change. Theme Day is a huge event that is planned all year. The theme is announced in Sept - Let Your Imagination Soar. There is a big reveal so the event chairs don't give all details. All kids invited the whole day so any Kindergartners that typically go home early can stay. Starts with big assembly and then kids move through workshops throughout the day. Decorations committee makes great decorations. Event chairs will send email out if they need more people for workshops
- Literary Lions - April 4th - New project: "Diary of a Lincoln Kid" - kids get an index card where they write their thought of the day. Messages will be at the bottom of Mr. Lee's letter and Friday folder - 5th grade Diary of a Lincoln Kid contest
- Fifth Grade Activities - Colonial Day changed - will confirm date. Please get your Kindergarten picture by 3/17

- Fifth grade gift is paired with Eagle Scout Zach DeCurtis's project. Zach is a former Lincoln student and putting in a garden. The class gift is planters for the garden. 5th grade class trip is planned!

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

- Stop & Shop - earned \$1,592.54 so far with 130 registered cards - if you know someone who isn't registered please tell them to sign up
- Box Tops - earned \$361.20 from last submission - done for this year
- Ladies' Night Out-April 27th @ Macaluso's - invitation coming out soon - will also be looking for volunteers
- Baskets: Grades K, 2, and 4 - there is a request if possible for each class to solicit a basket - let Nicole Iasiello know
- Dad's Night March 31st - Tickets on sale now - t-shirt order until 3/17
- Luncheon Treats is looking for new chairs so if you are interested it would be good to shadow at the end of the year - two vendors are great and pretty much run themselves - it's mostly the pizza which is organizing the volunteers and ordering.

Treasurer's Report - Amy Rolla

- Approval of Budget - approved
- Please remember to use the tax exempt form

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

- Board Positions are open for next year
- Shop will remain open until mid-June thanks to the new A/C unit

Principal's Report - Mr. Lee - Thank you to Mrs. Conkling for the organizing the science fair last night! The students pick a topic that interests them and the diversity of the projects is great. A lot that I haven't seen before - thanks to Internet. We may have to have two rooms if keeps growing! Thanks to everyone that came out to Math Night - kids can see that math is fun and engaging outside of the classroom. Scooter Bowl was great event - lots of great sportsmanship - a few tears from some but shows how passionate the kids are. Mr. Patanella and Mr. Reilly do a great job and always bring kids together after practices and emphasize good sportsmanship and personal best. Report cards are issued on 24th via Genesis. Will go live at close of school. Marking period ends on 17th. There are benchmarks that go along with report card. The report card uses the standards that are required to report on, and Wyckoff has benchmarks as students move along toward that standard. Benchmarks have more details/explanations of expectations and are found under the curriculum tab on district website. Every child has something to work on and points of strength. Reach out to your child's teacher if you have questions. Head to Spring Gala after you check your report cards! 3/4th grade spring concert on 3/29. Also 3rd grade community service project fair follows. 1:30 concert for parents. Zach DeCurtis Eagle Scout working on the school garden and letting him be the leader of the project. Gardens will be outside of two fourth grade classrooms and hope to break ground in spring. Green team has helped to work on project. Not as simple as just digging - there are lots of board policies regarding which vendors you can use and how the grant money is involved. There is a plan for how to keep it going and maintain the garden. Staff is finishing the first book club. Going into a second one. PLC - Professional

Learning Committee - met yesterday and analyzed for a few hours multi-step high level word problems. Taking a group of teachers to see three schools next week: one is the Mustard Seed School in Hoboken - a responsive classroom school. Going to look at flexible seating schools to open seating to couches, beanbag chairs, standing desks, etc. at a middle school in Paramus and Crescent School in Waldwick that got a grant for it. Read across America week was last week - all had fun and thanks to Mrs. Husstege for coordinating it. PARCC testing coming up for grades 3-5. Start on 4/24. Staggered start across the district. 5th grade on the 25th, 4th grade on the 26th, and 3rd grade on the 27th. Try to be mindful of getting to school on time because students can't enter late to test so try to not schedule doctor appointments, etc. And thanks to PTO for all the events that you run - we really appreciate it.

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

District Committee Reports - WEF

New Business

Lion Mascot Classroom Winner - 3A

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 6th, 2017 - 9am

Budget Meeting

Thank You!