



# Abraham Lincoln School PTO

## "LINCOLN PRIDE"

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Minutes: September 15, 2016

**Welcome & Flag Salute 9:15 - 10:34**

**Secretary's Report - Jenn Duca**

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

**President's Report - Colleen Wilson**

- 2016-2017 General Interest Survey - closed
- 2016-2017 Theme - "Let Your Imagination Soar"
- Movie Night - 9/23 - a free event to bring the community together at the beginning of the year - Lego Movie in honor of maker space. Bring flashlight, lawn chair, and/or blanket. PTO will provide water and popcorn. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade door open for bathroom. No access to playground for safety.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Gift - 2 years worth of gifts to give so chose a 3D printer (from class of 2016) and a TV outside of the office (from class of 2015) to show photos and other info on loop.
- District Calendar - online - tried best to clean up the calendars to clear redundancies. PTO calendar is also on bulletin board outside office.
- Friday News - Please send blurbs to Colleen Wilson no later than Wednesday of that week. Fliers need to be approved by Mr. Lee and cc Mrs. Demeglio. Forms and flyer are on PTO website
- Parking Lot Safety/Protocol/Pets
- 501(c)3 and Tax Exempt - chair people have folders with tax exempt form. If you have to purchase something for a school event, we can provide you with a copy.
- Class Parents - already chosen - usually have one more week before back to school night so needed to do it early this year. Try to do our best to make it even with boy mom and girl mom, veteran and new. Some classes have many volunteers and some have none so makes it tricky sometimes. There are plenty of opportunities to be involved even if you're not the class parent.
- Nominating committee (for new PTO Board next year) was not on survey but we will put out for volunteers in January. Open to anyone to sign up for it. Slate presented in March and the vote is in June.

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

- 2016-2017 Membership - PTO office - closing on 9/30 - if you don't pay by then your name isn't on the printed directory and we can't go back and change it. Please go in and update if your email or anything has changed.
- Hospitality - need chair - Includes teacher treats - great for a new person to get involved. You don't have to do alone; you can sign up with a friend.
- Fall Festival and Pumpkin Sale - 10/21 - Friday right after school - free event. The entire family is welcome - activities for every age. Weather permitting outside until 5:00. Eisenhower students volunteer and they get service hours - volunteers needed. Pumpkin sale on the same day in the MPR - you can sign up through your class parent to paint pumpkins.

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities - Dina Schwartz and Michele Carbone are overall chairs. It's last call to sign up for specific activity chairs - go to general interest sign up and check off 5<sup>th</sup> grade activities and use comments section to specify which activity. Also need volunteers for these events.
- Go Green - wonderful projects with kids to teach about recycling and environmental efforts. First project details coming soon.
- Media - 3 volunteers spots open for: 3A, 1N, 5B
- Literary Lions - meet every Tuesday starting in October in media center. Grades 1-5 - dates are on district website and school calendar.

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

- Kids' Stuff Coupon Book - going home tomorrow - one per family. Coupon books \$25 each - any questions send email to Jamie Russo or Carrie Carpenter. We get 50% per book so great fundraiser for our school!
- Stop n Shop Rewards - in Friday news next week. When you use your stop n shop card a percentage of your purchase goes to our school. You can sign up for multiple schools. If you were registered last year don't need to reregister. Family members can also sign up. We got \$2,250 last year!
- Box Tops - no labels for education anymore. Box tops bin is outside the office. Please write your child's name and class on bag and how many box tops. We made \$1500 last year!
- Baskets - collection for military bridge and ladies night. You can make your own class basket but can also give the money to Nicole Iasiello and she will shop for you. Money due by 11/1 if you want Nicole to shop for you.
- Luncheon Treats - New vendors: No Fuss and Nicholas Market. Off to a great start! You have to order the night before. Comes with fruit, vegetable, and treat. You can contact both vendors with questions - they are excellent with responding to questions. More info to come through PTO. There is a lunch line set up with tray for each child. The food is warm and inviting. There is a cancellation policy if your child is out sick. Please sign up online so allergy form is on file in case your child needs a lunch. Vendor personnel are all fingerprinted and have background check through the district because other schools use them. Kindergarten aides bring food to their classrooms so vendors aren't walking around the school.
- Fall Plant Sale - going on now - fliers in Friday news last week and this week - forms due Tuesday pick up on the 26<sup>th</sup>
- After School Programs - everything on the YMCA website - still time to sign up - all held at Lincoln.
- Pie Sale - looking for a chair - easy one to chair, one day event
- Spirit Wear - starts on Friday - samples will be outside of the office starting today. Open for three weeks - will be on Friday news - any questions reach out to Christine Kearny.

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

- 2015-2016 Final Budget - approved
- 2016-2017 Proposed Budget - approved
- PTO treasurer folder is in PTO mailbox in school office - all forms are in there. If you take the last form, please make copies and replace. Reimbursement checks left in folder
- A form is required with every request/receipt.

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

- Economy Shop - going to be 70 years old this year! On Main St by train tracks. Our school made \$7,500 last year! One of the top fundraisers for the school!
- Volunteers - 28 volunteers from Lincoln signed up so far this year! Still have more shifts to fill. Shop is open Tuesday - Saturday. Morning, afternoon, and evening shifts. Great for teenagers that need community service, retired grandparents, etc. It's diverse group of people from town and beyond.

**Principal's Report - Mr. Patrick Lee - Welcome back! Great Back To School night last night for Grades 3-5. K-2 is next week. Thanks to Staff for a really long day. (Picture day was also yesterday.) Thanks to PTO, Executive Board and Colleen for a great start. Great opening and kids are excited. Teachers are energetic and enthused. Please don't hesitate to reach out if there is anything I can do to assist. Some new staff members - busy year for leave replacements. New head custodian. If you ever need anything let me or him know; he's here to help you. Thank you Mrs. Buchman for plants and mulch in front of school. Please log on to Genesis online for updating of emergency contact and signing of forms for picture use and acceptable use and escorted vs. non-escorted dismissal. Escorted dismissal means that you need to come into the school and show picture ID and sign out your child every single day. Non-escorted is what teachers have always done: seeing you or caregiver on black top to dismiss. Any questions call main office. YMCA after school activities are here at Lincoln. Kindergarten KinderCare children are still bussed to the Y. If your child will be absent, please be sure to call in by 9 am. You can call and leave a message at any time. If you are going to be very tardy please also call in. Birthday treats - many schools have moved away from food but Wyckoff has not. There is an increasing number of allergies so will alert parents of children who have allergies if a treat is being sent in. We are peanut aware, not peanut free. It's a continued discussion but no change to this policy yet. For 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders who travel, so not with homeroom, we're not saying no birthday treats, but are asking parents to consider a non-edible treat and kids can take it with them as they move around. If you want to send in a food treat you can still bring it in - it will be given at the end of the day as a dismissal treat. Want to keep focus on academics and to bring them back to their homerooms for treats interrupts the flow of the day. Maybe a cookie to go would work. We are open to see how it goes and adjust as needed. Safety patrol started today - Mr. Reilly oversees that program. Thank you to PTO for Morning Meeting books that were donated. Morning meetings have been great! Specialists are in a classroom morning meeting to start the day. Schedule was shifted to allow for morning meetings - specials are still one hour. Instructional goals for the year: more infused Professional Development - not pull out Professional Development. There are science roll outs for some grades. No more math PD pullouts. Faculty book clubs this year starting soon - will post what we're reading as a staff and school. Some examples are: Mathematical Mindsets - science behind learning math and Power of Our Words - using effective language in the classrooms. We will rotate books. Thank you for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade gifts - they are awesome! Mr. Patanella and I are working to put together the 3D printer and are almost done. Kids are excited for that printer. Also accepting donations for the Maker Space. A lot of clothes from lost and found is in the MPR - if not claimed then will be donated to PTO Economy Shop. All media events will stay the same even though Mrs. Husstege is on leave. Thanks again for a great start to the year!**

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

**District Committee Reports - WEF / Family Fun Run-October 15<sup>th</sup> - Wyckoff Education Foundation -raises money for our schools like the chrome books initiative. They have two main**

fundraisers: first is WEF Fun Run/5K. All Rec Sports are cancelled for the day to allow for everyone to come out and support. You don't have to run; you can walk. There is also a bounce house, dunk tank, games, DJ, etc. A lot of our teachers participate and walk behind a Lincoln banner. All schools get \$500 grant but school with most participation gets an additional \$500 grant. We almost won last year so even if you can't be there you can still register and get counted. T-shirts this year are really soft but run small.

**New Business**

**Lion Mascot Classroom Winner - KD**