



Abraham Lincoln School PTO

"LINCOLN PRIDE"

Minutes: January 10, 2019

Welcome & Flag Salute 9:08 - 10:05am

Our Lincoln Student Council board went over their mission. The "Golden Pencil" raised \$417. Some of the events include pajama day and various fundraisers. They will be holding a food drive January 1/21-2/4 (No Glass or Expired Dates).

Secretary's Report - Jeannine Mosco

- Approval of minutes - approved
- Correspondence.

President's Report - Evelyn Amerio

- Coordinating Council Meeting 1/24 - 9:30am at Lincoln
- Colleen Gallagher presents "Mindfulness" - She would like to hold a seminar on mindfulness. Tools for the parent so we can be aware when we are getting stressed.
- We are trying to get a Technology Awareness seminar. Things we should be aware of when we give our children cell phones.
- Nominating Committee - we are starting our nominating committee to create a new board for next year. Please reach out to Colleen Wilson if you are interested.

First Vice President's Report - Jenn Duca

Kids' Nights and Bowling - Permissions Slips

Kid's Night Dates:

Kindergarten 1/11 - 6:00-7:00pm

2nd 1/11 - 7:15-8:30pm

1st - 1/25 - 6:00-7:00pm

3rd - 1/25 - 7:15-8:30pm

4th/5th Bowling - 2/1 - 3:30-5:00pm

- Literary Lions - Heather Layng - 1st meeting of the new year 1/15 after school
- Lincoln Library Lovers - January 15/16 - Colleen Wilson - It's an opportunity for parents to go into the library to purchase pre-selected books. The children get to take a picture with Mrs. Hustage and the book purchased. Tuesday 1/15 and Wednesday 1/16 in the Media Center 8:15am - 9:00am & 3:00pm - 3:45pm
- 5th Grade Activities - 5th grade Talent Show - March 1, 2019. All are welcomed to attend. If you have any questions please reach out to Carrie Carpenter or Deb Calderon
Scooter Bowl 2/15 - it is the 25th anniversary of the Scooter Bowl
Monday, January 21st - Flap Jack fundraiser. After school, all proceeds are going to benefit the Valerie Fund.
- Masterpiece Art will be starting 2/1. Georgia O'Keefe is our 1st Artist. If you have any questions, please reach out to Beth Antino

- Family Bingo Night - Friday, February 8 @ 6:30pm. It's a free event for families to attend. It's always a lot of fun.
- Science Fair - Wednesday, March 6th- chaired by Laura Conkling
- Family Math After School - Wednesday, March 13th (3:20pm in the gym). Carrie Carpenter is looking for volunteers to help out that afternoon.
- Pi Day - Thursday, March 14th - Pi Day is a day where we have parents come into the classroom and they help with organized math games.
- Shadow Positions - we have a few events who do not have chairs for next year. If you are interested in chairing a position next year, you can shadow the current chair this year. (Science Fair, Theme Day Luncheon, Book Fair)
- Extra Directories Available for \$3.00.

Second Vice Presidents' Report - Tracy Rhine & Allison Seifert

- Military Bridge - Thursday, January 17th - Door Open at 6:30. We still have tables available. We are looking for volunteers, if you are interested, please see Trish Galasso.
- Dad's Night Event - Lambda Lambda Lincoln: The Sequel 2/9 ~ Brick House. Flyers will be in this weeks Friday folder.
- Dad's Night - Friday, March 22nd. This is a great event which our children always look forward to. There is a dad's night meeting tonight.
- Scooter Bowl - Friday, February 15th - be on the lookout for scooter bowl t-shirt sales
- A/R Workshop- 2nd Grade 1/10/19
5th Grade 1/25/19
1st Grade 1/30/19
Kingergarten 1/31/19
- Pizza Love -Our next event is 2/12/19. Just mention Lincoln school when placing your order

Treasurer's Report - Janet Mullin

Co-Coordinator's Report - Marsha Romero & Terri Shaw-Kowalczyk

- Volunteers

Principal's Report - Mr. Lee - Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday break. I'm looking forward to another great calendar year at Lincoln School! Welcome Back Mrs. Moscarello from maternity leave, will be working in grade K for the remainder of the year. Good Luck to Mrs. Maver, who will sadly be leaving Lincoln School for a new professional opportunity for her. Mrs. Thompson will continue in grade 2 for the remainder of the year. Best wishes to Dr. Kuder - Farewell was held at EMS on Monday, 12/17 - Dr. Kuder attended schoolwide morning meeting on Wednesday, 12/19. Welcome to Mr. Jeff Feiffer, who will be serving as the new interim Superintendent through June. Mr. Feiffer has been a terrific addition to the Wyckoff team, and has already worked closely with the principals and central office staff to ensure continuity of administration. He has decades of experience in Bergen County as a principal and Superintendent. Lincoln School recently installed a new "swipe card entrance" outside the 3rd/4th grade wing. This will improve efficiency and security, and is a welcomed building improvement. Looking forward to our "5th Grade Flapjack Fundraiser" on Monday 1/21. Thank you to our teachers, PTO, and students for coordinating this event to benefit the Valerie Fund. Monday, 2/4 (Wednesday, 2/6: Sibling Kindergarten registration. See the Friday folder and /or Mrs. Garofalo or Mrs. DiMeglio with any questions regarding registration. Please be sure to see the Friday Folder with information on the "Wyckoff Connected Parent Series." There are some great learning opportunities for parents throughout the remainder of the school year. Staff has continued to work on several instructional initiatives. A number of teacher teams are engaging in Self-Directed

Growth Plans, which are essentially action projects focusing on specific areas of inquiry and instruction. These include problem-based learning in math, interactive math software programs, "Breakout EDU" lessons to build flexible thinking and several others. We have also continued our work on the book "The Curious Classroom," which we are reading as a staff book club. Our latest chapter looked at the importance of building both "acquaintance" and "identity" to build a positive classroom climate—helping students get to know themselves and their classmates as learners. This fits nicely with our work in Responsive Classroom as well as in Cultural Competency. Several statewide changes to our assessment system. There remains Language Arts and Math testing in Grades 3-5, and Science testing in Grade 5. This is re-branded from PARCC to NJ Student Learning Assessment, with some changes in timing. The format of the assessment will remain essentially unchanged.

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

New Business

Lion Mascot Classroom Winner: 2P

Monthly PTO Winner:

Next Meeting-Thursday, February 7th at 1:30pm

Thank you!