



Abraham Lincoln School PTO

"LINCOLN PRIDE"

Minutes: September 23, 2021

Meeting Time: 9:20 AM to 10:26 AM

Welcome & Flag Salute

Secretary's Report - Sabah Bajwa

- Approval of June 2021 minutes
- Correspondence

President's Report - Tiffani DeLorenzo—welcomed class with introduction of her background both personally and professionally. Available for questions at any time.

- 2021-2022 Executive Board- Introduction of executive board; Erin Rand, 1st VP, Tricia Galasso/Christina Finkelstein, 2nd VPs, Eric Powers, Treasurer, Sabah Bajwa, Secretary, Ms. Lynn Wiebe, 3rd VP.
- Thank you to our teachers and staff- Thanked teachers and staff for preparing for the new school year—thank you for endless amounts of support and work.
- NEW Sunday Times - Tori Ahmed is the web administrator—thanked her for her efforts with the website and creation of the new Sunday Times. Credit to Sicomac School PTO for their newsletter ideas.
- Economy Shop - The Lincoln PTO needs two volunteers to join the PTO Board as chair people for the Economy Shop. Shop is opening Oct 12 for preparations. Brings huge benefit to school, \$6-\$8k provided to each school at the end of the year from sales in the past. Sarah Renner, past Economy Shop President, will join to give background on Economy Shop later in the meeting. Great cause—a good way to get involved on a smaller scale.
- Follow us on social media! - Very easy way to keep up with important reminders—Facebook (Lincoln Pride PTO) has all reminders and links. Sunday Times also lists social media accounts each week, please follow us. September is a busy month parents can help by spreading the word regarding social media updates on Facebook and Instagram.

First Vice President's Report - Erin Rand

- Volunteer Survey & Class Parents—thanked everyone for completing volunteer survey and offering to volunteer as class parents
- 2021-2022 Directory-final stages of production; will print next week. If someone did not register, they will not be included with full address however child's name will always be listed with their class.

- Literary Lions - a creative writing group for grades 1-5; they put together a book at the end of the year.
 - The first Tuesday of the month, 3:20-4:20 pm in Media Center, beginning 10/5
 - Permission Slip—will be sent home this Friday, 9/24
- Bike/Walk to School 10/6 (Rain Date 10/8) - Chairs: Danielle Revere, Krista McGuire - Krista McGuire mentioned that Stop and Shop will provide apples and water for kids who walk/bike to school; stickers will be handed to students. Volunteers needed to help with coordinating and handing out snacks/water
- Movie Night 10/8 @ 6:30PM -Join us on the Lincoln School field for movie night; popcorn and water will be provided; movie TBD
- Fall Festival 10/22, immediately after school (Rain Date 10/29) - Chairs: Mariya Rigby, Danielle Revere, Jessica Fry - Jess Fry mentioned plans are underway; received donations for food items; this year's event will be help outdoors and include new activities for the children. -Christina Finkelstein mentioned pumpkin raffle—pumpkins will be decorated and raffled like last year.
- Hospitality Sign Up Sheet—asked for parent volunteers to arrange refreshments for each PTO meeting
- 5th Grade Activities - Chairs: Jenn Duca & Marsha Romero—Marsha mentioned they met with the chairs to brainstorm ideas; sign up for tshirts this week/deadline tomorrow 9/24-free for 5th graders—5th graders will wear t shirts during school events through the year. Talent show, fund raisers, memory book breakfast, among events being planned. Facebook page for 5th Grade class: Lincoln Lions Class of 2022

Second Vice President's Report - Tricia Galasso and Christina Finkelstein

- Fall Plant Sale -Jess Fry was thanked for running event; 9/28 is the day people will come pick up plants—email will go out to remind everyone of pick up date
- Spirit Wear-sale ended on Sunday-huge success; Joanna Laub ran the campaign and was thanked—orders will come in 3 to 4 weeks later in mid-October
- Pizza Love Fundraiser, every 3rd Monday of every month—mention Lincoln school so we receive a percentage of those sales during lunch and dinner
- Open Chair Positions
 - Events/Prize Chairs—this role entails collection of donations for Military Bridge/Ladies night—need more help to collect donations for baskets from local businesses
- Nicholas Markets-back and doing well; orders must be placed by Thursday the week prior—Jeni Kertesz was acknowledged and thanked for her help with this program. Please reach out to Jeni with any questions—small service fee due to Covid precautions

- Pizza Lunch/Ice Cream started this week—huge success! Melissa Puzio and Alyson Levine were thanked for their efforts—second half of the year orders can be placed in January 2022
- Pumpkin raffle will happen in October and tickets will need to be purchased in advance—more to come!
- Question about pizza set up was asked -Melissa Puzio gave brief directions of indoor set up; Mr. Lee explained the outdoor set up—will go with the flow and work out tweaks. Indoor set up is gym for pick up and students will come to MPR for eating. Vaccination status was brought up for volunteers—Mr. Lee mentioned that it is a regulation put out by governor—volunteers will need to provide proof of vaccine or negative Covid test—big undertaking and currently details of managing the process are being worked through for a secure system of validation. Mr Lee, Nurse and front office secretaries will most likely be managing—not in effect until Oct 18—still working on logistics. Would apply for volunteers coming into to help with pizza lunch, book fair, etc. Requirement we have to abide by; working through secure process set up.

Treasurer's Report - Eric Powers

- Reimbursement email- lincolnschoolpto2017@gmail.com --email checked daily; response turnaround will be efficient; check reimbursement process was provided in class parent folders; can be resent to anyone who may need information on the process.
- 2020-2021 Final Budget -approvals obtained
- 2021-2022 Proposed Budget—approvals obtained
- PTO office confusion regarding tip—note on purchase page states that the tip is provided to the web administrator (PTOffice)—donation does not come to the PTO and cannot be refunded—be aware that tip goes to PTOffice and not Lincoln School and/or PTO.

Principal's Report - Mr. Patrick Lee

- Welcome back to a new school year. Welcomed new families with an applaud. Happy to have normalcy back—new families thanked for jumping in and trusting us with your most precious resource. Thanked the PTO for support—stocking fridge, pizza lunch, Nicholas market, etc. Recognized staff for wonderful start of the year—engaged and excited to have students back. Energetic and enthusiastic for an awesome start. Back to school night next Tuesday 9/28—email went out this week to explain last name break up of who can attend at what time. Will be mentioned again in Friday's email blast. Sympathized that its hard if you have multiple kids to split the meetings—trying the best we can to help manage and make the night as useful as possible. Video message will be sent regarding highlights and welcome to avoid large gathering in gym.
- Back to School Night schedule:
 - 6:30 pm -7:00 pm - Gr. K-2 (A-L); Gr. 3-5 (M-Z)
 - 7:10 pm -7:40 pm - Gr. K-2 (M-Z); Gr. 3-5 (A-L)

- 6:30 pm -7:40 pm - Specialist/Special Area visits
 - Lincoln School building goals—
 - Promote student voice and agency; helping students recognize their voice and allowing them to express their voices. Videocasting/podcasting with Mr. Patanella.
 - Balanced Literacy-reading and writing; involving parents to promote program and how to support students at home—example: reading to children every night. Mentioned last year's Willy Wonka program.
 - Connected Community-mindfulness activities; will involve students.
 - Overall great start—happy to have students back—they have been great with masks—following safety guidelines and protocols. Try to add a few extra masks in kids backpack to help constant need to change the masks.
 - Will try to encourage most activities outdoors but are working on sourcing ways to adjust activities indoors as weather changes.
 - Quarantine guidelines—changing based on how things progressed last year
 - Quarantine rules: 7 days with a test if a close contact; positive test requires 10-day quarantine.
 - Does child have to get tested if they have symptom—some symptoms do require a test—Nurse will walk you through which symptoms require tests, etc. See Mrs. Doidge with any questions
 - Coming up: Back to school night/ bike/walk to school/ "Start Strong" state assessment for grades 4 and 5 (45 mins-1hr both days for Math and Language Arts) required by state in lieu of NJSLA which has been postponed to spring of 2022.
 - Halloween parades—working on ways to accommodate; Try to keep costumes manageable -fun events for kids, we will make some adjustments to stay within safety protocols.
- Thanks again for coming—have a great year!

Third Vice President's Report - Mrs. Wiebe -report attached (please see below)

Co-Coordinator's Report - Tricia Galasso

Sarah Renner came into speak about Economy shop-gave background on the shop/it serves as a thrift shop in town—explained the board; separate entity from PTO—Economy shop is a store which needs to be run; gives back to each school in Wyckoff and two high schools \$6-8k a year/ money helps the community

- 2 Chair people needed from Lincoln School—responsibility varies based on boards requirements—Mark down Mondays (cycled through donations/moved around to update inventory—no consignment accounts allowed at the time—easy job this year since full donation amounts will go back to shop and schools. Fun job-takes a few hours on Monday's (9-11am)—if school does not contribute with volunteers, they will not get the proceeds.
- Economy Shop needs board members —some members are leaving—open positions are:
 - Co-Presidents; work on your schedule; work from home.

- VP of Volunteers—can be done from home; managing sign ups and volunteers with each school PTO boards.
- Treasurer—have one previous treasurer need one more.
- Really need help to keep shop going for community and for those who rely on the shop for clothes for their families. Donations needed as well for clothing. Shop open to public only when school is in session—hours are:
 - Tues-Friday-10 am to 2 pm
 - Saturday -10 am to 1 pm
 - Late night: Thursday -6:30 pm-9 pm
- Weekday shift will be 9:45-12 and 12-2 and then for Thursday just one shift from 6:30-9 pm
- Experienced manager will always be there to help.
- High school/college ages can volunteer but adult will manage money
- Does not have to be parent—can be other people you may know who can represent our school
- Opening Date: October 12th for preparations
- No Donations of clothing accepted until shop opens

New Business:

Classroom Book Winner: 1N and 4R

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 14th at 2:00 PM

Thank you for attending!

*****3rd VP Notes in next section below*****

PTO NEWS **SEPTEMBER**

Kindergarten

Our youngest Lincoln Lions are off to a great start in Kindergarten! We are building a strong sense of classroom community, making friends, learning routines, and having FUN learning at school! We are exploring our names and what makes them unique. We are also focusing on letter recognition and learning about numbers 0-5 in math. We enjoy outdoor opportunities to work and play!

First Grade

First grade is off to a great start! We have been working hard to build a community of learners and learn classroom routines. We worked together to create our classroom rules and set goals for ourselves by creating individual Hopes and Dreams. We have launched our Reading and Writing workshop and continue to learn ways to build our stamina in each. In Math, we have been working with numbers up to 10 and have been doing a lot of partner work and math games.

Second Grade

The new school year is well underway as we all quickly become acquainted. Second graders are learning new routines and making many new friends. We all appreciate being together, especially at lunch and recess time, after being apart so much last year. The majority of our time, so far, has been spent developing rules and clarifying expectations for our classroom community. We are also easing into our academic subjects. In math, we are reading and writing three digit numbers. We are practicing writing numbers in standard, expanded, and word form. We are in the planning phase of writing personal narrative stories. These stories will zoom in on a small but significant moment in the writer's life.

Third Grade

Third graders have been enjoying getting to know each other and building a classroom community. We have read stories, made class constitutions, and written about our hopes and dreams for third grade. In math, we are working with numbers to 10,000. In reading, we have been setting expectations as we lay the foundation for strong reading habits. We have personalized our writer's notebooks and shared some fun stories to begin our personal narrative unit. In social studies, we are learning about children's rights and our place in the community as responsible citizens.

Fourth Grade

Mrs. Mac and Mrs. Russell are excited to welcome our new students to the Grade 4 Team! We've been building classroom communities at Morning Meetings, as well as with a variety of activities including sharing "bio bags" and decorated notebooks, creating identity webs, and drafting "I Am" poems. In addition, we've set new hopes and dreams and created class Constitutions. The children seem to enjoy "switching classes" and are already adjusting to our busy schedule! All are excited about our new 4th Grade opportunities! On Friday, we participated in an instrumental demonstration, and many of the children are excited about learning an instrument, joining Chorus, and running for Student Council! We have begun our first math unit on Working With Whole Numbers. In social studies, we have started our unit on the Early People of New Jersey by studying and designing maps of New Jersey's physical features. We look forward to meeting parents at Back-to-School Night.

Fifth Grade

In social studies, students began the first unit, "Three Worlds Meet". Students began by studying different Native Nations. They focused on the Native Nations of the Pacific Northwest, the Northern Plains, and the New York area. In language arts, we have been reading our independent reading books and learning strategies for identifying important moments in our books. We are also reviewing how to make meaningful inferences and predictions in our books. In writing, we are publishing our "Where I'm From" poems based on the work of George Ella Lyon. Also, we are gathering story ideas and sharing and writing small moment stories about our lives. Finally, we began word study with a review of 4th grade roots. The fifth graders have been enjoying math class! We start each math class with a game to review some previously learned math skills and to get our "math muscles" ready for Chapter 1. We launched fifth grade math with our Growth Mindset and Math Mindset unit. In this unit, students learned that the brain is elastic and ever-changing, and that they can learn anything. They learned the importance of making mistakes and growth mindset ways to respond to challenges. We then eased into Chapter 1 - Numbers to 10,000,000.

Music

Lincoln students have had the wonderful opportunity to join together in song, once again, as our new school year has begun. 4th and 5th Grade students are all encouraged to join the Chorus, which meets before school, to be a part of our wonderful concerts this year. Students in the primary grades have been playing musical games, singing new songs, and playing instruments, such as the drum. Our third grade students eagerly await their recorder lessons this school year, and all Lion Lions have been learning our Lincoln School Song, called "We Got Pride at Lincoln School."

Physical Education

This fall at Lincoln school we are excited to get back to our favorite physical education games. We will be going outside as much as possible so dress accordingly. Our first unit of the year will be soccer. Students will learn about the psychomotor as well as cognitive skills to become all stars. This will be achieved through a variety of small skill games working towards larger tournament style matches. I look forward to the students refining their skills as well as having fun. As always we will have a strong focus on good sportsmanship and always giving the best effort.

Media

The first week of school was filled with excitement in the media center. Students were excited to be back as we shared stories and policies for the upcoming year. The media center is proud to be up and running with kids beginning book selection this week. Students in grades 4 and 5 are anticipating the announcement of this year's Battle of the Books at Lincoln the first full week of October. Big thank you to the PTO for purchasing the Battle of the Books titles for both the library as well as the 4th and 5th grade homeroom libraries.

Spanish

It's so nice to see everyone back at school. The first few weeks were spent setting classroom expectations and getting the students ready for all the activities coming their way. Discussions of "Hopes and Dreams" in Spanish were used as a springboard for the year to come.

Counseling

During the first few weeks of school, Ms. Wiebe met with each class and explained the role of the school counselor. Ms. Wiebe has been part of the outdoor lunch and recess and has introduced various new activities into the outdoor recess setting. Classroom counseling lessons will continue into the month of October, small group counseling groups will begin and we are looking forward to the Week of Respect which begins on October 4th.

