



Abraham Lincoln School PTO

"LINCOLN PRIDE"

Minutes: September 15, 2022

Meeting Time: 9:20 AM to 10:19 AM

Welcome & Flag Salute

Secretary's Report - Sabah Bajwa

- Approval of June 2022 minutes obtained
- Correspondence

President's Report - Tiffani DeLorenzo—

- Welcomed PTO members and thanked them for attending the meeting. 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, Lindsay Barrett, Economy Shop, 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 Family Coordinator - Joanna Laub - please contact Joanna will any questions at jogie482@aol.com
- Sunday Times - Important information provided on a weekly basis
- 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. Private page—only admitted based on qualifications. September is a busy month parents can help by spreading the word regarding social media updates on Facebook and Instagram.
- PTO is a membership which includes all parents, we work together and appreciate everyone's efforts and input. Things we have done so far: stock the faculty break room with snacks, Lincoln staff received gifts to get their classroom ready, initiated Amazon gift card giving program, birthday books, PTO book winner for each month, supply items for students to use during recess

First Vice President's Report - Erin Rand

- 22/23 Directory—Final stages of production; thank you for quick registering; distribution end of Sept/early Oct
- Literary Lions - every Tuesday beginning October 4th -creative writing group run by parent volunteers; this year only 4th and 5th graders will be allowed to join; max capacity is 12 participants—first come first serve based on permission slips
 - 3:20-4:20 pm in TBA
 - Permission Slip—going out this Friday 9/16

- Bike/Walk to School 10/6 (Rain Date 10/7) -encourage kids to come to school by walking, riding bike, scooter, etc. Volunteers needed to help pass out snacks and treats for kids who participate
 - Chairs: Alicia Jackson, Krista McGuire
- Movie Night 10/7 @ 6:30PM -Movie will be announced soon; admission is free for all Lincoln families
- Fall Festival 10/21, immediately after school (Rain Date 10/28)
 - Chairs: Jessica Fry, Kim McCloskey
 - Additional Chair Needed—please let Erin know if interested
- Hospitality Sign Up Sheet-passing around sign up for the rest of the year; Courtney Jackson is chair and will be in touch once you sign up
- Open Chair Positions: Fall Festival & Family Math (Fun afternoon/evening held in spring/math activities provided for kids to participate in/ reference for activities and supplies provided)
- 5th Grade Activities - Chairs: Tiffani DeLorenzo & Allison Seifert—updates to come in future meetings!
- Eisenhower Update - Eisenhower Chair: Lisa Holmes—she provided update from first PTO meeting: bus shortage being addressed; book fair to begin soon; outdoor area being arranged for use; start strong testing to begin; behavioral threat assessment team being explored to begin next year; Economy Shop offering volunteer hours for middle school students

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

- Fall Plant Sale - Opened Monday, 9/12; Orders Due 9/20; will be delivered to Lincoln 9/27
- Spirit Wear - Opened Sunday, 9/11 - Closes 9/21; Orders will be delivered home mid October -new designs and items added
- Pizza Love Fundraiser, every 3rd Monday of every month—Next date: Monday 9/19; please mention Lincoln School so that Lincoln may receive a portion of the sale proceeds
- Open Chair Positions: Business Outreach- engage with local businesses to support the PTO
- Nicholas Markets-lunch service which provides meals to Lincoln students; orders must be placed by Friday the week prior; must update child's profile
- Bagels (begin Monday, September 19th) Pizza Lunch/Ice Cream (begin Wednesday, September 28th)—Pizza being provided by Pizza Love and Bagels form Midland Park Bagels

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.
- 2021-2022 Final Budget -approvals obtained
- 2022-2023 Proposed Budget—approvals obtained

Principal's Report - Mr. Patrick Lee

- Thank you for attending—appreciated the large turn out today. Happy to experience a normal school opening after a few years.
- Welcome to new families and Kindergarten families! Thanks to parents and students for supporting new families.
- Back to School Night coming up on Tuesday 9/20
 - 6:30-7:15 - K-2 classrooms; 3-5 special area open house
 - 7:20-7:50 - general presentation in gym
 - 7:55-8:40 - 3-5 classrooms; K-2 special area open house
- School Theme: "Better Together!"
- New Staff:
 - Mr. White
 - Ms. Miller
 - Ms. Rosenblatt
 - Ms. Melz
- Building goals
 - Increase writing stamina and production across all subject areas
 - Utilize Small Group Instruction time to employ reading and word study strategy groups
 - Provide greater opportunities for independent problem solving in mathematics
 - Develop shared behavioral and learning expectations across the school building
- New schedule - 4 Key Changes
 - Additional K-5 PE period weekly
 - Supports wellness
 - Small Group Instruction (SGI) period K-5
 - Working with all students in core content areas
 - Addressing individual needs through small group instruction
 - Spanish now in K-5 every other week (not only 3-5) during SGI
 - Tech in K-5 weekly not just K-2 during SGI
- "Start Strong" assessments
 - Mandatory state assessments
 - September 28, 29; gr 4 and 5 only
 - Approximately 1 hour in ELA, 1 hour in Math
- Parking Lot Safety/Reminders
- Looking forward to continued collaboration
 - Work with teachers on any questions/concerns
 - Reach out if needed
 - Excited for a wonderful school year!

Third Vice President's Report - Mrs. Wiebe

- The Buddy Lunch was a huge success this year with over 30 students participating. Thank you to the parents who volunteered their children to help with this special day.

- The Wyckoff Elementary Schools introduced a new SEL curriculum this year. It is part of the Responsive Classroom Program. Students in all grades will be exploring the core competencies of cooperation, assertiveness, responsibility, self control and empathy.
- Minute meetings have begun. This is a time where the counselor checks in briefly with all students as to how their school year is going thus far and is there anything they need help with (friends, academics etc).
- We are looking forward to the Week of Respect which is scheduled for the first week of October. Empathy is the theme. There will be more information to follow.

District Committee Reports - WEF

- Dana Casale-WEF President
- Provided \$20k donation to Wyckoff board of ed for stem and robotics initiatives
- This year having teachers provide grant proposals to WEF to explore things outside of classroom to support learning activities
- Events: Thanksgiving Drive/50-50 Raffle/Casino Night
- Need Trustees to help support and drive efforts

Economy Shop Report

- New Chairs: Amy Fox Lindsay Barrett
- Economy Shop needs volunteers
- Opening Date: Tuesday, September 20th
- Currently accepting donations

New Business:

- Can PTO meetings also be held in the evening?
 - PTO will consider if enough interest is shown
- Will Zoom meetings still happen?
 - The district is moving away from zoom meetings for now; but open to consider options

Classroom Book Winner: 1N and 5C

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 13th at 9:15 AM

Thank you for attending!