



# Abraham Lincoln School PTO

Minutes: April 20, 2023

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Flag Salute & Welcome start time 9:20 am / end time 10:10 am

Welcome & Flag Salute

## Secretary's Report - Sabah Bajwa

- Approval of minutes
- Correspondence

## President's Report - Tiffani DeLorenzo

- 6th Grade Transition Night for parents at EMS tonight at 6:30pm
- Lincoln 5th graders will visit EMS tomorrow, 4/21
- Brian Faehndrich, EMS Principal, will attend our PTO Meeting on May 11th
- 23-24 PTO Executive Board Proposed Slate (to be voted on @ 5/11 meeting):
  - *President, Erin Rand*
  - *1st VP, Tracey McGovern*
  - *2nd VP, Melissa Fitzgerald*
  - *2nd VP, Stefanie Hawkinson*
  - *Secretary, Krista Korinis*
  - *Treasurer, Steven McKenzie*
  - *Economy Shop, Lindsey Barrett*
  - *Economy Shop, Amy Fox*
- Book Fair-Thank you to book fair chair, Stefanie Hakinson; PTO funded teacher e-wallets
- PTO funded the return of Sarah Weeks/assisted Mrs. Husstege with creating mini golf course in library
- Theme Day coming up - in need of chairs for next year to shadow this year

## First Vice President's Report - Erin Rand

- Theme Day- Jen Fox and Karen Madigan—Friday, June 2
- Science Fair (4/26) - Mia Joudeh—next Wednesday, all welcome to join to view projects!
- Staff Appreciation Week - Sabah Bajwa
  - 3 days of activities/giveaways planned for teachers
- 5th Grade update - Tiffani DeLorenzo & Alison Seifert
  - Giving Back Fundraiser - today 3:20-4:30pm
  - EMS student visit on 4/21/Parent Transition Night 4/20
  - Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser, 5/4, order from 3 Chicas
  - Mr. Faehndrich visit - EMS Principal to visit 5/11 PTO Meeting
- EMS update
  - Spring concert- May 5<sup>th</sup>
  - TREPS Marketplace-May 18<sup>th</sup>
  - May 15-19 school will be on delayed schedule for testing

- Next PTO meeting Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup>
- 5th Grade Activities Chairs (Class of 2024) update
  - Ice Cream Social being held today- 4/20
  - Cinco De May fundraiser being held on Thursday, 5/4—order lunch form Three Chica's!
  - Eisenhower T-Shirt to be launched in the next few weeks for 5<sup>th</sup> graders to purchase
- Open Chair positions: Go Green Chair, Family Game Night Co-Chair, Literary Lions (Gr.4-5) Co-Chair, Theme Day Co-Chair
  - Link to come out with this week's Sunday times giving description of each chair position

### **Second Vice Presidents' Report –Christina Finkelstein**

- Spring Book Fair - thank you Stefanie Hawkinson
- Kids Art - orders available for Mother's Day -thank you to chairs for all efforts!
- Ladies Night baskets & donations due 4/24
  - Baskets due from K, 2 and 4
- Ladies Night Out 5/18 - Katherine McCahill
  - Fun night out with moms and woman of Lincoln. Being held at Indian Trails Club—tickets going out this weekend. Parking Spot will be auctioned at event!
- Lincoln Spirit Wear Sale - Going on now! Places orders soon...store closes on Friday, 4/28

### **Treasurer's Report - Eric Powers**

- April update
- [Lincolnschoolpto2017@gmail.com](mailto:Lincolnschoolpto2017@gmail.com) please send reimbursement requests to this email address

### **Economy Shop Co-Coordinator's Report- Lindsay Barrett**

- Lincoln Week is May 2<sup>nd</sup> - May 6<sup>th</sup>
- Volunteers always welcome!
- Town-wide Garage Sale: May 20<sup>th</sup>

### **Principal's Report - Mr. Lee:**

- Welcome back from Spring Break!
- Thanks You's
  - Dads' Night
  - Pi Day
  - Sarah Weeks visit (Gr. 3-5)
  - Spring Concert gr. 3/4
  - Makerspace Night
  - Book Fair

- 5th Grade Giving Back today
- Looking forward to our Science Fair next Wednesday, 6 pm in MPR
- Liz Callahan - Professional developer/consultant, social-emotional & behavioral learning
  - Visits to each elementary school 2 days; Lincoln this week
  - Working with Mr. Lee and staff on supporting student needs
- Wellness Room Update
  - Fish tank up and running!
  - Will share more info with parents at next meeting, including a walk through
- "Lincoln Loves Literacy"
  - Thank you to PTO and Mrs. Husstege for a great month celebrating reading
- End of year calendar adjustment
  - Anticipated that BOE will adjust calendar at next meeting
  - Expected that we will end two days earlier (6/20)
  - End-of-year activities (especially last day) may be revised - Mr. Lee will send adjusted dates based upon revised calendar
- Kindergarten registration - see website for information for '23-'24
  - Encourage any new families to Lincoln district to register as soon as they are able to
- NJSLA Testing Grades 3-5
  - ELA: May 9-10
  - Science (Gr. 5 only): May 11-12
  - Math: May 16, 17, 18
  - Make-ups: Week of 23rd

**Third Vice President's Report - Mrs. Wiebe - see below**

**New Business**

**Monthly Book Winners KL and 3D**

**Next Meeting - Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am**

## **PTO NEWS**

### **April**

#### **Kindergarten**

Kindergarten is excited for the month of April! In honor of National Walking Day this month, Kindergarten is actively participating in The Walking Curriculum. We are working on opinion writing. We enjoy reading books and we are building our reading decoding and fluency skills. In math, we are learning about the concepts of addition and subtracting. We are excited to start our Life Science Unit on Living things.

#### **First Grade**

In reading, we have begun digging deeper into comprehending what we read. We are practicing retelling, predicting, and inferring. In writing, we finished up our non-fiction unit and are getting ready to begin writing realistic fiction stories. In math, we are finishing up our unit on addition and subtraction within 40. We will start learning about telling time to the hour and half hour. We are excited and looking forward to our field trip to the Wyckoff Public Library in May!

#### **Second Grade**

Second graders have returned from spring break refreshed and ready to learn. With the warmer weather we are energized as well. We have started new units in math and reading.

In reading and writing we are exploring a variety of different poetry styles, as well as enjoying reading with fluency and expression using Reader's Theater Scripts. Collecting data and creating graphs is currently our main focus in math. We look forward to continuing to learn together as we enjoy more opportunities to get outside this spring. In social studies, we are extending our learning about basic economics and entrepreneurs. We will meet through You Tube and books, many young entrepreneurs. We have been impressed and inspired by their amazing perseverance and inventions. We are off to a great return from break!

#### **Third Grade**

In reader's workshop, third graders wrapped up their Reading Across Genres unit. We read fairy tales, fables, tall tales, and myths/legends. We analyzed and compared the different characteristics of each genre. We also identified morals and lessons found in the different texts. In writer's workshop, students recently wrote their own adapted fairy tales. They applied what was learned in reading to write their own version of a traditional fairy tale. In math, we have been exploring area and perimeter. Our mathematicians have learned how to find the area of both regular and irregular figures. This week we are focusing on finding a perimeter. Our second science unit on Force and Motion wrapped up with magnetism. In our final investigation, scientists used magnets and other classroom materials to build their own door locks. We are looking forward to our field trip on May 5th to the Turtle Back Zoo.

#### **Fourth Grade**

Fourth grade readers have enjoyed their time in book clubs, discussing and analyzing a variety of traditional literature, including some Reader's Theater fun to work on fluency. Soon we will begin historical fiction book clubs. Our writers just published their challenging literary essays, and are currently working on spring poems. Next week, we dive back into nonfiction to research and write about a heritage country, which connects LAL to our social studies unit on immigration. We will explore the different reasons why many people have immigrated to America and make connections with our own family members and their experiences. In math, we have been learning about the customary and metric measurement systems and converting units of length, weight and volume with hands-on activities. Fourth graders are finishing up the year strong!

#### **Fifth Grade**

Math - Fifth graders have just started their sixth math unit - Volume. We kicked off this unit with a hands-on math lab to explore what volume means and how to find the volume of rectangular prisms using unit cubes. In this unit, students will also learn how to find the volume of irregular figures by breaking them

into layers, units used to measure volume, and how to solve word problems by finding the volume of rectangular prisms and the volume of composite solids.

Science - The students are working in the Life Science unit. This week, students have been learning about ecosystems. Students used models to describe that energy in animals' food was once energy from the sun. Students also developed models to describe the movement of matter among plants, animals, decomposers, and the environment.

Language Arts-, The students are continuing our social issues book clubs. Students are spending time reading and discussing their books with one another and recording their thoughts in a journal. We have just begun our literary essay, which will highlight three texts that share a common theme. We are taking our last word study test of the year on Thursday, and we will spend the rest of the year reviewing grammar and punctuation rules. Looking ahead, students will continue book clubs, but with a different selection of books that vary in genre. Students will also participate in an argument/persuasive unit, where they will support an argument with researched evidence. The kids seem very excited about these last units of the year!

### **Music**

This month in music, students have been getting into the swing of spring by reviewing this year's musical concepts, while learning new things to extend their learning. Kindergarten is preparing songs for their "Kindergarten Celebration" programs to be held at the end of June. First grade has been learning about concepts, such as musical form and the notes in the treble clef. Second grade has been introduced to the names of the notes on the treble staff and will learn to read music this spring. Third grade has reflected upon their recorder performance from last month, developing feedback to help them become successful musicians. Third grade has also begun to learn the concepts of harmony by singing partner songs and rounds. Fourth grade is beginning their annual "STOMP" project, with student-made rhythms and self-created 'instruments' they will be bringing in from home. Lastly, the fifth grade students have been conscientiously rehearsing their parts for their "Annie" spring musical to be held on Thursday, May 25th at 1:30 and 7:00 pm. We are looking forward to culminating their six wonderful, musical years at Lincoln with their talent, humor, and wholehearted dedication to this final performance!

### **Art**

The Art Show is scheduled for Thursday May 11th from 5-7 PM! This will be an amazing night showcasing the hard work that our Lincoln artists have put in all year! Artists have been so hard at work finishing up their bakery and garden themed art projects for the show. Please mark your calendar for this special event!

### **Physical Education**

For the last several weeks, we have been working on our sliding, rolling and bowling skills in PE! We have worked very hard on developing these skills, and we have learned and played many fun games that work on these skills! Moving forward, we are going to progress into working on learning the underhand toss, as well as the overhand throw! Our warm-up games for the next few weeks will be "cooperative games" in an effort to reinforce what it means to be part of a team, and work together!

### **Media**

The library is ready for a new month in April following our annual Lincoln Loves Reading month. Grades K and 1 are beginning new author studies to continue to build the love of reading and reinforce shelf searching skills. Students in grade 2 are loving their continued learning on nonfiction author and illustrator Steve Jenkins. They are 'journeying' to the bottom of the sea, learning about record breaking animals, and more. Our grades 3 and 4 students are excited to vote independently for the Cook Prize, the only national children's choice award for a STEM picture book. They will be reading the stories in media and voting in the next two weeks. Our 5th grade students are focusing on nonfiction studies, from the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, to the Rock Garden in India, to the famous gardener of Alcatraz.

### **Computers**

Thank you to all who attended Makerspace Night on March 30. It was a lot of fun and the students seemed to enjoy it. Kindergarten students have been working on a website called Starfall. Students worked on games, read online books and watched videos all with different letter sounds. Students in first grade were introduced to a site called Funbrain. There are many interactive educational games to choose from. Second graders finished up their All About Me Google Slides and now presented it to their classmates. They have been doing a great job. In third grade and fourth grade, students worked on another digital Breakout EDU (similar to an escape room). They also continued working on coding games and remixing others' games in Scratch. Fifth graders continue to work on the Lions Den as well as keyboarding with the Type to Learn program.