



# Abraham Lincoln School PTO

Minutes: June 8, 2023

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Flag Salute & Welcome start time 9:40 am / end time 10:10 am

## Secretary's Report - Sabah Bajwa

- Approval of minutes
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## President's Report - Tiffani DeLorenzo

- ABE Award Recipients
  - Dee Bouloukos
  - Allison Seifert
- Erin Rand announced Tiffani DeLorenzo as an additional Abe Award Recipient
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Families—We will miss you!
- 2023-2024 Theme—"Great Happens Here"
- PTO Summer Communications—
  - please be on lookout at the end of the summer for important communications such as PTO sign up, school lunch etc for next school year

## First Vice President's Report - Erin Rand

- Theme Day-Thank you's—amazing productions, everyone was so happy and thankful for a fun filled day
- 2023-2024 Directory Cover Contest
  - All current 4<sup>th</sup> graders should submit for the directory cover contest for next school year
- Peace Garden Summer Update-Dee Bouloukos
  - Look for sign ups to help keep Lincoln ground beautiful
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade activities update- Tiffani DeLorenzo and Allison Seifert
  - Trip was to Spring Lake Day camp—5<sup>th</sup> graders had a great time
  - June 13<sup>th</sup> YMCA Spring Lake Trip—spend a day with all Wyckoff schools
  - Some tips:
    - Send a towel
    - Keep 5<sup>th</sup> grade shirts home—will get misplaced or mixed up
- Memory Book Breakfast -June 19<sup>th</sup> -thank to you chairs who put in countless hours in coordinating efforts to create Memory Book
  - Looking for donations of water and fruit for breakfast
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell—9:15 last day of school
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Clap out- 12:50 last day of school
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Gift to be provided to Lincoln School: 2 Promethean Boards to be provided from classes of 2021, 2022 and 2023

- Chic Fil-A Fundraiser -June 16<sup>th</sup> -pre- order lunch during half day to pick up and take home; order for entire family!

### **Second Vice President's Report -Christina Finkelstein**

- RaiseRight Gift Cards in!—being handed out currently
- Pizza Love - Monday, June 19 -percent of sales comes back to Lincoln School
- School Supplies, last day to order 7/1—Facebook post and in Sunday times with link and information
- Open 23-24 Chair Positions; Incentives, Military Bridge, Pizza Love (need Co-Chair)

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

- June update—on track with overall budget
- Please submit all 2022-2023 expenses by end of June
- [Lincolnschoolpto2017@gmail.com](mailto:Lincolnschoolpto2017@gmail.com) please send reimbursement requests to this email address

### **Economy Shop Co-Coordinator's Report- Lindsey Barrett & Amy Fox**

- Economy Shop closed for summer - will reopen in September
- Final checks will be distributed to all schools in June
- \$5,500 will be received by each school from Economy Shop from sales proceeds!
- Please sign up to volunteer when store re-opens
- Thank you to Everyone for your help and support!

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

- Thank you to our PTO President, Mrs. DeLorenzo
  - We appreciate your leadership - We were "Better Together"
  - You have consistently been positive, optimistic, and always thinking of our community and students.
  - Thank you for working collaboratively with parents, families, staff, and principal
- Executive Board
  - Thank you for your creativity, positivity, and dedication.
  - We all truly appreciate the time devoted to our school.
  - I commend you for developing new ideas and frameworks to support our school
- Parents
  - Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education
  - Your support of our school, staff, and community is essential to our success
- Staff
  - Thank you for working hard each and every day to meet the needs of students
  - You are dedicated, nurturing, talented- we could not ask for a better staff!
- Congratulations to our Abe Award Winners!
  - Mrs. Bouloukos
  - Mrs. DeLorenzo
  - Mrs. Sefert
- Thank yous

- 5th Grade Trip
- Theme Day
- Musical
- Field Day (rescheduled)
- Bike/Walk To School
- Concerts
- Completed our state NJSLA testing
  - Aimsweb being completed
  - 4th grade CogAT (Discovery)
- Upcoming
  - K celebrations
  - 5th grade farewell - 9:15 on 6/20
  - Clapout - 12:50 on 6/20
  - Class parties
  - Placement will be completed in the summer and shared in August
  - Grade level teams announced after appointments

### **Third Vice President's Report - Mrs. Wiebe (below)**

**New Business:**

**Book Winners: 1L and 5P**

**Next Meeting-September 2023!**

**Have a great summer!**

## **PTO NEWS**

### **June**

#### **Kindergarten**

Thank you to Mrs. Bouloukos for helping with the KinderGarden. We had fun planting flowers! Kindergarten is finishing up the year writing stories, reading many books, recording our favorite memories, and participating in interactive activities with our countdown to summer! We want to thank all the K families and our wonderful PTO for all your support this year.

#### **First Grade**

Grade one is wrapping up the school year with some fun activities planned for our last 10 days. We are looking forward to Field Day and our Book Buddy party. Please do not send in any gifts for your child's 5th grade book buddy. We will be making thank you cards for them in class. Many thanks to the parents for their support in making this a great year!

#### **Second Grade**

Second Graders have done an amazing job and have finished out the school year strong! We enjoyed an amazing field trip to the aquarium and loved the touch tank and seal feeding most of all. In math, we have been working on flat and solid shapes, along with an introduction to fractions. As readers and writers, we have extended our knowledge about insects to become experts, collaborating with classmates to further ideas and grow knowledge. We are celebrating our non-fiction research over the next several days and winding down with some review. We have enjoyed some fun end of the year activities like theme day and field day. The second grade teachers would like to thank you for all of your support and wish everyone a restful and healthy summer!

#### **Third Grade**

This month, 3rd graders completed our annual community service project. This year, we made birthday kits for local children in need of a nice birthday celebration. We worked with the organization, Families4Families and were able to provide 66 children with a special birthday for the upcoming year. Students worked very hard on the NJSLA and Aimsweb testing this month, showing all that they have learned and achieved this year. We are proud of our students for their focus and hard work! In math, we learned about data collection and different ways to display our findings. We learned to interpret different types of graphs and line plots. In reading, we finished up our book clubs and are toward the end of our character study unit. Students analyzed and discussed their characters within their book clubs. In writing, we are revising and editing our "writing about reading" essays. Students learned to write an essay that uses evidence from the text to support a theory. In science, we are studying life science, which includes the life cycle of a frog, inherited traits, and animal adaptations. Lincoln 3rd graders had a successful year learning, exploring, and growing together.

#### **Fourth Grade**

In June our fourth graders are busy creating historical fiction book club poster projects, publishing informational heritage country slideshows for class presentations, learning about angles and geometry, dissecting plants, and preparing for our first instrumental concert! We are extremely thankful for all of our parent support, especially recently on our field trip to Waterloo Village, Theme Day, and Field Day! We look forward to our morning walking trip to the Environmental Center as scientists on Thursday and to our End of the Year Party on June 16th! We recommend lots of summer reading, as well as some journal writing and math fact review!

#### **Fifth Grade**

In ELA, we are wrapping up writing with a persuasive essay. Students will give a speech convincing the class of an argument that they are passionate about with research and opinions. In reading, we are finishing up our final book club round. The students have made significant progress this year, and I am certain they are middle-school-ready! In math, students wrapped up their studies of the metric and customary measurement systems, which included converting between units in each system. Students will wrap up their 5th-grade math year by making and interpreting line plots with fractional data and learning to extend patterns in coordinate graphs to draw conclusions from data. In social studies, students are wrapping up their studies with a My Colonial Experience project. Students are sharing what they have learned about the colonial experience of either a European settler, a Native American, or an enslaved African. Students chose either to write a letter to their homeland, a journal entry, postcards, or a picture book to share their knowledge.

#### **Music**

This year at Lincoln has been a successful and musically rewarding one for all students. Fifth grade just celebrated their six years at Lincoln by performing "Annie" last month. 4th grade students are working on a "STOMP" percussion project to culminate the school year and are using the MaKey MaKey Makerspace STEAM devices to control their computers with conductors in circuits to create music in a new and innovative way. Third grade students have learned the basics of harmony by singing in rounds and have mastered their musical notation skills. Second grade is performing the Freddie the Frog play in class for each other. First grade has been playing song games outside by tagging each other and singing to the tune of the game. Lastly, the Kindergarten classes are looking forward to performing songs such as "The Lincoln School Song," "2-4-6-8, Who Do We Appreciate?," and our traditional closer, "Tony Chestnut," in their Kindergarten Celebrations next week. Thank you to all for a musical year!

### **Art**

Lincoln artists are completing their last project for this year surrounding our "Ocean" theme. We have been discussing the oceans' many depths, creatures and topics such as littering and the effect it has on our oceans. Each grade is creating an ocean creature or multiple using pencil and sharpie which will be rendered using watercolor pencils and paint.

### **Physical Education**

We are finishing our year in PE by doing fitness testing in 3rd-5th grade, and reviewing our favorite games of the year for kindergarten-2nd grade! 3rd-5th are going to be completing a timed mile run, a push up test, and a sit up test! It was a fantastic year in PE and we are looking forward to next year!

### **Computers**

A special thank you to all the parents involved in making Theme Day a success once again.

Kindergarten has been working on Fuzz Bug Factory where the students try to copy what a fuzz looks like by using different combinations. First graders reviewing all the sites covered during the year. Second graders have been increasing their typing skills (words per minute) with typing tests and reviewing all the sites covered during the year. Third, fourth and fifth graders have been working on their typing skills as well as Breakout EDU which is like an escape room on the computer. Also thank you for all your support throughout the year and wishing all the Lincoln families a well rested summer!

### **Media**

As we head into the end of the school year, Lincoln students are working on wrapping up final library units. All grades are beginning discussions about summer reading, both for pleasure and optionally at the Wyckoff library. In addition, Mrs. Husstege is asking for help getting all Lincoln library books returned ASAP. Looking forward to a summer filled with books and next year in the library!