



Abraham Lincoln School

"LINCOLN PRIDE"
Agenda September 12, 2024

Start: 9:17 AM (51 Attendees)

Welcome & Flag Salute (New indoor flag/pole 5th Grade gift)

Secretary's Report - Krista Korinis

- Approval of June 2024 Minutes (Minutes Available Online) APPROVED
 - Motion to approve; Susan Worth and Second; Christina Finkelstein
- Correspondences

President's Report - Erin Rand

- Welcome Back/Thank you's - A general welcome back and a thank you for everyone's support to kick the year off.
- 24/25 Executive Board- Introductions and roles.
 - Erin Rand, President
 - Tracey McGovern, 1st VP
 - Stefanie Hawkinson and Melissa Fitzgerald, 2nd VPs
 - Steve McKenzie, Treasurer
 - Lindsey Barrett and Amy Fox, Economy Shop Chairs
 - Mrs. Husstege, Faculty Liaison
- New Family Coordinator - Joanna Laub will be sending out monthly updates.
- Directory Sponsorships - Advertising space for business to support the school. $\frac{1}{2}$ and full page opportunities, due 9/20. Showed last year's directory as an example.
Reminder/Purchasing from Fundraisers: Please note, in Zeffy there will be an option during check out in the Summary box to include an optional contribution. This does not go to the PTO and cannot be refunded so please make sure to enter \$0.
- Sunday Times & Social Media - every Sunday we send out important dates, cliff notes of the week. Reminder to follow us on social @LincolnPridePTO
- Wizards Event - there will be another Wizards event this year on Sunday, November 17th at 4PM at Ramapo HS. Harlem Wizards vs Staff from all 4 Elementary Schools. Keep an eye out for ticket sale information as well as volunteer opportunities
- Lincoln Pride Fridays. Wear spirit wear, Blue and/grey to show your Lincoln Pride!
- What has the PTO been up to?
 - Stock the fridge for back to school for the staff/teachers.
 - Class gift vouchers given to staff to pick out something on Amazon to enhance classrooms
 - 7 Promethean Boards donated by the PTO, in partnership with BOE (all classrooms are now outfitted with boards). What is a Promethean Board? Promethean boards are interactive displays that can be used in the classroom to improve teaching and

learning. They can be used as projectors to display visual content and multimedia, and as interactive displays that allow students to write and draw.

- Enhanced our (2) reserved parking spots. These spots are located near the median at the front of the school. These are reserved for winners of several PTO raffles throughout the year. Please be mindful to leave these spaces for the raffle winners, as they have generously donated to our PTO for these spots.
- Purchased books to be given to the classes K-2 and 3-5 for the most PTO meeting parent participation.
- Restocking recess carts with new games and toys for students to enjoy during recess.
- **Thank you for your support throughout the year to make things like this possible!**

First Vice President's Report - Tracey McGovern

- *Go Green* - Thank you to Chair Julie Swanson and TwinBrook Farms for beautifying the school entrance to all Lincoln families for helping care for the Peace Garden this summer!
- 24-25 Registration/Directory update. Thanks for registering so quickly this year! Next step is to ensure each family has one profile complete, as that information is used for the directory. Deadline is this Friday 9/13. Looking for an October distribution of the directory.
- September Full Day Lunch Fundraiser is on 9/27 with Chick-fil-A. Ordering began this week and ends 9/22 @ midnight. Proceeds support all PTO programs.
- Literary Lions is a creative writing group run by parent volunteers. This year there will only be 1 group consisting of students from Grade 3-5, meeting once a month after school in the Art Room. Keep an eye out over the next few weeks from Chairs Madeline Mendez & Mia Joudeh for specifics and 1st meeting date.
- Bike/Walk to School 10/2 (Rain Date 10/6) This is a day when students are encouraged to come to school by walking, riding a bike or scooter, and snacks are given out to those who participate. If interested in helping, please reach out to Chairs Alicia Jackson or Krista McGuire
- Movie Night 9/27 @ 6:30PM. This year the movie is Migration! Admission free to all Lincoln Families.
- Fall Festival 10/25 immediately after school. (No rain date). Chairs: Jessica Fry, Kim McCloskey. More information to follow.
- 5th Grade Activities Update
 - Class of 2025 Facebook page created to help keep 5th grade parents informed throughout the year. In addition, cheat sheet with important dates/ info card emailed by 5th Grade Activity Chairs Sabah Bajwa & Dina Stillitano .
 - Class of 2025 T-Shirts: Email with google form to obtain shirt sizes was emailed this week - please complete by 9/18. Chairs Rene Vasquez and Jess Fry are trying to get samples for sizing so keep an eye out.

Second Vice Presidents' Report - Melissa Fitzgerald and Stefanie Hawkinson

- Spirit Wear stores closed on Monday, 9/9, orders will be delivered to homes early October

- PTO Lunches start Monday 9/16, new volunteer system for Pizza lunch. Signup genius to pick dates that work for you.
- Order Nicholas Markets by Saturday night for the upcoming week. Remember to update child's profile (grade and homeroom)
- Fall Plant Sale - Opened Tuesday, 9/10; Orders due 9/17; will be delivered to Lincoln Thursday 9/26
- Book Fair 10/9 and 10/10 - New vendor Literati! Keep your eyes peeled for more information via email.
- Open chair positions
 - Military Bridge (January)
 - Events and Prizes - putting them together, making the lists...

Treasurer's Report - Steve McKenzie lincolnschoolpto2017@gmail.com

- 2023-2024 Final Budget (**ACTION: Approval moved to next meeting**)
- 2024-2025 Proposed Budget, document provided. APPROVED
 - Motion to approve; Eric Powers and Second; Sarah Caprio
- Reimbursement /Advance payments- NEW FORM available on the PTO Website.

Economy Shop Co-Coordinator's Report- Lindsey Barrett and Amy Fox

- Shop Opens Tuesday, September 17th, 2024!
 - Last year the shop made \$150,000 for the community / schools.
- Currently Accepting Donations (see Website for details)
- The Economy Shop Executive Board is looking for co-presidents.
- Email wycckoffeconomy@gmail.com if you are interested!
- Volunteers Needed for shifts! Come see what the Economy Shop is all about!
 - 4-5 the grade October 15-19th, volunteer for a chance for your child's class to win extra recess!
 - High Schoolers can volunteer Thursday Nights and Saturdays.

Principal's Report - Mr. Patrick Lee

- Thank you
 - Thank you to our students, staff, and families for a wonderful beginning of the school year
 - Thank you PTO for stocking the faculty room fridge, and for supporting teacher classroom enhancements
 - Welcome to our new families to Lincoln School!
 - Kindergarten
 - New students - buddy lunch
 - Back to School Night coming up Tuesday 9/24/24
 - Evening begins at 6:30 pm
 - Schedule will be released shortly
- Feedback on the start of the year
 - Terrific start to the year - Very smooth and seamless
 - Classroom communities are being formed, engaging academics are beginning, teachers are establishing routines

- First schoolwide morning meeting this Friday, sharing our Hopes & Dreams
- School Theme: "Be The Change!"
- Core Values- Different schoolwide "Core Value" each month. This month: Community
- Morning lineup procedure reminders
 - Indoor lineup beginning at 8:35, at 8:40 proceed into classrooms
 - Please refrain from dropping students off prior to 8:35 as there is no supervision
 - School begins at 8:50
- New Staff:
 - Mr. Cornetta - PE (split w/ Washington)
 - Mrs. Flanagan - Tech (split w/ Washington)
 - Mrs. Vozza - Special Education
 - Mrs. Donatello now Gifted & Talented
 - Mr. Patanella now gr. 5 classroom teacher
 - Mrs. Alter, Ms. Picinich- Instructional Aides
- Building goals
 - *Provide opportunities for enrichment for higher ability learners in mathematics*
 - *Teams will examine student work in Professional Learning Communities*
 - *Staff will be provided with opportunities to visit other classrooms/schools/districts*
 - *Build student capacity in terms of individual responsibility and respect for all members of the learning community*
- Promethean Boards - Thank you PTO and District
 - Installed in all classrooms this year
- i-Ready
 - Assessment and diagnostic system for gr. 1-5
 - Provides lessons based upon specific and individualized student needs
 - Standards based
- Rosetta Stone
 - Online world language (Spanish) instruction
 - Grades 3-5
 - Every other week in SGI
 - District provided headphones with microphones
- Book Club for staff beginning
 - The Anxious Generation by Jonathan Haidt
 - Mr. Lee and Mrs. Soriano looking to do a parent evening regarding the book in the Spring
- Looking forward to continued collaboration
 - Work with teachers on any questions/concerns
 - Reach out if needed
 - Excited for a wonderful school year!

Faculty Liaison's Report - Mrs. Husstege

"The first two weeks of the school year have been abuzz with excitement. All of the students and staff in Lincoln have been working hard on establishing routines and procedures. All grade levels and special areas have been focusing on student and staff hopes and dreams, with the intent to carry them throughout this school year and beyond. In addition, students are excited for our first School Wide morning meeting tomorrow. The staff looks forward to seeing our Lincoln families in two weeks at Back to School Night. On a library note, we will be hosting award winning children's author at Lincoln for all students in K-5 on Monday September 30. He is on tour for his new book, a true story about a NYC sanitation worker who over his 35 years saved over 45,000 pieces of trash and now has a museum. As we always have, there is an opportunity to order autographed books, but the deadline is tight. Forms are going home this week and are due back NEXT FRIDAY 9/20, due to turnaround time for the bookstore, late orders cannot be accepted. Reminder from Mr. White and Mr. Cornetta, please remember sneakers on PE days. From Mrs. Panzitta, chorus starts next week for both 4th and 5th grade. On behalf of the staff, thank you so much for the welcome back staff room treats. Thank you also for the generous vouchers, we are so grateful."

New Business/ Questions:

- Joanna Laub asked about some calendar discrepancies, not all days off are reflected on the Lincoln calendar, Mr. Lee is looking into merging with the district calendar.
- Sarah Caprio suggested that there is communication about Economy Shop shopping during the holiday season as an add on to the Holiday Mall.
- Mia Joudeh asked about the iReady platform, Mr. Lee responded that kids should work on iReady at school only, as opposed to doing it at home as well, unless specifically assigned by a teacher.

Classroom Book Winner: KC and 3G - Congratulations!!

Next PTO Meeting : October 17th, 2024 9:15 AM MPR

End of Meeting: 10:10AM (Followed by class parent and chair meeting)