

Lincoln PTO Meeting 9/7/22

1. Approval of Minutes - Michele Philage first approval, minutes are on the PTO page
2. Principal Report: Mr. Johnson
 - a. Title 1 Report
 - I. Likes the vibe of the building, kids came in on day one and its been an exciting year, minus one school bus issue
 - II. Thank you to the PTO for your support
 - III. Appreciate the 30 minute talk, Miss Seewald will talk more about it, he emailed all of the paperwork and information on it. He asks for you to take a look at it, email him or call him to let you know you got it or with questions.
 - IV. You will get an email survey from the district and they're asking parents to complete that survey.
3. Seewald
 - a. Started this week with Kindergarten, will start with the older kids once they get through MAP testing.
 - b. Thank you for the treats and the back to school breakfast.
4. Mrs. Douds, 1st grade teacher
 - a. Thank you, from the staff for the breakfast and letting us chit chat and catch up.
 - b. Thank you for the snacks
 - c. Thank you for the reimbursement forms for classroom supplies, it is so generous.
 - d. We loved the survey - very curious and the staff had a fun time with it
 - e. Here to talk about the garden, we do have a Lincoln garden that is in the back of he school, this is the 6th growing season. We started with a grant from WQED, and it was a 4 year grant. All of the produce we grow is donated to SHIM. We are close to 400 pounds. It teaches them to take care of something, and where food comes from. Students plant the whole garden, every child gets to plant either a plant or a seed. The families and staff volunteer to help during the summer to help harvest, and maintain the garden over the summer. Lots of donations to make the garden happen, PghFloraGarden have donated all of our plants, \$400 worth of plants since we lost our grant. We've had help from Evey hardware. Fence from _____ PTO helped with raised beds, and a few that are in the ground.
 - f. I'm hoping to form a group of parents that will be the Garden Committee, once we start back to school its hard to keep maintaining it. In October put the garden to bed. Cleaning out the beds, cleaning out the soil, turning soil, etc.
5. Presidents Report - Kristen Mary and Caitlin Griffiths

- a. Peek at the weeks now to be sent out on Fridays.
- b. Reminder to sign up for weekly email blast.
- c. Spirit days - every Friday is black and orange day.
- d. Reminder to join the PTO's private facebook group.
- e. A few committees need new chairs for next year. Reach out to board members for interest in running for board spots.
- f. There was a Board member meeting this week: notes from the meeting are about tailgating at football games. No tailgating permitted. Citing people and taking it seriously. No drinking.
- g. Home access center - forms need to be updated asap.
- h. September 30 is the deadline for the insurance plan for student laptops. HAC has the insurance plan link
- i. Earlier today people received an email for buswhere app.
- j. Reimbursement for supplies for teachers from PTO. Part of the teacher survey was the most needed item for teachers' classrooms.
- k. Volunteer opportunities - people need to volunteer for class parties!
- l. First spirit day is september 15 - dot day at school - jersey mike's sales all day long. Mention that you're from lincoln while shopping in store or select Lincoln Elementary in the app
- m. First week of October is the book fair - looking for volunteers
- n. Teddy bear picnic - huge turnout. Provided kona ice. Will need a person to step in and take over for next year
- o. Lincoln directory - out and being filled out. About a third of the way there
- p. Mrs. Fields fundraiser - forms are coming out for the remainder of the students who didn't get forms. Also a committee that will need someone to take over for next year. Caitlin will be in the lobby for mrs. Fields pick up orders

6. Michele Philage - picture day

September 19 - two photographers will come in. Mostly everything will be done online. Some paper forms for some parents. Class composites, year books. One background - it's gray. Share photos with PTO to have photos included in the yearbook. Sibling photos? They are doing siblings photos, but they are doing them on make-up picture day to avoid any confusion. They are asking parents to fill out an additional order form for that, and mark all kids in the name section, and anything besides class composites can be ordered.

7. Alice Watkins - School store

Sept 23 nov 18 kids shop during recess grades 1 - 4 Looking for 6 volunteers to work the school stores - only on fridays. Can use sign up genius. Can split the time 11-2

8. Caitin / Trina prefer - Fall festival

\$10 per student - will be more at the door, raffle baskets, 5 food trucks, teachers pumpkins, haunted trail, bounce houses, photo booths, raises money for 4th grade end of year party. Lots of volunteers needed. Sign up genius coming in the next email blast

9. Urban Air fun day - October 28 - day off from school - PTO pays for the socks - bring child and you need to stay - open to only lincoln families

10. Volunteers needed for classroom parties - first party is halloween party

11. Sarris fundraiser - forms coming within the next week. Due november 21, comes in december 15 (code is 101135) one of our largest money making event is sarris christmas

12. Spirit wear sales are all year long

13. Market day - a percentage of sales get sent back to lincoln (we need to add to the newsletter)

14. Birthday - bulletin board done for student birthdays in the atrium

15. Book fair committee head is needed - (Maybe michele miller) Time slot sign ups - First week of october sign up genius needs set up for volunteers

16. Santa shop - volunteers needed teachers getting sign up for that soon

17. Cupcakes with santa - santa is needed 12/9
Santa needed on 12/22 to deliver presents to classrooms

18. Winter staff appreciation - for the extra staff that don't necessarily receive the gifts or gift cards

19. Lisa Zivkovic - Treasurer position will need filled for next year
Budget provided - school store makes a lot of money
Very generous spending this year (of around \$12k) looking to spend to to deplete some of the budget before the merger to the elementary center

20. Next meeting is november 20

Questions:

1. Halloween costumes?
2. Parade?

Update on Halloween - no costumes during the day, but they can be brought in and change into them for the parade. Mrs. Johnson will send an email announcing the parade and the rules at a later time.

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