

Abraham Lincoln PTO
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2021

- I. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions
- II. Approval of Minute-approved by Lisa Zivkovic and Melissa McCaffrey
- III. Principle's Report
 - a. Mr. Johnson presented a Title 1 Program Overview. Title 1 is a federal Grant Program. The program is designed to improve teaching and learning to enable targeted student to meet challenging State academic standards. Lincoln has qualified for a Title 1 grant for 2021-2022 school year, which means that Lincoln will receive supplemental funds to assist in meeting student's educational goals. Qualification is determined by the % of students in the school that receive free/reduced lunches, not on performance. There are three schools in the Bethel Park School District that qualified this year: Lincoln, Franklin and Memorial.
 - b. Mr. Johnson emailed all parents in attendance (via zoom) a slide presentation regarding Title 1 Program Overview.
 - c. Mr. Johnson also said that this year school year has started off incredibly well, even with some last minute changes. The children are focused, their behavior has been great, and they seem happy to be back at school.
- IV. Teacher's Report
 - a. Mrs. DeGregorio wants parents to know that they can reach out to her if they feel their children need support, whether it be academic, social or emotional. She can assist in connecting children/families with the proper resources the district offers.
 - b. Mrs. D has been going into the classrooms and talking with the children about Test Taking Skills and School Readiness.
 - c. She is hoping to bring the Publishing Center back this year. In the past Lincoln would partner with WQED and the students would write and illustrate their own books.
 - d. She is also hoping to bring Lincoln Loggers back this year.
- V. President Report
 - a. In August the School Board provided signs to welcome all incoming student to the district and the PTO delivered these signs to new incoming students to Lincoln.

- b. The PTO catered a “Welcome Back to School” Breakfast for our teachers.
- c. The PTO has reimbursed teachers for supplies they purchased on their own for their classrooms. Homeroom teachers received \$75.00. Paraprofessionals and “Specials” teachers received \$25.00.
- d. Reminder: METS is providing free breakfast and lunches to all students for the 2021/2022 school year. If a student wants a second breakfast/lunch or snack they will be charged.
- e. Scholastic Book Fair will be held on 10/04. Flyers will be coming home with students. Parents will be able to shop virtually. Students in school.
- f. A new School Spirit Day will be Wednesday 9/15. It will be Dot Day based on the book “The Dot” by Peter Reynolds. Children are encouraged to wear polka dots.
- g. Note: The District Calendar shows that this Friday (9/10) will be a school store at Lincoln. This is incorrect – the school store will be 9/17.
- h. School Picture Day is 9/16 flyers will be coming home with students.

VI. Committee Reports

- a. Membership Update-Lisa Zivkovic, treasurer- There are currently 82 families that joined that PTO to date. Incoming dues currently total \$1230.00.
- b. Teddy Bear Picnic- Deanna Ford coordinated the picnic this year. There was a wonderful turnout and the picnic was a great success for kindergartners and their families.
- c. Fall Festival-Melissa McCaffrey & Kristen Mary- We are still need of Chinese Auction donations, Volunteers and Decorations for the Haunted Trail.
- d. Market Day-Alice Warkins- We are waiting for Market Day’s September Specials to share with families. Moe’s Spirit Night will be in October. More information to come.
- e. Box Tops-Dayna Kronenberger-all box tops are virtual now. Download the app, scan your receipt.
- f. Spirit Nights- Deanna Ford-Jersey Mikes – Wednesday 9/15 all day but order must to be done in person, not through the mobile app. 40% of proceeds go to Lincoln.
- g. Toss Pizza will be in November – more to come.

- h. School Directory –Lisa O’Malley- to date we received 146 student responses. The deadline will be 10/8 for responses. Hoping directory digitally released to families in November.
- i. Santa Workshop- looking for a person to take over the workshop. If we cannot find a volunteer to run the workshop we won’t be able to have it.

The next PTO meeting will be on 11/10.