Lincoln Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2017, 7 p.m.

1. **Call to Order,** called to order at 7:04 pm
2. **Approval of Minutes,** 7:05 pm
3. **Executive Committee Reports**

**IV.**

* **President –** First thank you to Mrs. Loverde, Mrs. Pugh, and Sloan for meeting with Cindy our Capital Campaign person at Lincoln on our Matt’s Makers Space. Today we will be looking at ways to help fund the Matt’s Makers Space. Currently, we have $8,300 for the next 3 years here at Lincoln. After that we will be on our own to fundraise and donate supplies to keep this wonderful space available to the students moving forward. We’ll need people to donate new supplies such as Sharpies, paper, etc. as well as recycled home products donated by our parents, which could include clean plastic containers and/or raw materials that the students will be able to make into something new. Also, if you would prefer to donate monetarily all you have to do is mail a donation into our Capital Campaign and write Lincoln School on the envelope or memo line so the funds get allocated to the correct school. Whatever contribution you can do is greatly appreciated. Lastly, our Read-A-Thon was a great success and not only met but exceeded our budget. We hope it was a positive experience for all.
* **First Vice President –** No report
* **Second President** – Spirit Wear ends this Friday. Everything is going well and the items will be in two weeks before Christmas.
* **Third Vice President –** No report
* **Fourth Vice President –** Our Matt’s Makers Space is up and running in room 25. Classes are already using it. We will have a Committee meeting and presentation in November. Conferences will take place on November 16 for Kindergarten only from 8:00 – 4:00 pm and 5:30 – 8:30pm for K-5. On November 17 all classes are canceled and K-5 will have conferences from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. Our Lab Ratz program will happen for grades 3-4 on Mondays from 11/6-12/4/2017 from 3:45-4:45 pm. Lincoln’s Kindergarten Thanksgiving Play will be on Tuesday, November 21 at 10:45 am and 3:00 pm. We have an early dismissal on Wednesday, November 22 for grades 1 -5 and K (AM) is scheduled, K (PM) is cancelled. Thanksgiving break is 11/23-11/26/2017. Author visit with Sam Smith 11/27-28/2017 K-2 classes. Virtual Author visit will happen for grades 4-5 on Monday, December 4. Frosty Shop is Friday, December 8. We have winter concerts on Wednesday, December 13 at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm inside the gym. Holiday parties will happen on Friday, December 22 at 10:30 am K(AM) and 2:45 pm K(PM) and grades 1-5. Penguins are Cool from the Aviary will be coming Tuesday, December 19 at 9:30 am and 1:30 pm. Lastly, I have been hearing issues about report cards and that no report cards were sent out. My apologizes and they should be pushed out by today.
* **Corresponding Secretary** **–** No report
* **Recording Secretary –** No report
* **Treasurer** – Form 990 is filed and done. BCO form with state of PA submitted. Everything is done for the 2016-2017 year.
* **Historian –** No report

**V. Teacher Representatives** – Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Loverde and Ms. Pugh along with Mr. Kitsko gave a PowerPoint Presentation on Matt’s Makers Space. The idea is to connect Matt’s Maker Space to a lesson plan, etc. It’s a collaboration much more about skills by using the resources/raw materials we have and go at it. All Matt’s Makers Spaces will look different and we are also looking for parent input as well to help develop this space. Things we will/could be working with are textiles, coding, sewing, circuitry, sweaters with lights, fine motor skills, deconstruction w/electronics, nut and bolts, the possibilities are endless. So far all classrooms have visited here at least once this year already.

**VI. Lincoln Committee Reports**

* **Frosty Shop –** Not present forwarded a message to thank everyone for the gift certificate to *La Pomponnee*. And, next year we will assign table managers, etc. to help.
* **Lunch Time Clubs –** I will email tonight or tomorrow to see what session everyone wants to do. The kids sign up will be through Google forms online. Session 1 will run January 8 to February 2 and Session II will run February 12 – March 9.
* **Mardi Gras –** We need help with baskets. We will send an eblast to ask for a Basket Chair, as it was previously done by GG and we’ll see if we can assemble in the Cafeteria. Also, we are discussing some ways to lessen the load on parents as they are volunteering, donating for the baskets, and also having to pay at the door. Nothing has been decided yet but some ideas are to decrease the amount at the door, or offer more raffles tickets etc. More information will follow.
* **Membership Directory –** The Directory should be done by Monday possibly Tuesday. Our goal is before Thanksgiving. If anyone is interested in chairing the PTA Membership next year please let me know. I would like to teach someone while I’m here instead of having them start all over. I have some Kindergarten parents that seemed interested. I will pursue it and let everyone know.

**VII. Old Business**

**VIII. New Business**

* We received a refund back from the school supplies kits to total $2,970.70. We would like to give $850.00 stipend back the teachers who were supplementing supplies for their students during that time. And give the other $2,120.70 donation to our Matt’s Maker Space. We will consult Mrs. Staab and the teachers on what they would like to see placed in the space. Some ideas are Little Bits which help with pre-coding, etc. Motion made Abby Miller (1st) Tracy Adams (2nd).

**IX. Announcements and Upcoming Events**

 **1/19 2nd Grade field trip – Carnegie Science Center**

 **1/19 1st Grade hosts the Zoo Mobile**

 **1/25 2nd Nine Week Ends**

 **1/26 Classroom Management Day – No School for Students**

 **1/31 Grade 5 Parent Transition Meeting JMS 9:00 am and 7:00 pm**

 **2/1 2018/2019 Kindergarten Registration Packets available**

 **2/6 Lincoln PTA Spelling Bee 6:00 pm**

 **2/10 Lincoln PTA Mardi Gras 11:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**X. Adjournment 8:43 pm**