

**Lincoln Elementary PTA Meeting
September 16, 2015, 7 p.m.**

I. Call To Order, 7:04

II. Approval of Minutes, Minutes approved

III. Executive Committee Reports

• **President,**

- **Air conditioning-** A meeting attendee brought up the issue of air conditioning in the school; there is a pipe that could run cold air through the elementary and middle schools. The School District will be doing a feasibility study in December and January; the cost would be 14 million to run the cold air. One funding source might be bonds that are maturing and could be a source to cover the cost. A parent asked if the hot air impacts teachers. Mr. Kitsko replied that the heat does have an impact on staff as well as children. A parent asked about individual air units in room and the cost surrounding that. One parent asked if schools can obtain health records from the nurse to see how many incidents of students getting sick. Amy Shannon Spector brought up that concerned parents can e-mail a school board representative regarding the subject.
 - **Wellness Policy-** The new federal wellness policy impacts food that is sold directly after school, including pretzel sales. The Philly Pretzel Company is now offering a whole wheat lightly salted version that Lincoln will try. The PTA has contingency planned a budget back-up if the new Pretzels don't work out. The PTA will be allowed to sell the old pretzels for a five week grace period. A parent brought up that Lincoln is the only elementary school that can't serve snacks during parties. Mr. Kitsko mentioned that other schools are moving in the direction of not offering food. Mardi Gras and other events will not be impacted as they are after 4 p.m.
 - **Volunteer clearances-** Amy passed out a clearance volunteer form for anyone that has questions regarding the new policy. The clearances are tracked through a Google drive across the school district. The database also tracks renewals. Parents will need to bring in a copy of the finger printing form to the office to copy. Mr. Popek can verify if clearances were approved. There is a fingerprinting event on October 13 for parents that are in need of them. If you have been a resident in Pennsylvania for 10 consecutive years, you don't need to do the FBI finger printing test.
 - **Brain show-** October 22
 - **Chic fil-A-** Spirit night, Monday October 19, Chic fil-A will donate 15 percent of sales to the PTA.
- **First Vice President- Jen** Thompson reported that we still need a committee chair for the Environment Concerns committee and noted that the main tasks don't require time during school. A chair is also needed for the Odyssey of the Mind program.
- **Second President-** Spirit wear will be offered as a fundraiser. The Company also a wide array of cost options. The order forms will be available at the end of

October through December. Volunteers might be needed to distribute the items to the classroom. Cate Abu brought up the Screen Printing Company in Uptown Mt. Lebanon as a resource.

- **Third Vice President** – no report
- **Fourth Vice President-** Mr. Kitsko encouraged attendees at the meeting to get involved and find time in their schedules to volunteer. Kids are transitioning well to the new school year. MAP tests are being conducted this week for grades, 1-5. Parents should let Mr. Kitsko know if they have any suggestions for content for weekly blogs, which is now linked to a Twitter account. Readathon kick off next Friday, the two-week event is an important fundraiser for the PTA.
- **Treasurer-** The fiscal year ended June 30 with a surplus. There are some items that will need to be paid out, including field trips and assemblies. The plan is to see how much the Fall fundraisers raise and then the PTA will decide on what to do with the surplus. Committee Chairs should come to Marybeth with requests for checks and any money raised at fundraisers should be double counted and signed off by an Executive
- **Corresponding Secretary-** Lisa reported on the School Directory, 85% of families have registered for the new MySchool Anywhere. The PTA membership e-mail will be coming out this week with an option to pay for the membership through PayPal. Parents still need to pay their \$12 to become a member. Parents won't receive a school Directory unless they sign up to join the PTA. In addition to the on-line PTA sign-up, the new system allows customization of e-mails to grade levels, which will cut off on e-mail traffic. Jen also mentioned to Chair a Committee you must be a member of the PTA. A parent asked if the new PayPal system will be used for other fundraisers.
- **Recording Secretary-** no report
- **Historian- committee forms-** Jen reported that the traditional red forms are being eliminated, the forms will be on the PTA website going forward. Lisa mentioned that the Historian page is currently not working.

IV. Teacher Representatives- Rachel Lewis and Annie Pugh-Diges introduced themselves as the teacher representatives and thanked the PTA for the welcome back lunch. Mrs. Lewis asked when the information will be shared with the teachers regarding Homeroom parents. Amy reported that teachers should be hearing about the home room parent assignments this week as well as the Scholastic Book parents.

V. Lincoln Committee Reports

- **Yearbook Committee-** Karina Pearlmen updated the parents on how the Lincoln yearbook works and also encouraged parents to become a photographer for the yearbook and passed along a sign-up sheet to become a photographer. This year's yearbook will be a hard cover. The cost is \$16.50.
- **Frosty Shop- Anyone** can volunteer to do projects on their own for Frosty Shops or join a group; e-mails on crafting events will be forthcoming.
- **Lunch club announcement-** Karen Krieger spoke about lunch clubs and looking for volunteers to run clubs, clearances will be needed.

- **Garden club-** Laura Teufel overviewed the garden club and garden education that is provided to 2nd graders on the life cycle of plants.

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

- **Audit Findings-** The Audit committee reported on results from last year's audit. The audit identified some areas for improvement, which include reimbursements and not turning in receipts with personal items bought on them.
- School-wide Arts, Music and Field Day- Amy mentioned the possibility of hosting a field day that would take place at the end of the school year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

IX. Announcements and Upcoming Events

9/17- Lincoln Homeroom Parent meeting, 7 p.m.

9/23- No School- Yom Kippur

9/25- 10/9 -Read-a-thon kick-off

9/30- Student picture day

10/12- Lincoln Walk to school week

XI. Adjournment