

**Lincoln Elementary PTA Meeting
October 21, 2015, 7 p.m.**

- I. **Call To Order**, meeting called to order, 7:05 p.m.
- II. **Approval of Minutes**, minutes approved at 7:09 p.m.
- III. **Executive Committee Reports**
 - **President**, Amy continued the discussion on the end of the year Arts and Field Day asking for feedback from parents and volunteers. Mr. Kitsko shared that they held an Arts and Field day at his last school. To execute the events, volunteers are needed for stations and coordinating arts and craft, it was recommended that each classroom has a few “casual” volunteers per room. Amy will put an announcement in the newsletter on the event and to solicit volunteers.
 - Coffee with the Principal was held this past week with good participation. Mr. Kitsko mentioned he is happy to do more sessions if there is an interest.
 - There is a roundtable event tomorrow night called “*It Takes A Village*” at 7 p.m. at the High School.” The event will overview challenges parents face.
 - The school board did vote to refinance the bonds (4 million), 2-3 million will go to capital improvements projects and the rest will be earmarked for other projects.
 - The Mt. Lebanon Library is going to have daily “maker day” space for after school. The brain show was moved to November 10 at 7 p.m. at the High School Gym.
 - The new report cards will be coming out in a few weeks, there are a lot of resources on the District website under the parent tab to understand the new report cards. The upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences will be valuable to discuss the new format one-on-one with parents to answer questions.
 - **First Vice President**- Thirty one people attended the fingerprinting event last week, there will be another one done on May 26th.
 - **Second Third President- no report**
 - **Third Vice President** – Lourdes thanked everyone for filling out the volunteer forms.
 - **Fourth Vice President**- Mr. Kitsko talked about the Coffee with the Principal, 17 parents attended; topics includes:
 - a. Indoor recess and limiting time in the video room. Mr. Kitsko will be soliciting for more lego donations. They are trying to balance staffing to give students opportunity to socialize;
 - b. The “Go Zone, Mr. Kitsko is forming a committee to try and improve the after school process;
 - c. Student scheduling and how students can make-up work when they leave the classroom for support services or instruments.
 - Upcoming events include, The Halloween parade next week, Veterans Day assembly, Parent Teacher conferences are taking place in early November. Parents will sign-up via Dashboard, there will be directions in next week’s blog. 4th grade field trip to the Outdoor Classroom, kindergarten had a successful field trip to Simons. Columbia Gas is coming in to speak to the students about the work they do and safety practices when they see a work zone. Mr. Kitsko thanked everyone for their support during the readathon. The reading minutes were increased from last year. Chic fil-A night raised \$250.
 - **Treasurer**- Fall field trips have been covered.
 - **Corresponding Secretary- no report**
 - **Recording Secretary- no report**
 - **Historian**- Jen reminded everyone that the red folders are being phased out and the information for committee chairs to run their committees is being placed on-line.

IV. **Teacher Representatives-** Students need to enter the building by 8:30, there have been late arrivals. Mrs. Diges mentioned with colder weather, students need to be prepared to go outside. If the weather is 15 degrees or warmer, students will be going outside, if it's below 55 degrees they won't be allowed outside if they aren't properly dressed (shorts, jackets). The new website will be launching in the January timeframe. PTA will be hearing about migrating documents. The new webmaster for Lincoln will be Mr. Kitsko and Ms. Greer.

V. **Lincoln Committee Reports**

- **Directory-** The Directory will be available in a couple of weeks. This year it had, 89% participation from Lincoln Families.
- **Spirit Wear-** flyers will be distributed on October 26, there is a wide range of options, the PTA will get 25% of the profits, prices range from \$25 plus.
- **Frosty Shop-** progressing well, crafting events are taking place.
- **Readathon-** goal was 10K, \$13,261 is current count. School average was 415 minutes per kids. One of the committee members mentioned that they will be in need of additional committee members next year. It was also mentioned that the money raised has been declining, one suggestion would be to do more intra building competition.
- **Walk to school week-** Trackers are still being gathered
- **Lunchtime clubs-** flyers will be going out after Thanksgiving. Lunchtime clubs run ½ and anyone can host a club, they run in 4-week sessions. Jan 11th- Feb. 5. Feb 16th- March 11th. Some of the clubs are very competitive so if your child really wants a club, fill it out right away.
- **Scholastic Book Fair-** The committee is still looking for volunteers.

VII. **Old Business**

VIII. **New Business**

- Budget amendments, add \$250 to the Officers Fund. The fund covers various things like staff gifts, volunteer gifts, murals (amount not covered by donations). Amy asked for a motion to pass amendment, Jen Curran motioned, G.G., seconded the motion.
- Amendment to raise budget for \$100 to cover cost for the e-reader that wasn't donated for readathon. Jennifer Thompson motioned, G.G. seconded motion.
- Kindergarten playground- Mr. Kitsko mentioned that the playground is getting close to needing improvements, certain areas are aging. The need isn't immediate, but over the next 2-4 years, some improvements will need to be made. The school has a playground account at the building level. Mr. Kitsko asked if the PTA could consider putting funds into the playground account. The current playground budget has around \$1,800, the total cost of the project could be estimated upwards of 25K.

IX. **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

10/30 **Classroom Halloween Party with Parade, 10:30 am - AM Kindergarten, 2:30 pm - Grades 1-5 and PM Kindergarten**

11/3 **NO SCHOOL – Tues- Election Day, 1 - 3 pm LES Skating Party**

11/4 **Wed - 9-10am PTA Council Mtg., Location: Jefferson Elementary School**

11/11 **Veteran's Day, 10 - 11 am LES Veterans Day Assembly, Location: Gym, 4pm Elementary Report Cards Posted**

11/12 Kindergarten Parent/Teacher Conferences held in PM, NO PM Kindergarten; AM Kindergarten IN SESSION, 3:30 - 8 pm LES Book Fair, 5:30 - 8:30 pm K-5 Parent/ Teacher Conferences

XI. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.