

Lincoln School PTA Meeting Minutes, February 18, 2020

Meeting Called to Order: 8:30 AM

Meeting Attendees: 10

Opening Ceremony

- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Welcome and brief review of agenda

➤ **A motion was made by Amy Belich to approve the January 2020 minutes. Kristi Phipps seconded the motion. The January minutes were approved.**

- Special Guest- Mrs. O'Rourke-(Representing the 5th grade teachers)- 5th grade is back from Outdoor Ed, about 89 students attended. They did various outdoor activities and had a great time. Mrs. D'Angelo wanted to express her gratitude for the battle of the book funds. Some of books can be used for 4th and 5th grade reading material as well.

Report of the Executive Board

Recording Secretary – Becky Jacob

- We received a thank you letter from Ronald McDonald House for collecting the pop tabs, will pass the letter around.

Corresponding Secretary – Tanya Chwojko

- Nothing to report

VP Ways and Means – Jennifer Kramer and Kate Prasse

- Nothing to report

VP Programs – Celia Grebs and Kristy Maiers

- Assemblies (Kristy Maiers)- The next all school assembly is set for 2/28 and has an anti-bullying theme.
- STEM Fest (Kristi Phipps)- First group just took place and had good participation. Trying a different set up this year, split differently with half of presentation in groups and the other half in an assembly format. Great feedback so far. The next group is set to go on Thursday

- Trivia Night (Kristy Maiers)- Coming up on February 28th. Registration went fine and there is still space for more to sign up
- Talent Show (Kristy Maiers)- 33 acts are currently registered. Still too many parent spectators to fit in the gym if we had one act so will plan on two acts. Working on rehearsal schedule.
- Junior Great Books (Megan Melson)- We are wrapping up JGB for the year. Less interest this year with small groups due to the not so popular required books. We want to look into possibly forming a book club for the kids in the future. Edison does a book club per grade level. They meet at lunch time. They keep the same book with the specific grade each year. Possibly we can combine One Lincoln One book with JGB to come up with a new reading program for the school.
- Explore More Day (Becky Iacob)- Planned for March 6th. We are revamping this year and focusing on different charitable organizations. Each grade will have a different theme and the kids will rotate with their classes. 1st grade will learn about supporting the troops, 2nd grade on helping the animals, 3rd grade is focusing on recycling and 4th and 5th will make blankets with Project Linus and learn about Ronald McDonald House. There are still spots to volunteer, see the blast for the sign up link.

Treasurer's Report – Kristi Phipps

- Financial Report was provided. See report for specific details.
 - Monthly Revenues – Monthly revenues are expected from membership dues and buy in parties. Year to date income total is \$72,177.
 - Monthly Expenses – Expenses were collected this month from Makers Space, Room Reps, STEM Fest, Teacher Classroom Supplies, and Talent Show. Year to date expenses total \$43,675.
 - Cash Carry Forward Balance – Currently reporting a cash carry forward balance of \$56,743.

President-Elect – Amy Belich

- Most committee positions are filling up for next year. We are looking to bring in some younger grade parents to be program chairs. Send any names to Amy Belich so she can reach out to them.
- Six flags Reading Program is going well.

President – Amy Sutton

- We need to appoint the Nominating Committee which is responsible for slating the open executive board positions for next year. The nominating committee consists of three members of the executive board (which includes the principal) and two other members of the PTA. The executive board members of the nominating committee will be Amy Sutton, Becky Iacob and Mrs. Barnabee. Celia Grebs will be a backup. Hilary Simonds and Patty Giobbi have volunteered to fill the remaining two positions. No other names have been volunteered.
 - **A motion was made by Amy Sutton to appoint Hilary Simonds and Patty Giobbi to the**

Nominating Committee. Amy Belich motioned to appoint. Kristy Maiers seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Principal – Jennifer Barnabee

- Welcome Jim Pluskota and Laura Gibson, Edison PTA president last year, to share with us the process of construction at Edison.

Special Guest: Jim Pluskota, Edison Elementary School Principal

- 13th year at Edison as principal.
- Edison was asked to put together a community committee of teachers, parents and the principal. They met with the design company and architects and provided a lot of input. Some issues were in their control and some not in control of the parent group. Some parents felt they have not met often enough. They also had community engagement events, where they invited community members and parents. There were three of these meetings and about 100 attended.
- As of right now things have been running very smooth
- Laura shared they conducted a round table presentation with the teachers and selected parents. There were about 4 of those meeting. They took in the input from the group. There also were community group meetings where the neighbors came in and gave input. Parents could also attend these meetings and provide input. They strongly encourage attending the community meetings. A lot of the issues that came up in the meetings were addressed.
- Most of the concerns were from the parents about how the students are going to be in the building during the construction process.
- The Edison community is excited to have the Lincoln students during the construction year. He wants everyone to feel comfortable and welcome at Edison and hopes this will make the Elmhurst community come together.
- Next year starts Lincoln sending kindergarteners to Edison for all day kindergarten. The challenge will be drop off if you have a kindergartener at Edison and kids at Lincoln as well. Currently 69 students are registered for all day kindergarten at Edison.
- Edison construction period is March 2020-August 2021. August 2021 the Lincoln students come over.
- March 2020 construction plan at Edison includes adding to the parking lot and a temporary playground to the front of building for the students to play. A construction trailer will be added between Edison and Sandburg.
- The construction company was very flexible with what we wanted and workable with us to meet our school needs.
- Combining Lincoln and Edison PTA's is important. Both schools have a lot of traditions. It would be a smart to start the discussion now and figure out how to run the PTA together as well as how we will fundraiser and co mingle. A meeting is set up with both school's principal, vice principal, PTA president elect and President

from Edison and Lincoln.

Meeting Adjournment: 9:50 AM

> A motion was made by Amy Belich to adjourn the meeting. Kristy Maiers seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Dates

2/19-Student Late Arrival, JGB meeting

3/6-Explore More Day

2/20- STEM Fest (grades 3-5)

3/11- Walk to School Wednesday

2/26- Walk to School Wednesday

3/13- Talent Show

2/28- Trivia Night

3/17- Next PTA meeting, 7PM

3/4- Student Late Arrival