

Lincoln School PTA Meeting Minutes, November 17, 2020

Meeting Called to Order: 2:02 PM

Meeting Attendees: 15

Opening Ceremony

- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Welcome and introductions

➤ **A motion was made by Patti to approve the October 20, 2020 minutes. Kristi seconded the motion. The October 20 2020 minutes were approved. An amendment is proposed to the financial report of the October 20, 2020 minutes. The amendment reads “as of October 20, 2020 the expense (not income) total is \$5830.**

Presentation by Lincoln’s Special Education Instructional Coach Bridget McDonald Please refer to the slide deck for details.

Strategies to support behavior and learning were shared and are available on the D205 website via the following shortcuts. Strategies are suggested for all kids and not only for kids with special needs

- <https://sites.google.com/elmhurst205.org/remote-learning-parent-resourc/home>
- <https://sites.google.com/elmhurst205.org/d205parentelearningresources/home?authuser=0>

Report of the Executive Board

Recording Secretary – Molly Wangler

- Nothing to report.

Corresponding Secretary – Tanya Chwojko

- Nothing to report

VP Ways and Means – Kate Prasse

- Charleston Wrap brought in \$3919.00. Fundraiser is still open until December 7th. Need to order before the 7th to receive by Christmas.
- The committee is working on the Zoom trivia night. The date has been set for 1/30/21 at 7:00pm although time needs to be confirmed. The committee is trying to determine cost per person at this time and restaurants used for eat and earn. Payments/ticket sales will be through MemberHub . Discussed possibilities and challenges of silent auction and 50/50 raffle.
- The committee is planning to sell Shamrock house signs similar to Hawthorne Boo signs in March.
- Hillary Simmonds reported on possible Bryan fundraiser that is being discussed to include the three feeder elementary schools (Jefferson, Lincoln and Jackson). Ideas included and Eat and Earn fundraiser, and the traditional Bryan Treasure Hunt. More to come from Hillary on this subject
- Patti Giobbi reported that we have done about 2500\$ in sales for the Book Fair.

VP Programs – Kristy Maiers & Patti Giobbi

- Reflections due 11/20 to Sandy Denninger. Drop submissions to her home.
- Social committee has been working hard on “Thankful” posters. More posters will be available on Thursday. Mrs. Barnabee shared that these signs are so welcomed and appreciated and offered to move signs indoors when the snow comes so that they aren't destroyed by plows. The board can also help with moving signs.
- Social committee is also working on a “cocoa cruise” in the Lincoln neighborhood. This will be a socially distant holiday light tour and scavenger hunt. Lincoln families can sign up to have their home included on the route. Details for sign up will be included in the next PTA blast. The board discussed incorporating a charitable fundraiser to this event. Need to ensure the charitable org is in compliance with our mission. Michelle Huber suggested pairing with other schools for the cocoa cruise and then donating to Thrive 205

to provide meals to Elmhurst 205 students over the winter break.

- Jen K talked about having a “Heart Hunt” (scavenger hunt) with other elementary schools in February. Families will be able to drive or walk the neighborhoods in search of hearts
- One Lincoln One Book committee is still in planning for the winter. This will be a virtual program and optional for families this year.

Treasurer’s Report – Kristi Phipps

Also note to please send receipts to Jen Kramer so that financials can stay up to date.

- Financial Report was provided. **See Financial report for specific details.**
 - To Date Expenses: \$6,847
 - Year to date income total is \$5,830 and Net Income/Expenditure is \$-2,064.
 - Cash Carry Forward Balance – Currently reporting a cash carry forward balance of \$34,704

Kristi Phipps noted that the board typically meets in December to discuss the budget. This year the typical major fundraisers (Halloween carnival and bookfair) were either cancelled or scaled back thus there is not much to discuss. Budget meeting is likely to be moved to February after the trivia night fundraiser. The board also discussed the increased cash carryover this year due to many programs needing to be cancelled. If this academic year continues to proceed via remote learning additional fundraising could be scaled back.

President-Elect –N/A

President – Jen Kramer

- Discussion brought by Hillary Simmonds about what will happen with Lincoln tear down and if a celebration will be possible. Mrs. Barnabee shared that a timeline is in place beginning with abatement which will take 6-8 weeks beginning the week school ends. Then demolition will follow

and then construction. Unsure at this time what kind of “celebration” will be allowed which makes planning difficult.

- Student council can serve as advocates for PTA programs as they are presenting to students via video. Student council meets every Friday after school virtually and have begun recording videos that are shared by homeroom teachers the following Monday. Kristi Maiers will write a blurb that they can share to encourage kids/families to participate in the Cocoa Cruise.

Principal – Jennifer Barnabee

- December 7th meeting set up will be an overview of many parent questions that were gathered from the parent poll sent out last week. Planning to do at least one or two more follow-up meetings to address details regarding transportation and child care that are as yet unknown.

Meeting Adjournment: 3:24 PM

> A motion was made by Kristi Phipps to adjourn the meeting. Kate Prasse seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Dates:

11/18: No School (Remote Learning Planning Day).

11/20: Reflections submissions due

11/23 and 11/24: Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences

12/7: First Virtual parent meeting for *Lincoln’s Year on the Move 2021-2022*

1/19: Next PTA meeting, time TBD