

Lincoln School PTA Meeting Minutes, February 16, 2021

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00pm

Meeting Attendees: 31

Opening Ceremony

- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Welcome and introductions

➤ **A motion was made by Kate Prase to approve the January 21, 2021 minutes. Kristy Maiers seconded the motion. The January 21, 2021 minutes were approved.**

Presentation by Mrs. Discipio, Principal, Bryan Middle School, on transition of 4th graders to Bryan Middle school

Please refer to attached slide deck for presentation details.

Jenn Hall and Hilary Simonds, co-presidents of the Bryan PTA joined the meeting to discuss PTA involvement at Bryan. The incoming fifth grade families are encouraged to join the Bryan PTA to ensure that the fifth graders will continue to have activities they would have experienced at Lincoln (e.g. room reps, field day) . A committee will be set up within the Bryan PTA to incorporate this group of people. Hilary encouraged people to check out the Bryan parents Facebook page “Bryan MS Parents” for more information. There is a drop down tab on the Bryan website called “Lincoln on the Move” where information is updated regarding the fifth grade transition.

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

- Live sales began today for Shamrock signs. 101 have been sold so far. Key club will be deliver the purchased signs on the 4th and 5th of March.
- Trivia night was successful and raised roughly \$3,000.00 for the school. Ways and Means plans to repeat this event next year, possibly just for parents and as an in person event.

VP Programs – Kristy Maiers & Patti Giobbi

- Kristy Maiers reported the initiation of several virtual clubs for 2nd-5th grades. All sign up info is in the PTA blast. Activities include Magic, Cooking, Art and Science. Families are able to sign up for one or more than one activity. The committee requests that families with more than one child interested in a class only sign up once so space is available for more families in zoom.
- Shout out to Laura Woods and Mrs. Barnabee for completion of One Lincoln One Book
- D.A.R.E. program will not take place this year. The committee is brainstorming transitioning D.A.R.E. to a club this year. TBD if this would take place virtually or in person after school. Mrs. Barnabee is going to ask contact at the police department about timing.
- Stemfest is on hold for this year. The committee is exploring repurposing these funds for potential outdoor (in person) events/activities in the spring.

Treasurer's Report – Kristi Phipps

- Financial Report was provided. **See Financial report for specific details.**
 - To Date Expenses: \$12,904.
 - Year to date income total is \$12,244 and Net Income/Expenditure is \$-660.

- o Cash Carry Forward Balance – Currently reporting a cash carry forward balance of \$36,108.
- o The executive officers met at the beginning of February 2021 for the annual budget review meeting. Income and expenses projections were revised for the remainder of the school year. Please refer to the Budget report dated 2/11/2021 for details. This document can be found on the Lincoln PTA website.

President-Elect –N/A

President – Jen Kramer

- Teacher appreciation is still providing food and drinks for the teachers each month. Teacher appreciation week will continue in May.
- The 2021-2022 nominating committee for executive officers was proposed. 3 people from the executive committee (Patti Giobbi, Megan Melson, Kristi Phipps) and two persons from the general PTA membership (Anna Fergus and Jane Loeser) have been chosen to make up the nominating committee.
 - **A motion was made by Michelle Huber, to approve the selected nominating committee. The motion was Seconded by Kristy Maiers. The motion was approved**
- Next year the Lincoln PTA will be on hold as we are dispersed to other host school's PTA's. Jen Kramer proposed an amendment to standing rules for officer elections to remain on hold through 2021-2022 school year. Please refer to *Lincoln PTA Executive Officer Election Structure 2020-2024 document* which is located on the the Lincoln PTA website. Current officers in place through next year would act as a liaison to the host school PTA. This amendment will sit on our website for 30 days. We will vote at the next PTA meeting to approve this amendment as well as updates to the Lincoln Illinois PTA bylaws.
- New Lincoln executive committee officers will be voted in during April's meeting.
- A budget for "buddy shirts" for the host schools and all students next year

was proposed and is in the works.

- Jen Kramer and other 8 elementary school PTA presidents are doing a shamrock hunt. It will be a contest to see how many kids can participate. The winning school will get to dress up their principal as a leprechaun.

Principal – Jennifer Barnabee

- Excited to welcome students back in person. Will need to operate “close contact” (possible Covid-19 exposure) scenarios on a case by case basis when and if this occurs. There are very few remote students remaining at this point. Those students and their teachers will continue to require support from staff, parents and PTA.
- Q and A’s regarding K-5 Return to School Questions were all completed and included in the PTA blast. More questions are welcome and will be answered.
- No word yet on spring events and ability to host in person activities (e.g. field day)

Meeting Adjournment: 8:11 PM

**> A motion was made by Kate Prasse to adjourn the meeting.
Hilary Simonds seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.**

Upcoming Dates:

Feb. 16 and Feb. 17 – Group A is In-Person

Feb. 18 and Feb. 19: Group B is In-Person

Feb. 19: Asynchronous day for 2nd grade

Feb 19: Signup for Virtual Activities Closes

Mar 22: School Picture Day