

Lincoln Elementary PTO

September 19, 2023, 5:30pm @ Lincoln

President: Terry Geneser

President-Elect: Sarah DeJong

Vice President: Anna Moyers Stone

Vice-President-Elect: Brett Wattson (absent)

Treasurer: Deb Pogemiller

Treasurer-Elect: Julie Reynolds

Secretary: Heather Rickels

Meeting attendees: Board members, Tracy Morrison (principal), Cliff Haley, Tea Ho, Tami Clements (2nd grade), Barbara DeGroot (2nd grade), Sam Helmick (Iowa City Public Library), parents and families of Lincoln

Meeting notes:

- The Year to Come! (Terry)
- Sam Helmick, Iowa Library Association President – Bookmobile. At Lincoln on Wednesdays
- Tracy Update
 - School Spirit Week
 - New Lincoln shirts
 - 229 students at Lincoln
 - Soccer goals donated by a family last year, very popular 😊
 - Fire drill last Friday went great. This Friday weather drill
 - School pictures happened Sept 11
 - 2nd grade has a field trip coming up, Oct 3
- Terry
 - PTO roles
 - This year graduating both 5th and 6th grade
 - Funding School of the Wild for 5th grade for one week (about \$2500)
 - Doubling budget for graduation This year graduating both 5th and 6th grade
 - Pre-elected next year's role
 - PTO traditions: Pancake Day (last year on Feb 14), Fun Night (spring), International Night, Skate Night (winter)
 - The Volunteer Chair Letter – parents sign-up to volunteer for events
 - Football Parking Fundraising
 - College for Kids for 6-8 grades, at Coe College, we provide bus transportation for all kids locally. Pick-ups at City Park and Penn.
 - PTO letter related to funds
 - City High Homecoming Parade 9/20 starts at 6pm, arrive 5pm-6pm, candy/banners/wear Lincoln colors, at the end \$6 all-you-can-eat chili or mac and cheese. We are #21.

- Iowa Heartlanders Hockey Event
- Food for teachers during planning days and conferences
- Schedule for this year
 - Known - Fun Night (spring) with fun things to auction, Graduation (May), International Night (December 1), Book Fair supports the library (around Thanksgiving), Art swag to purchase (fall)
 - Potential new events:
 - Event organized by Art/Music teacher
 - Kid-led Disco Night on a Friday
 - Bring back clubs this year (PTO can provide supplies, limited funding)
 - Writer's Workshop, Gr 4-6, about 20 students
 - Chess Club, through Jan
 - Girls on the Run (funds self)
 - Other clubs parents are interested in
 - Fundraiser Ideas this Fall – Oct/Nov and Jan
 - Bingo Night (raise funds for School of the Wild) with chili/veggie chili/mac and cheese, fundraise – families possibly pay for bingo tickets (SFA could give tickets to families) or donate baskets for auction
 - Last weekend in Oct. Friday, Oct 27.
 - Cliff – separate Bingo Night and Chili Night, something outdoors at City Park,
 - Tea - Walk/run on Sat around the river with food tent and ask for donations
 - Terry - Auction Night in Jan/Feb combined with Art/Music Night
 - Tea – Kickball Night, Terry – Glo Night in Gym, kids make glow art in art class to decorate gym
 - Coordinate with Doctors Without Borders Project
 - Lincoln Quilt this fall. Will discuss next meeting.
 - Publishing Lab. Maybe Grades 1-2 or 1-3.
- Budget
 - Need to update for clubs, Fine Arts Night, Publishing Lab, etc.
- DPO first meeting in October
- Next meeting: Oct 24, 2023 @ 7:30pm Zoom