

**Lincoln PTO Meeting
November 13, 2016**

Attendees:

Irene Kappos
Mrs. Manzi
Mr. Gleason
Dr. Murray
Denise Reeder
Sue Biagi
Melanie Lee
Anne Dempsey
Rita Knapp
Bridget Basquin
Stuart Eng
Jennifer Rabito
Wendy Locascio

Meeting was called to order at 7:03

Principal Report

6% increase in students who met their reading MAP goals.

Identify students who have shown growth so we can increase even more.

MAP scores. In math our kids outperform other districts.

Each trimester look at students' performance. Benchmark review process. Identify students below 40%. Get teams of teachers together and look at these students to see what we can do. Do they need extra help? Trimester schedule changes reflect this.

MAP score is an indicator. But they look at the whole child so we make the most appropriate decisions to help students.

List of students who need help has been decreasing which is positive. It is also a positive reflection on teaching and assistance to students.

One topic at last night's board meeting is building improvements. Lincoln is on list for window replacements. Finally received reasonable bids. Over winter break, they will be replaced. Will be done by end of second trimester. Will do window a day in rooms. Will save district significant amount of money. Lincoln may get secure vestibule. Complete

redesign of library is possibility. Reading loft is possibility. Learning needs would be addressed with usable space. This would happen over the summer.

Vice Principal Report

6th grade social. Very fun to watch kids have fun.

A lot going on at Lincoln. First trimester has raced by.

Continuing to have ROARS theme of the month. Curriculum matches this.

Holidays approaching and we will continue with ROARS. We will emphasize empathy.

We will do food drive through Maine Township. We will get word out in December through SGA.

Teacher Liaison Report

Ms. Kappos reported that there is not much to report.

Some teachers are discussing having book clubs with teachers.

Jennifer Rabito said we will follow up on getting a parent/teacher book club going. We will try in February on a Tuesday or Wednesday night to discuss the book brought up at the last meeting. We will get word out in Monday mailer.

Staff was very energized by the book. We should mention this when publicizing the book club.

Communications Committee Report

Send update to Pam to get out Monday morning.

We love photos so send photos for anything sponsored by the PTO.

Membership fee was the same as last year.

Events update

Moretti's fundraiser tonight.

6th grade social – Bridget did a great job with the social. Event was a success!

Star Wars will be planned again this year. Will publicize after Thanksgiving. Increasing price to \$20. December 15 is the date. Chipotle fundraiser on same night. Deposit required of \$500.

Yankee candles raised \$255 to date. Dr. Murray's emails help with sales. We will include in his email. Holiday sales end December 15.

Spirit wear – no update

Mid of the mid – at community center. Works very well. Jennifer will reach out to team leads. We may need parent volunteers to help run the event.

Uncle Pete lunches – this Friday. Every student was given a bag this past Monday.

Teacher Grants to be discussed after meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes. Dr. Murray seconded motion. All in attendance approved the minutes.

Budget was approved.

New Business

Mrs. Reeder mentioned that if any portion of library grant is approved they would appreciate it.

Dr. Murray indicated the same thing on his grant proposal. They would appreciate support of any aspect of proposal. He highlighted a few things they would prioritize.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm