

**Lincoln Middle School
PTO Meeting
Thursday, May 12, 2016**

Present at Meeting:

Kathy Schmit
Stuart Eng
Sue Zimmerman
Rita Knapp
Jocelyn McGovern
Dr. Anthony Murray
Lenae Cohen
Wendy Locascio
Jennifer Rabito
Tim Gleason

Called to Order at 6:39 pm. Kathy Schmitt called the meeting to order.

This is the last general meeting of the year. Sue and Kathy thanked everyone for their involvement this year.

Principal/Vice Principal Report

Dr. Murray

Dr. Murray addressed the email that went out today. He is appreciative of parents who called today and expressed concerns. Mr. Gleason and Dr. Murray investigated and assures us that generally our students are safe. There is no broader issue.

ELF has awarded Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Dabe over \$15,000 to create an active learning environment. Mr. Taglia is going to be involved as well. They will be looking at how we re-think our learning environment. Technology, space, layout, etc. This may be a pilot for the district. Radical changes are anticipated in the next 5 years.

(The PTO may contribute to this and looking at incorporating into the budget.)

Dr. Murray wanted to express his thanks for teacher appreciation week. There were a lot of thank you notes that he was copied on.

He also wanted to thank the PTO Board for this year. All committees have done a wonderful job.

Teacher Liaison Report

Lenae Cohen wanted to reiterate thanks for teacher appreciation week. It was very generous and appreciated by all. She passed out a thank you note from the staff.

The LRC and several Lincoln teachers sent a note of thanks for the Go Pro camera. They plan on doing a day in the life of a Lincoln student.

Mrs. Nardi reported that the choir performed at Great America and received a superior rating and first place in their division of Middle School Treble Choirs. Choirs from Illinois, Iowa, Indiana and Minnesota were represented in the competition. Way to go choir!

The PE department has the annual track meet coming up on May 23 at Lincoln this year. All grades compete against Emerson. It should begin about 3:15pm. There will be a lot of activity going on at once. The event lasts about an hour. Relays will be at the end.

Treasurer's Report

Checking balance is \$8,600. Savings balance is just over \$6,000. There are quite a few expenses from 8th grade dance and a few remaining from teacher appreciation week. We anticipate an ending balance of about \$10,000.

Communication Committee Report

Mailers have been going out weekly. The committee is working with Mr. Taglia on an infomercial to show incoming 6th grade parents to encourage new parents to sign up early. The elementary principals and PTO presidents will help to get the infomercial out to the parents.

Everyone currently in the system will get an automated message to renew PTO membership in August.

Kathy expressed a huge appreciation for all the hard work of this committee.

PTO Event Update

V-show was a huge success. There was a late bus to encourage students to attend. Evening show was well supported by parents.

8th Grade Promotion Dance. 195 tickets sold. Final push for ticket sales will be soon. Check in and check out is worked out. No cell phones will be allowed. Coat racks were rented for the boys' coats. The committee is reusing decorations and trying to buy things that can be used again. Theme is 2020 Vision, as this is the high school class of 2020. Chaperones are still needed.

Teacher Appreciation Week. Budget was \$1200. They came in under budget. Bagels and coffee, popcorn, dairy queen, baked goods and raffles and Tony's deli subs. Committee will stay on next year. Teachers were very appreciative per the administration.

Spirit wear. Marketing to incoming 6th grade parents. Free shipping period right now again. Same committee will run spirit wear again next year. Feedback to include staff wear. They will also consider a holiday shirt (St. Patrick's Day for example).

Approval of Minutes

Kathy motioned to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2016 meeting. Rita motioned and Dr. Murray seconded.

Kathy introduced new Presidents for next year – Stuart Eng and Jennifer Rabito. They thanked all board members.

New Business

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Judith Snow Award (\$250) will announced (district award). Jim Blouch Award (\$100 award to charity of their choice) will also be announced.

Sue and Kathy again expressed needs to fill Vice Presidents (two).

Star Wars movie was such a success. If we want to do it again, then we should reserve it soon. It will be in December again.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:16 pm