

January 23, 2020 7:00 pm

Lincoln PTO

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order – Meeting was called to order at 7pm by Sue Zimmerman.

Attendees: Katherine Goodwin, Trish McDonald, Sue Zimmerman, Wendy Locascio, Michelle Charley, Denise Reeder, Rebecca Heneghan, Eileen Noth, Jessica Powell, Mr. Szwed, Mr. Collins, Mary Honan, Eileen Newell, and Connie Michels.

II. Approval of Nov 14th meeting minutes: Jessica and Trish approved.

III. Guest Speaker – Ben Collins – Maine South principal

Reviewed Referendum and Construction at MSHS to begin in approx. 30 days.

Values education, gearing towards College prep, college careers programs are underway.

Math dept offers changes, fine arts dept, athletics and college career prog are amazing.

Building Skills, all Counselors are available for helping students and parents.

Social emotional learning, Mr. Collins available for all questions and helping students.

Blue Ribbon earned at MSHS, very exciting.

IV. Principal's Report – Mr. Szwed

Positive work with MSHS (Maine So) with all depts.

Coordinates all information from MSHS to Lincoln. Always open to suggestions.

Open House at Lincoln, great turnout, and wonderful opportunities/Elective Selection sheets due.

5 Ess Survey, important for the feedback.

Communication is key: Working on sending the Newsletters and weekly updates to everyone, helpful to have on hand.

V. Liaison Report – Mrs. Reeder

The Musical (Shrek, Jr.) rehearsals are underway with Ms. LaTragna. Held on Emerson stage, 60 students strong! Musical is March 13/14, more info to follow.

Ms. Hill – Technical theater club, working on the musical Shrek Jr. If parents have time or supplies, please email Ms. Jane Hill.

Ms. DLP and Ms. Wandell's classes participate in Park Ridge Comprehensive plan. ('Needed' and 'Wanted' Lists: kids worked on creating lists...Dear Mayor...)

Lincoln Green Team has kicked off – send waste free lunches, recycling containers in rooms.

Thank you to all PTO for sponsoring the Dance instructors for a day from *Studio 22 High Tek* – former Lincoln students, who taught 6 current dance steps for PE dance class. Many Thanks for the support for the PE dept!

Ms. Reeder is requesting helpers for book covering – email her directly. Looking for help with covering books for her Feb ‘**Blind Date with a Book**’ initiative. Please email her if you can help out.

(Dreeder@d64.org)

VI. Treasurer Report: Wendy Locascio reported:

\$25,000 in bank; 12,000 in expenses, added report at end of doc.

Teacher Grants/forms available online.

Upcoming: 8th Gr Dance, TAW week, Seed Library, Elf Grant Time (Mr. Szwed said Elf Grant proposals coming up.)

Wendy mentioned Sue has been very helpful in working with Fundraising. PTO is in great shape for all budgeting.

VII. Updates

Fundraising: Looking into movie **Black Widow**, April 30th as fundraiser (\$1300 made for Star Wars)

Would like to do *City BBQ*, 2nd semester; and Queen of Hearts still going strong.

Mid-of-Mid: Thurs 1/23/20 – great turnout, per Mr. Szwed. Bowling event, kids had fun!

Power: Fri 2/28/20, need yarn for PomPoms for Power event/8th gr. Great event, at Emerson, bus kids over, need volunteers, Sue to send out Sign Up Genius.

Intramurals: PTO emails schedule info/weekly blast: Lincoln offers after school sports each trimester, run by PE dept. All kids can participate. Boys group are requesting wiffleball, call Janicki for questions.

Grants: No grand requests at this time. Mrs. Reeder mentioned the Girl Scout troop is asking about adding a ‘Ga Ga Pit’ – looks like a rink to play games...googled it online and looks like a ring in a small court.

VIII. New Business

Fitness Trackers – still looking at the needs and the security access, reviewing.

Vote on increasing the Teacher Grant/Funding: Wendy moved to vote to increase to \$7500, Jessica 2nd the vote and all agreed. Sue/Wendy said we can also re-visit in March.

IX. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm, by Katherine