

Lincoln Middle School PTO

May 2, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Attendees:

Mr. Gleason

Dr. Murray

Rita Knapp

Melanie Lee

Jennifer Rabito

Pam Olafsson

Sue Biagi

Wendy Locascio

Mrs. Manzi

Denise Reeder

Principal Report

Dr. Murray said count down for the year is on with 22 days left. Last day of attendance is Thursday June 1. That is also 8th grade promotion. Teachers last day is Friday, June 2. Construction begins Monday, June 5.

MAP testing is next week. Just finished PARCC. Next year is the year we will have trend data on PARCC so we can start to see if this test tells us something. State of Illinois decides whether we will participate.

MAP tests really matters. English and Math department at MSHS are very interested to see the scores for the 8th graders. Staff look at all scores to see which students need additional help for next year.

Construction project underway. Starting to pack up the Lincoln library. We need volunteers to help. Any and all are welcome. Students can get service hours.

Middle school students with vaping, e-cigarettes. We are fighting a couple things - students think it is not a big deal. Dr. Murray has reached out to Teri Collins to put together some information on what middle school students need to know about vaping. Tuesday, May 23 parent presentation at Emerson.

Jennifer Rabito asked what the punishment is for vaping. Possession or use of any inhalants is a suspendable offense per Dr. Murray. She asked about things being said about things happening at Lincoln. She represented that parents are concerned that the offenders are not being punished. Dr. Murray as well as Mr. Gleason said that things are being addressed.

Sue Biagi brought up "sexting". Lincoln had a speaker that addressed this with the students. When administration at Lincoln is made aware of it happening at Lincoln, they address it.

Vice Principal Report

Mr. Gleason thanked the PTO for Teacher Appreciation Week. It comes at a great time of year.

Teacher Liaison

Mrs. Reeder thanked the PTO for the seed library and ongoing PTO support.

Mrs. Manzi did not have anything to report.

Treasurer's Report/Budget

We have \$15874 in bank. Seed money to the library for \$175. We also approved \$500 for the PickWick independent film festival. We did not give out many grants this year. Perhaps the teachers didn't know to submit a grant request. A suggestion for the new board is to have someone go talk to the teachers at the meeting prior to the start of the school year to remind them that money is available from the PTO.

Communication Committee Report

Pam Olafsson is not at Lincoln next year. We need to replace the communications chair.

Rita Knapp mentioned the PTO website is up for renewal. For the new board, Rita suggested we should decide if we need to keep both Wild Apricot and Go Daddy. There are duplicate functionalities.

PTO Event Update

Teacher Appreciation Week

We are in the midst of Teacher Appreciation Week. Tomorrow is the ice cream social. There will also be a raffle. Friday is the luncheon. If anyone writes a note to their child's teacher, consider copying Dr. Murray so he can put them in the teachers file.

8th Grade Dance

Sophie Erskine is chairing. She has a lot of volunteers. Date is Wednesday, May 31.

Tuesday, May 30 is Great America.

Lincoln Beautification

All the hallways have been painted. New flooring will also be installed. The exterior projects will commence at the start of next year.

There will be no staff at Lincoln due to construction over the summer. Dr. Murray is not sure where he will be located. Mr. Gleason will be at Emerson for summer school. If anyone needs the office staff be sure to come in or call before the last day of school. If you want to do registration at Lincoln do it before June 2.

Friday, August 11 is 6th grade orientation. First day of school is August 16. Teacher institute day is August 15.

VShow Review

Less acts this year than previous years. However, the quality of the show was very good. Students were well behaved. All the students involved did a great job.

Approval of Minutes

Jennifer Rabito motioned to approve the minutes. Sue seconded. The minutes from last meeting were approved.

New Business

Rita Knapp thanked Lincoln for supporting the MSHS gift card program.

Fundraising ideas for next year - Sue Zimmerman is planning to do the Star Wars event again next year. She also is interested in doing a trivia night. Brick fundraiser.

At the end of the year, staff collect school supplies and donate them to city schools in need.

Board Replacements

Amanda Cienkus will be VP. Sue Zimmerman will also be a VP. Jody Fabian will be President. Melanie Lee will be treasurer. Wendy Locascio will be recording secretary.

We still will need one President. We also need two communication chairs.

Mr. Gleason thanked PTO for a great year.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.