

Lincoln Middle School **March 28**, 2017
Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m

Stuart Eng: Board introductions skipped.

Principal report from Dr. Murray: Welcomed educators from Illinois middle schools to learn about our programming here at Lincoln. Self study self survey, and are awaiting the report on our strengths and will hopefully learn where we can improve. Next year is beginning of our middle school review process. Not done in 8-10 years. In April web leader applications will be taken later this month. Parcc testing in second week of April. Maybe our last parcc test. Only 6 states still use parcc. Many states going back to writing their own assessments. A Lot of correlation was found between parcc scores and map scores. May find out that it is useful test. Manzee says it takes too long to get information back. Turn around for ISAT and PARCC around same even though one is computer and one is not. Week of April 10 testing will happen. Kids need to bring earbuds. Teacher appreciation week is first week of May.

Mr. Gleason update: Says second third week of april the fifth graders will come. Web leaders will give them all info. Says we are down to about 8 weeks of school. Tours will be third or fourth monday or tuesday in april.

Question asked Dr. Murray about feedback from the survey aims middle school association. We have not yet been named a school to watch yet. But can we be nominated as a horizon school like Emerson did 15 years ago. It is a time consuming effort. We are more concerned with the review next year. Changes that were made last time were disproportionate to the time involved and benefit to school.

Mrs. Manzee speaks about the process and says everything is on table. There were large study groups and some of the groups were very large. It was disappointing because a lot was discussed but a lot wasn't changed.

Stuart says let's move on.

Mrs. Manzee teacher liaison: Frannie Keys asked if PTO would subsidize the cost for a bus for a field trip in May. Do we entertain this kind of thing? Teacher taking student to horse farm. Cof c LA students. Have to do it in small groups and can't have parents drive. Does not want the whole amount but would like a subsidy. Told Mrs. Manzee to have teacher submit a grant.

Also asked about Fall Down, Seven Down. Time and date for it April 4 and time is 7 or 7:30. Book club. Asking if we should send an RSVP. It has been in mailer every week. Teachers are wondering if this is happening. Need to send out an rsvp. Teacher group is not ready for it. Discussion on whether or not we should postpone this or not.

Gleason says it's difficult to do anything this time of year. Suggest we get a head count. Manzee suggesting that perhaps at parent night. It's better audience at that time of year. Anne wondering if she should email so Manzee says she will be speaking with Denise tomorrow and will find out if she wants to postpone or not. Think we need to have more of a promotion and we don't want it to flop.

Kaps says to send out cause you never know.

Manzee says too much going on right now and don't want this to negatively impact future book discussions.

Treasurer report: 15,751 on hand. Working with Jen on t shirts for Benny. We just fronted costs and it is not coming out of pocket. 450 to newcomers. Mid of mid bills all recouped 1944. Under budget by 350. 8th grade dance and teacher appreciation are big budget items coming up.

Communication committee report: senioritis. IT's all good.

Events: 8th grade dance has two chairs. Bridget is saying she will set up a sign up genius for volunteers. June 1 is the promotion. Dance is on the 31. Bridget is asking for contact info for 8th grade contacts to setup sign up genius.

Murray says you must be in attendance on that day to go to the dance.

Lincoln beautification update: 20 staff members came to paint the second floor hallway. Dozen folks volunteered to come in and do more hallway. Taglia is putting up murals. District painter will follow up to do striping and base coat and colors on alcoves. Alot more pop in the hallways. Depending on the money raised in basketball game have areas planned to add plantings and such.

Board is going to vote on improvements on Monday. All the bids they have gotten came in 500,000 under budget. Meeting at Franklin on Monday night. So come and speak out. New windows look spectacular but are not in yet.

V Show updates: Meeting tomorrow. 15 acts lined up already. Last Friday in April. April 21. Pam gives update on teacher appreciation. Tons of people. Same budget as last year. 1200. Good to go.

Motion to vote on minutes. Passed at 7:41.

Talking about backfilling. If not interested in coming back would like to have someone to replace the person. Email Stuart. Email PTO president at Roosevelt have Bridget do it. Nice that the teachers volunteer time to paint.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45