

LINCOLN PTA MEETING  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 7, 2020

Secretary Stand-in: Vanessa Sula

**Board Members In Attendance**

Principal Casey Hartman, President Vanessa Sula, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Jessica Speck, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Kelly DeVolder, Treasurer Lorrie Walker, and Secretary Melissa Savage all in attendance. Absent: Vice Principal Cindy Castanon

**Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:59pm by President Vanessa Sula

**Treasurer's Report: Lorrie Walker**

Current Balance: \$18,498.06.

November Income: \$2853.85 from LLP, Class Color Shirts, AmazonSmile, PTA Membership

November Expenses: \$570.45 for LincolnGrows Pergola and Teacher Reimbursements

Ongoing Fundraisers

- AmazonSmile now available through the app. Select Lincoln Elementary PTA (Plainfield, IL) as your charity
- Box Tops available through the app. Just scan your receipt.
- PTA Membership available year-round online

**CAPE Report: Lorrie Walker**

- District: still not safe to go back to in-person. Most districts are full remote right now.
- Library: make-and-take Kits still available. Curbside pickup for books and movies available
- Park District: Fitness center remains open but masks required. Check website for information on programs still going on

**Secretary's Report: Vanessa Sula on behalf of Melissa Savage**

Membership

- Online member registration only
- Currently have 127 members

Yearbook

- Uploading available online at [lincolnpta.com](http://lincolnpta.com) > "What We Do" > "Yearbook"

Spiritwear (Kelly DeVolder on behalf of Tara Mozden)

- Most likely going with Eichs
- Looking to expand our spiritwear to pants, shirts, hats, masks, etc

**1st VP: Events Report: Jessica Speck**

Lincoln Loves Plainfield

- Holiday Trees Available at Anderson Tree Farm

Photo Booth

- Hartman may be using it for Grinch Week. Needs to get back to us

Staff Appreciation

- Have \$717.15 for the rest of the year

- Winter Staff Appreciation Donations (items or money) available at <https://lincoln202pta.com/2020/12/05/lincoln-teacher-and-staff-winter-appreciation/>

## **2nd VP: Improvement Report: Kelly DeVolder**

### LincolnGrows

- Raised beds are being solarized
- Need volunteers for April/May planting and summer maintenance. Michelle Barr, Holly Long, Mrs. Kudia, Lorrie Walker, Betty Beaudry, and Renee Sourile volunteered.

## **President's Report: Vanessa Sula**

### Volunteer Opportunities

- Staff & Volunteer Appreciation in May
- Fifth Grade Farewell contact committee head Lorrie Walker at [Lincoln202treas@gmail.com](mailto:Lincoln202treas@gmail.com)
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee contact [lincoln202dei@gmail.com](mailto:lincoln202dei@gmail.com)
  - From the National PTA: The National PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. Our mission requires that diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) be central to our work and used in our day-to-day decisions and actions.
  - Lincoln's Makeup: 33% of our population identifies as non-white, 17.4% are considered low-income, 16% have an IEP, and 8% are English-learners.
  - DEI Rubric from National PTA:
    - At the Beginning stage, PTAs are "color-blind" or "identity-blind," either by design or default, and do not lift up issues of diversity, equity and inclusion in any regular or routine way. PTAs may take the position that paying attention to diversity or demographic disparities shifts attention away from shared goals or concerns.
    - At the Emerging stage, PTAs are focused on building membership and leadership comprised of individuals from different backgrounds and experiences. A primary goal is diversity and representation to better reflect the increasingly diverse constituencies that the PTA represents and seeks to serve.
    - At the Intermediate stage, PTAs are focused on culture and creating an environment in which everyone is comfortable sharing and contributing their experiences. The primary goal is inclusion and internal change in behaviors, policies and practices.
    - At the Advanced stage, PTAs are focused on systems to improve equity. The primary goal is integration of an equity lens into all aspects of the association's work. This involves making internal and external changes and regularly evaluating processes, programs and operations to understand if they truly achieve the association's mission and desire for fairness.
  - Membership took a quick poll in meeting with the following results for our DEI assessment: 1 person voted as we are in the beginning phase, 8 votes as emerging phase, 7 votes as intermediate phase, and 0 votes for advanced phase
  - Lincoln's DEI Committee has met twice with around 10 members, but would love more input

- Large focus on communication to all parents, not just registered PTA members
- Communicate in English & Spanish
- Create one parent support group event

### **Principal's Report: Casey Hartman**

#### What's Happening at the School?

- Choice Form: you must fill out the form for each child indicating whether or not your child will be attending school or remaining remote.
- Project ME: Lincoln is collecting new or good condition items for children in foster care. Please leave your wrapped items in the barrel in front of the school.
- Grinch Week: Still happening next week, albeit remote.

### **Public Comment**

Ideas for Spring Virtual Events: At Home-scavenger hunt/activity completion with prize. Events held via Zoom: Dance party, scavenger hunt, trivia, show and tell, talent (includes supply list). People interested in "hosting" one of these events can contact us at [lincoln202pta@gmail.com](mailto:lincoln202pta@gmail.com)

### **Next Meeting**

January 11th | 5:45pm via Zoom

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.