

LINCOLN PTA MEETING

GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: 11/8/21 Called to Order at 6:01

Secretary: Valerie Lentz

Board Members In Attendance

Principal Mr. Hartman, President Vanessa Sula, Treasurer Amy Nowak (zoom), Secretary Valerie Lentz, 1st VP Kandice LaGiglia, 2nd VP Melissa Savage (zoom)

Others in attendance: in person - 9 via zoom - 6

Total attendance: 21

Minutes taken along with slide presentation titled "11/8 - PTA General Meeting"

Screen #1 - introduction

Screen #2 - Call to order

Need to approve minutes from October. Lori motion to approve October minutes, Lorrie second. 0 nays, 0 abstained. Motion Passed

Screen #3 - Read mission of the PTA

Screen #4 - Intro to board member reports

Screen #5 - Treasurer's report. reviewed our balance, last month's expenditures, and income 24,647.96 at the end of September. Trunk or Treat under budget along with several donations. Read-a-thon

Screen #6 - Secretary membership report - membership is up from last month, currently at 168. Want to talk next month about engagement

Screen #7 - VP Improvement report - Lincoln Grows Committee is meeting on Wednesday and DEI Committee is meeting next Monday during the regular PTA meeting time frame.

Screen #8 - VP Events report - Collaboration meeting is coming up to plan

Screen #9 - Presidents report

Fall Fest Recap

Comments:

Kelly - went really well, lots of people there and no one cared about the weather they were loving the interaction, that it was free was awesome and more accessible so I personally loved that

Vanessa - concerns about lines

Brianna - our first time going and there were so many people, maybe spread cars out more so more people can look at each car and take their time if they want to

Phillip - could've done a second line for the candy so it wasn't so long, multiple directions

Kelly - go back to traditional handing out of candy

Communicating special needs hours

Food trucks - dont really need them, except for donuts

Screen #10 - Hartman update - books update - staff are working on selecting book titles, coming soon will be book titles and prices (hopefully by December meeting)

Screen #11 - Committee Updates

Screen #12 - CAPE updates

A big discussion was what is CAPE and do people know what it is - a meeting that all PTA/PTOs send one rep and meet with upper administration to communicate and keep everyone connected within the district

School District - mandates are coming straight from governor, parties are back inside the schools, looking at ways to bring parents back into volunteer as governor mandates are updated

Community - library

Screen #13 - Spirit Wear - the grade level shirts are back up on the website, will be available to order until 11/23. The committee is meeting soon to get winter gear up on the website soon

Screen #14 - LLL - coming up is Chipotle on Tuesday. Photo fundraiser got \$290 and LaDolceVita is \$180. Looking for empathy week wellness partnerships, if anyone knows of someone please reach out to Valerie or Kendra

Screen #15 - Staff Appreciation - October smile and November meal was completed. Now working on two new initiatives of Staff Favorite Things and Staff Stars of the Week. Next up is planning December Appreciation. When we talk about budget and how to spend fundraising money, we do need additional money in the SA budget if we would like to continue to do many of the things we have done in the past.

Screen #16 - Collaboration Week - December 6th - 10th. Currently doing used lights. Hat/Scarf drive for Giving Tree going to United Way. Grinch Week and Holidays Around the World.

Screen #17 - Lincoln Glows is the initiative - first year we are incorporating Core Values, let's focus on collaboration as the true mission, celebrate the season in a culturally respectful way, include an in-school activity, include a family friendly event that has to be outdoors.

The school is going to include the Grinch and movie with Mrs. Fahrner.

Review of what was done in the past for Holiday Extravaganza

Concerns were discussed with any winter event being too geared towards Christmas, causing feelings of exclusion

Screen #18 - Lincoln Glows Proposal

A 2 day festival of lights, which can celebrate and highlight all winter holidays. Need guidance from someone who knows more about light shows. Would like to do window displays too.

There will be food trucks, grinch will walk around

Screen #19 - turn windows into light boxes, showed some examples. Some could be done by families, some could be done by classrooms. Teacher feedback included give us ideas/options, simple is good so project doesn't take over.

Screen #20 - don't want to put too much on teachers. Hartman suggested doing a "window in a box" for each classroom, send a kit with a theme to each teacher. Keep it simple

Does this meet our mission of being inclusive and respectful of all students, families? Is the Grinch too centered around Christmas? A parent brought up is it possible to not mention any holidays at all and just focus on empathy, kindness? Group decided that there will be no Grinch as part of the LincolnGlows event

Screen #21 - DEI - Meeting Monday 11/15 at 6:00. Welcome Wednesdays is going really well. Looking for kiddos to share about Hanukkah or Kwanzaa. Maybe open it up to staff or community members if we don't have a student.

Sending out a google survey which will mirror what is sent out by National PTA to develop a Community Profile. Will focus on demographic information that PTA can't obtain from the school. Will go out to parents, not students. Will have to come out from Hartman. Need to have a spanish option, will go to district translator.

Screen #22 - New Business / Screen #23 - It's Your Turn

Parent came to talk - Brianna. She has a son at Lincoln, and his oldest sister has Down Syndrome and Lukemia. She is doing a pop tab collection to take to Ronald McDonalds. Can

the school send out an announcement? Her goal is 800 pounds. Each class will get a milk jug to fill, first class to fill it will win a dance party with Jynx.

Motion for pop tab drive

Lori first, Kelly second - no opposed or no abstained. Motion passed

World Down Syndrome Awareness Day is on 3/21, Brianna would like to see it more represented and talked about at school. Vanessa talked about Welcome Wednesdays, will connect Brianna with Butterbach who is organizing those days and already has Down Syndrome on her list.

Saint Baldricks - an event to raise awareness about cancer, and she would like Lincoln to host a Saint Baldricks event. Have kids raise money and participate in head being shaved. Event can be any time of the year, but is typically in March. Can be an outside event. Vanessa asked Brianna to fill out event proposal.

Screen #24 - Next Meeting is on Monday December 6th at 5:45 in person Lincoln Media Center, Please stick around and talk about Collaboration Week if you would like to.

Motion to end meeting - Philip motion, Lori second - none opposed, none abstained. Motion passed.

Adjourn: 7:26 p.m.