

LINCOLN PTA MEETING

GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: 12/6/21 Called to Order at 6:00
Secretary: Valerie Lentz

Board Members In Attendance

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

Others in attendance: in person - 2 via zoom - 5

Total attendance: 13

Minutes taken along with slide presentation titled "12/6 - PTA General Meeting"

Screen #1 - introduction

Screen #2 - Call to order

Need to approve minutes from November. Mrs. Landis motion to approve November minutes, Heather 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 24,917.18 at the end of November. Read a thon money just came in so it's not included in that number. School Toolbox made just over \$500, which was a super easy way to raise funds so Amy recommends we continue this next year.

Screen #6 - Secretary membership report - membership is 168 same from last month, currently at 168.

Screen #7 - VP Improvement report - DEI Committee cancelled their meeting for this month and will meet again in January. Lincoln Grows - the outdoor classroom was vandalized and new sun shade that we just purchased was ruined, along with several other items. Discussion about installing cameras in the outdoor area. We already have a sign that says "smile you're on

camera". Melissa is going to research district rules about cameras and come back. There are some LG funds available.

Screen #8 - VP Events report - Lincoln Glows is next week

Vanessa reviewed what will be going on during the event including window walk that will be up all week, and lights and food trucks on Thursday.

Screen #9 - Presidents report

No updates

Screen #10 - Hartman update - a group of staff members that have worked on list of books with diverse characters and themes. That list was presented to the whole staff and asked everyone to choose five favorites. The DEI funds from last year's read-a-thon will be used to purchase. Hartman presented three options - cost to buy top 3 choices from each teacher, cost to buy top 5 choices for each teacher, cost to purchase the top 5 for each teacher and to buy some extras that staff have expressed interest in. Raised about \$7,400 from last year, the cost for all of the books is \$3292. Discussed wanting to give an equal amount to each teacher. Approve the top 5 choices, and then offer to all staff the option to pick 3 more books to be purchased at a later date. Hartman will return with that information in a few months.

Motion to approve the amount to purchase top five choices from each teacher. First by Mrs. Landis, Amy Nowak second. No nays, no abstains. Motion passed.

Amy will cut a check for the top 5 amount.

Screen #11 - Committee Updates

Screen #12 - CAPE updates

Per Vanessa, no updates that are pertinent to us

Screen #13 - Spirit Wear - the grade level shirts are being delivered soon and the spirit store should be open for sure in January or maybe as early as December

Screen #14 - LLL - coming up is Culvers this Wednesday.

Looking for empathy week wellness partnerships, if anyone knows of someone please reach out to Valerie or Kendra. Amy suggested Be of Good Juju. Catherine suggested hosting a class that has a variety of fitness classes like pilates, zumba, hip hop, etc. Potentially as a monthly activity for both parents and students. Kandice suggested YMCA for a yoga class, and she will reach out to her contacts there. Amy suggested DNA which does classes for adults. Catherine and Kandice will work together.

Screen #15 - Staff Appreciation - Star Staff started last week with K teachers and continues this week with office staff. All staff members will be featured by the end of the year. Winter

Appreciation staff lunch is coming up next week on Tuesday, SUG will go live either tonight or tomorrow.

Screen #16 - Collaboration Week is next week - Need volunteers to come out this Friday at 4:00 p.m. to hang art work in the windows and Saturday at 9:30 a.m. to put up lights

Giving tree is going through 12/15 to collect hats, gloves, mittens, scarves

Screen #17 - Empathy Week

There is a plan for activities that week, with the social workers running classroom activities and getting resources to teachers. There is an idea for an event, but unsure if we can have indoor events in February. Idea includes staggered stations with small groups, but would require a lot of volunteers. Should we push it back to March or wait until next year? Vanessa suggested we all sit with it for a while and decide at a later date.

Screen #18 - DEI - they are working on getting out the survey they reviewed at last meeting. They are interested in a self care initiative for parents (discussed earlier during LLL)

Screen #19 - New Business / Screen #20 - It's Your Turn

Catherine - February is Black History Month. She would like to have a conversation, as a DEI initiative to explain what DEI is and facilitate questions. Welcome Wednesdays has brought up some conversations and has kids asking questions, I think it would be really cool to do something for parents with a moderator to help us ask questions and talk about our differences. Kandice suggested bringing in a speaker, maybe using some of the funds we raised for DEI. Catherine knows of someone and will connect with them.

Catherine - My kids have been to a lot of schools, and I see a lot of the same activities or people highlighted every year for Black History Month activities. My idea is to break it down by decade and go into every decade and find people that are from different areas (humanitarian, entertainer, etc). Maybe on Welcome Wednesdays that month students could share information on different individuals. If anyone wants to work with me and others from the DEI committee to help put together resources for teachers. Butterbach suggested maybe a video that could be made to share in the classroom. Catherine is going to work on it.

Screen #21 - Next Meeting is on Monday January 10th at 5:45 in person Lincoln Media Center

Motion to end meeting - Landis motion, Maureen second - none opposed, none abstained.
Motion passed.

Adjourn: 6:54 p.m.