

LINCOLN PTO MINUTES

January 21, 2021

- Meeting began at 6:25 PM
- **Secretary Report** – Lacy Standke
 - A copy of the November minutes was attached to the agendas. All looked well, so nothing more to discuss.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Sarah Buttera
 - PTO Balance - \$28,635
 - Road Runner Balance – \$4,100
 - Husky Challenge - \$148
 - Garden Balance - \$356
- **Principal's Report** – Mary Hawkins
 - It's going well with the kids back in the school. Some restrictions have been lifted – they require social distancing now being 3 ft apart, they can meet in small groups.
 - Staff can have COVID tests done every 2 weeks in school.
 - Vaccinations are being discussed for teachers (very exciting).
 - If the building can continue to be staffed, school will likely stay in session the remainder of the year.
 - Distance Learning feedback – this time around was much better than the Spring.
 - Academic Assessments are beginning for the next couple of weeks – the staff expects the students to be lower/behind. The kids will be okay and they will catch up, it may take a year or two, but they will get there.
 - A good reminder for parents: Now is the time to move kids forward in academics, it's not a rush and catch up process, but move forward. Help makes the kids get used to being back in school, loving school, and find the love to learn. Don't push the kids, but nurture them.
 - I Love to Read Event – Book Madness (coincides w/ March Madness Basketball)
 - There will be a tourney of books/vote on books
 - Concession stand in the library – kids will all get a treat out of it.
- **Funding Requests:**
 - \$400 to I Love To Read Event - Approved
 - Multiple Funding Requests from PE Department – I can attach the breakdown (if needed). We approved \$7,000 with a request of an itemized statement and let PE Dept. prioritize what best fits their needs.
 - \$400 Ice skating event at Morehouse park – Approve
 - Additional money for additional touchless water fountain- Part will be paid by Flowergrams and PTO will cover difference.- approved
- **Staff Report** – Alexis Gleason
 - It's going so great with the kids back in the classroom.

- End of the Quarter celebration will take place Friday 1/22/2021 with popcorn and movie.
- Recommended another Touchless water fountain.
- **Year Book Committee – Amanda Aarsvold**
 - Amanda asked the teachers be emailed about getting photos and adding to a place to start year book process. Childrens names will not be in photos and may do extra pages for a pandemic year.
- **Staff Appreciation – Sarah Buttera / Amanda Aarsvold**
 - Approved by Mrs Hawkins that food does not need to be purchased commercially but needs to be packaged individually.
 - Budgets given to Amanda from Sarah in regards to conferences and Teacher Appreciation
 - Amanda has some ideas for upcoming conferences in Feb.
- **Book Fair Update**
 - Darren gave numbers about last BookFair.

Below are some bullet-point notes I'd like to quickly mention regarding the 11/30 book fair. I plan to talk more about it at the next PTO meeting (1/21):

- Total sales: 438.90
 - Roughly 9% compared to 4735.82 in Fall 2019 or 4910.00 in Fall 2018
- Total rewards/profit to our Scholastic dollar account: 109.72
 - Roughly 4% compared to 2604.70 in Fall 2019 or 2700.50 in Fall 2018
- Books ordered for students via Scholastic dollars: \$1,243.90
 - Roughly 126% compared to 1,239.12 in Winter 2020 or 731.21 in Fall 2019
- Current balance: 4776.67
 - Mrs Hawkins asked about getting each child a book and will be checking to see how many we have on hand and possibly ordering more through Darren for Reading month
 - Next Boo Fair starts mid Feb.
- **New Business**
 - Facebook Reset
 - Lacy will add Sarah Buttera as an Admin
 - Aamada asked about adding more content and trying to get more LIKES. This will be a work in progress and Sarah asked everyone try to ask others to join and Sarah will post weekly context along with some upcoming events.
- **Committee Reports**
 - Family Fun Nights – Sarah Buttera : Alexis Gleason asked about a craft night. We will talk about this at next meeting and offering as a take home project for families.
 - Staff Appreciation – Amanda spoke about breakfast for teachers after DL

NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 18, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M. – VIRTUAL