Lincoln Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2017, 7 p.m.

1. **Call to Order,** called to order at 7:05p
2. **Approval of Minutes,** Minutes approved at 7:09p (Amy Spector)
3. **Executive Committee Reports**

**IV.**

* **President**
* *Renegotiation contract*- Is under way for our reduce and waste contract.
* *Art outreach*- An art therapy program is available for students through Mt. Lebanon. The Municipality has a pay structure that allows them to pay for the first two sessions and have it set up so no individual will spend more than $40.
* *School board budget*- A mock budget is set in February and although we are not sure yet what we are getting in regards to funding, there is some talk to eliminate property tax. If this were to happen we would then potentially see an increase on our food, water, clothing, and income taxes. Our school district is against this possible change and prefers to keep the control here instead of in Harrisburg. Council meeting is to take place on Wednesday, March 1 at 9:00 am.
* *Police*- The Mt. Lebanon Police department had a fantastic presentation on ways marijuana is used now. They looked at juvenile arrests in the last 3 years and found although alcohol arrests were down marijuana arrests were up.
* *Deer culling*- The deer sharp shooting has begun. Sharp shooters are shooting with silencing mechanisms so if you hear gun shots being fired you are to call the police department.
* *Buddy bench*- Our Buddy bench for Ms. Harper is in progress monies that came in for foundation will be used for bench. Last week was a tough week with the loss of Ms. Greer and we are thinking of ways to honor her in future.
* **First Vice President –** Not present/No report
* **Second President** – No report
* **Third Vice President –** No report
* **Fourth Vice President –** Grade 5 with be having a district chorus show on February 22, at 7:00 pm in the MTLHS auditorium. Our STEAM showcase for the district will also be at the MTLHS center court on February 23 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Hip Hop fundamentals will be having an assembly at Lincoln on March 1, at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm for all Lincoln students. The PA Farm Bureau AG LAB will occur March 6-10. Every class will have a least one session. We are also seeking parent volunteers to help. Lincoln Book Fair will be March 14 -16, in the Library. Our Spelling Bee happened on February 7, at 6:00 pm and went very well. We had 21 students from grades 4-5. The winner was Alekhya Buragadda and the runner up was Michael Blount. These two students will now head to Robert Morris University on March 11.
* **Corresponding Secretary** **–** No report
* **Recording Secretary –** No report
* **Treasurer** – Budget amendments under *New Business*
* **Historian –** Please turn in your finished *Committee* reports

**V. Teacher Representatives** – (Mrs. Lewis) Thank you for the staff breakfast last week for Mrs. Greer. It was a hard week and the support from the district as well as the teachers at our other elementary schools was greatly appreciated. A new program is in place with our (ESL) teacher Mrs. Gynella that makes it easier to communicate with our ESL families through texting. Jen Curran has the handout with more details.

**VI. Lincoln Committee Reports**

* **Grand Finale –** If you have any ideas or suggestions let us know. Mr. Kitsko will be scheduling a meeting soon.
* **Health and Safety –** Kids of Steel had a great turn out between 30 to 40 kids for our training program after school. We need more parent volunteers and could possibly add a second workout before school pending approval. Please email [marina.siegert@gmail.com](mailto:marina.siegert@gmail.com) with questions.
* **Mardi Gras –** Saturday, February 25, 2017 from 11-3:00pm. We have 35 baskets so far and still need cake donations. Also looking for more volunteers to help with ticket sales, raffle and floating.
* **Read a Thon –** We want to see if the teachers would be interested in a door decorating contest for next year. Each teacher would be asked to decorate their classroom door as their favorite book jack as part of the Read a Thon kick-off. Prizes will be awarded.
* **Science Fair –** Sixty plus students have expressed interest so far. This is a casual process. We have no theme but want the kids to find something they like, do some research, make a board about it, and articulate what they did. Medals/trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.
* **Talent Show –** has been rescheduled for May 5. Our previous chairs are helping Angie getting things up and running.

**VII. Old Business –** Nominating committee will happen February 1 to be considered eligible for next year. We will be nominating this month and vote next month.

**VIII. New Business**

* Budget Amendment was motioned for assemblies to an increase of $800 from $5,000 to total $5,800. Cate Albu and Rebecca Loughney motioned.
* Budget Amendment for Mrs. Staab’s Library items to an increase of $245 from $1,120 to total $1,365. GG Strom and Marina Siegert motioned.
* Budget Amendment for Frosty with a one-time increase of $1,500 from $1,500 to total $3,000 and will go back to the regular $1,500 next year. GG Strom and Jen Curran motioned.
* New line item will be added in the amount of $305 per the request of our new music teacher Ms. Kendall. The amount will be used for a new rug. GG Strom and Cate Albu motioned.

**IX. Announcements and Upcoming Events**

2/22 Lincoln Science Fair sign-up sheet due grades 2 – 5 eligible

2/23 STEAM Fair 7p MTLHS

2/25 Mardi Gras 11:00am – 3:00pm. Help is needed with donations.

3/13-16/17 Scholastic Book Fair help is needed with set-up, shifts, and teardown. Please contact Robyn Williams if interested.

3/20 Lab Ratz (Grades 1 -2) 3:45-4:45 pm

3/21 Coffee with the Principal

3/24 Fitness Festival 6:30 – 9:00 pm

**X. Adjournment**