

# Lincoln Avenue PTA



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## September 23, 2019 PTA Meeting Minutes

- Formal
  - Meeting called to order
  - Pledge of Allegiance
  - Principal's Report from Mrs. Cool (Dr. Roelle – had to reschedule), Title I (free and reduced lunch, certain percentage that can qualify, services will be talked about at a later meeting), NYS Assessments- see results below)
    - Smooth opening, some technology issues but getting there slowly
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Day - K parents walked kids to café, but everyone else was on blacktop for Parent Tea – lots of positive feedback, no criers! Lots of pics taken by Jen Cotter; Roary the Lion made an appearance!
    - New GAA coach - Teagh Brangan
    - Back to School Night went well with a large turnout
    - Professional Development for teachers has already begun – Science and Literacy
    - Halloween week – Orton-Gillingham training for both 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade teachers and one Kindergarten teacher – same subs are booked for consistency while teachers are out for training
    - 9/11 – The Man in the Red Bandana was read in all of the classrooms, moment of silence, students wore red, white and blue
    - Sinks and counters replaced over the summer in K-2 wing; staff bathroom as well
    - 2 assemblies already – first was pep rally ran by Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Gillulie, and Mrs. Stone from 2<sup>nd</sup> on Tech
    - “Start with Hello” Week this week – Aloha Day today; large emphasis on inclusion and supporting one another while also recognizing it's okay to take a break once in a while and play independently! Students received the information well, and they were saying Aloha all day on Monday!
    - Jackie Craig from School Board present, Ms. DiMenna – 4<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Stone – 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - State Assessment Recap:
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  - Open feedback forum after each state test to discuss curriculum strengths and areas for growth
  - Teachers report that the students worked extremely hard, and the Lincoln staff is extremely proud of their progress.
- Treasurer's Report
  - See report from J.Sara
- PAC Report
  - Idea mentioned about having new fundraiser ideas announced at PAC – pies, car wash- if any food is being sold, consult Jen Whelan, Danielle Norum, or others on the Food Allergy and Restrictions Committee re: food allergies
  - College Fair at PR Hilton tomorrow
  - MS PTA – SEPTA scholarship
  - 4 ½ days added to MS & HS – changes in dismissal
  - All Picture Days and Back to School Nights are done
  - My School Bucks for school lunches has a one time flat fee option if you pay by echeck
  - After-care – offering pay per day option
  - Construction video of field
  - Vote held for the naming of HS Concessions Stand
- Old Business
  - PTA Tea – great turnout, good weather
  - Back to School Night – great night, lots of sign-ups, lots of membership, sold lots of t-shirts
  - Kindergarten T-Shirt sales – sold 34 shirts!
  - School Pictures – proofs are due Wed
  - Carnival – huge success! Awesome job to Erin & committee! Could use some more supervision around the bouncy obstacle courses
  - Committee sign-ups - we still have a couple that need chair people
    - HARLEM ROCKETS – coordination with Evans & Franklin, ticket sales, Dominican rep, Rockets rep, list of teachers- We currently have a chairperson for this committee
    - Cultural Assemblies Committee
- New Business
  - Costume Swap 9/24 – not a ton, but enough
  - Door Decorating- there is now a committee held for door decorating; class parents will decorate the class doors seasonally, and the committee will help decorate other doors in the building
  - Book Fair 11/12-11/15 – Scholastic; hoping for Parent/Teacher conf week
  - Holiday Boutique- 12/3 held at PRHS cafeteria- volunteers needed and potential vendors (28 max) – raise more funds; google form for vendors to sign up – should go live soon; Concession stand, hot chocolate bar, play space for kids – xmas cards for soldiers overseas, face painting; \$45 for vendor tables
  - Holiday Boutique will also hold a tricky tray - items for donation welcome! Local businesses welcome! We will have a form letter; any amount basket is ok
  - Currently working on a Parents' Night Out at The Saloon with a guest bartender element - date TBA - looking for volunteers to bartend a shift! Bartender stays behind the bar with you; bring in lots of different community ties – Little League coaches, etc
  - Upcoming dinner fundraising specials -

- Luigi O'Grady's Family Dinner Specials 9/23-9/27 – new menu
- Wendy's Nanuet 5-8pm on 10/22
- Look into Dom's To Go
- Spirit Wear Fundraiser - orders due 10/11
- Amazon Smile - please choose Lincoln Ave PTA as your charity of choice to send donations our way throughout the year, especially as the holiday shopping season begins!
  - Look into Corporate Matching
- Class Parents Selection
- Next PTA Meeting 11/18/19 at 7:00pm