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MINUTES March 5, 2018 PTA Meeting

Recorded by: E. McGee

Meeting Called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Jan. 8th Meeting Minutes - Debbie Cheatham and Maureen Gallagher

Principal's Report:

Thanks for all the great work on Wizards, PARP, Box Tops, and Family BINGO -- staff and kids have been enjoying it all! Our PBIS assemblies continue, most recently on "Courage." These are organized by Mrs. Gilulle, Mrs. Ali Stone and Mrs. Murphy.

Rockland Read In went really well. We had lots of family members in as readers, as well as Mr. Murphy from the high school, Ms. Paese from the Middle School, community readers, the Orangetown Police Dept., Rotary members, and Pearl River Public Library staff. On Feb. 14th, we celebrated the 100th Day of School and Valentine's Day card exchange. Our 3rd and 4th grade morning Clubs end 3/28, but have been extended if there is another snow day.

Our grades K-4 teachers are working on the StemScopes Program. The program has started for grades K-2 this year, and grades 3-4 will be rolling out the program next year. Recently, Grade 4 went to the Middle School to see the musical "Once on this Island", and the

3rd grade will be taking a trip next week to see "Charlotte's Web" at the Tarrytown Music Hall. Jump Rope for Heart has been moved to March 28th. Grades 3 and 4 will have ELA state testing when we return from Spring Break, with Math testing beginning in May. The 4th grade will have their Middle School Orientation April 27th, and their Day Camp in the Park on June 15th.

Lincoln staff continues to incorporate ideas from the book "Students at the Center" by Bena Kallick and Allison Zmuda into their classroom activities. "Students at the Center" stresses that educators' most important work is to help students develop the intellectual and social strength of character necessary to live well in the world. Teachers have been working to increase the say students have in their own learning and to help students cultivate the set of dispositions for engagement and learning known as the Habits of Mind such as empathy, thinking with flexibility, and communicating with clarity. A summary of the book and its basic premise can be found in .pdf format at

<http://www.ascd.org/ASCD/pdf/siteASCD/publications/books/students-at-the-center-sample-chapters.pdf>.

The staff has also set up a Pineapple Board, a welcome whiteboard for staff where teachers can exchange ideas and arrange to observe each other trying new things or anything of interest to them in the classroom.

Treasurer's Report (JSara Georgi):

We had a big Jan-Feb. with the Wizards. (\$2,681 raised, well done!) From Chess, we have over \$1,000 coming in after payment. Box tops over \$800, Community Nights brought in \$370. \$1,088.00 has been transferred to Playground Fund. One payment made for Class Trips (\$200).

PAC Report (Liz Hayes):

Reports from other schools re: PARP - Evans and Franklin do an event where the whole building reads the book. Other ideas -- Book Swap? Tie into Donate books? Sister Schools, donate books to an underserved school?

Chrome Books – have been distributed to 9th graders, 6th grade has them; Next year the new 6th and 9th graders will receive chromebooks

Upcoming Fundraisers - Taste of Pearl River

College Fair upcoming, perhaps at Hilton in the fall

The High School is seeking new PTA Board members at HS.

SEPTA - Guest bartender event- raised \$5000!

Wine tasting at ShopRite Sat 4/14, Déjà vu Dance same day

Still working on 2018-2019 calendar - 6/26 Last Day, 9/5 Possible First

SEPTA: Guest Bartender Night a great success, raised over \$5000.

Old Business

Wizards Game

PARP

BINGO

Boys' Event

Community Nights - Luigi's, Ajs

New Business

****Music in our Schools Month (Elena) Theme: "Music Connects Us."**

Schedule:

--Last week, Mr. Lewis spoke to the kids about composition, and played one of his own compositions.

--This week Elena will be playing the piano and talk about how music can tell a story.

--Margie Mulvihill and a group of students/former students will perform Irish music on March 15th at 1:30 p.m.

--March 22nd, Guest Guitarist, Jonathan Trotta, will be in - Spanish, Flamenco, classical guitar 9:15 a.m.

--March 27th - singing and playing cellist (vocacellist), Patricia Santos, Tues the 27th at 1:30 p.m.

*Bus Driver/Crossing Guard Breakfast 3/27

*Girls' Dance 3/23

*Yearbook Orders and 4th Grade Baby Pictures/wishes 3/9

*Boys' Event MOVED to 4/27

*Staff Appreciation Luncheon MOVED to 5/8

*Plant Sale 5/10 and 5/11 - Spring Concert and Art Show on 5/10 (Alison Yew)

*Field Day 5/18

*Community Fundraiser – Get your Easter and Passover supplies at 5 Below 3/25-3/31

* Birthday Books 90% in

Upcoming Committees: Opportunity for someone to lead! Volunteers Needed

(1) Mixed Bags Fundraiser - Can do everything online, deliveries right to people's homes

(2) Boulders' Game Father's Day Weekend

(3) Five Below Fundraiser - Week before Easter

If anyone's interested in leading either of these committees, please contact Liz Hayes

Next Meeting - May 14th, 9:30 a.m