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Lincoln Ave PTA - January 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Formal

- Meeting called to order
- Pledge of Allegiance

• Treasurer's Report

Treasurer reported low expenses. Approximately \$1600 profit once the school picture company is paid. Still waiting on Book Fair profits. Many items have not cleared/posted yet. Next update should show more accurate income.

• Principal's Report from Mrs. Cool

Mrs. Cool is working hard to keep Lincoln open, but noted that teachers at Lincoln are shared with other schools –quarantines in other schools affect staffing at Lincoln, and the school is having issues obtaining substitute teachers and even filling permanent positions – candidates and former subs are unwilling to come due to the number of COVID cases throughout the county. Principals in the other county districts have shared that they are experiencing the same problems - not just limited to Pearl River.

Report cards go out Wednesday, February 3rd by 5:00 p.m. If you have recently switched from Remote to Hybrid or vice-versa, there could be a slight delay with your child's report card as the system syncs..

Information regarding kindergarten registration and screening will be coming out today.

Wednesdays - The staff continues to work with our literacy consultant from Gravity Goldberg, LLC to continue the work from last year and also work on various additional professional development related to technology and assessments with technology provided by the district Instructional Technology Coaches. In addition to professional development, we have been using our Wednesdays for various committee meetings, CSE (Sp Ed) meetings, Data meetings, and RtI/AIS meetings, and of course common planning time with other teachers on the same grade level. Data meetings happen every six to eight weeks and look at the progress of every child in the school as well as curriculum to make sure that we are looking at all aspects of learning and growth. Many of the meetings and professional development used to be held in the mornings before school or during the school day with substitute teachers filling in, but with teachers now doing morning supervision of students as they arrive, we have lost the morning meeting times and we are trying not to pull teachers away from the children during the four days they are with them.

PAC Report

The high school is looking for Project Graduation volunteers and are raffling off a Peloton bike - \$25 per ticket. The Disney trip has been postponed to 5/20-5/25/21 so Prom had to be moved. It is now the night before graduation.

Franklin conducted a plant sale over the winter and may add fruits and vegetables to the sale in the spring. Franklin also conducted an arts-and-crafts night with the art teacher.

Lincoln PTA will be holding a plant sale in the spring, and the PTA is looking for a chairperson to run this sale. Lincoln PTA will also be looking into a virtual arts/crafts night.

Old Business

- Fundraisers completed:
 - School pictures
 - Winter Wonderland sale --Roughly \$300 profit
 - o Dick's coupons
 - o Dec Meal Deals Russo's pizza, Luigi's, Gentle Giant
 - o Book Fair -still waiting on numbers, very low
 - Aunt Mia's holiday cookie kits \$200
 - Holiday Treats delivered to all the kids
 - o January Meal Deals Dom's, Joe & Joe, Luigi's

New Business

PARP kicks off this week!

Aim to read 15 minutes per day to reach our goal! You can submit pictures when you submit minutes which will be added to a weekly slideshow.

Instead of having an author visit, the PTA is sponsoring a new free book for every student, which has been chosen by the teachers.

Prizes:

- 1 student in each class with the most minutes \$15 gift card
- Grade with the most minutes Extra recess
- If the whole school reaches its goal No homework night!

Check out the PARP kick-off video where Lincoln students "pass the book!"

- Aunt Mia's Valentine's cookie and cupcake kits (orders are due 1/31; order pick-ups Friday 2/12 1-5pm 11 Harding St.)
- Got Sneakers donations due Friday 2/12; collection boxes at the school and at 11 Harding St.
- Bingo will be played during school hours this year on Friday 2/12. Cards will be sent home for remote students and the "Lincoln" group on Tuesday 2/10.
- A Valentine's picture frame craft will take place in lieu of our usual Valentine's exchange
- We are working on our St. Pat's Spirit Wear sale hope to have order form out soon with non-green items as well
- Working on some fun Raffles, Possible Tricky Tray in the spring
- Talking to the Yankees about possible ticket packages this Spring
- Please remember to send in pictures for the yearbook! We are relying on parents this year to capture all the kids. We want everyone included!
 - Looking for Yearbook Photos: Using a Google Chrome web browser follow the link to the Pictavo site and enter School ID #96022 to be directed to Lincoln Ave's page. Once logged in you'll be able to upload your photos into each of the folder categories.
 - Photo upload guidelines: DEADLINE FOR UPLOAD IS MARCH 19, 2021
 - 1. Please only upload one photo per student, per event. Sibling photos are much appreciated.
 - 2. Please try to upload quality images that can be used, nothing blurry, as it will be rejected.
 - 3. Please remember that this is a school yearbook. Please only upload students of Lincoln Ave,
 - o try to avoid family members that are not students (ie cousins, friends, other relatives)

Next Meeting March 15, 2021 at 7 p.m.