

**Linton PTO Meeting Minutes**  
**March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 6:30PM**

**Introductions – 10 in attendance**

**Principal Report:**

- CMAS for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade: starts April 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>; plus 3 more days for science
  - o Testing in morning to avoid afternoon sleepiness; specials and lunch schedules will change for younger kiddos in response
- Intercom system is finished:
  - o White box on wall is a voice amplifier system for teachers (they wear a piece around their neck; has a “panic” button)
  - o Range extends outdoors, unclear how far
  - o Connects office to individual classrooms
- Staffing for next year:
  - o 330 students this year (down from 380s since Covid)
  - o Specials are impacted by smaller cohorts; difficult to sustain full-time load for teachers
  - o 24 kindergarteners at this point registered – there will be 2 sections, as we always add 10-15 kids at beginning of school year
  - o 3 sections 1<sup>st</sup> grade;
  - o 2 sections for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grades
  - o 3 sections for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades
  - o Reserving funds for one additional teacher in the budget; similar to this year
- Yearbook:
  - o cover options – water was preferred
- **Questions:**
  - o Will lunch Covid protocols change?
    - Not currently
  - o What about family nights, dances, music programs?
    - Still subject to safety protocols
  - o Volunteering? – in library?
    - Unknown – some buildings are following a protocol from district, we are undecided

**Treasurer Report:**

- \$14,710 current total in the account
  - o Includes \$51.92 donation from Amazon Smile
- Secretary of State report filed
  - o \$10 - for last calendar year
- Spending \$600 for Read-A-Thon expenses will put us just over \$14,000
  - o We will have a total from that fundraiser at our next meeting
- Rest of budget for year:
  - o 5<sup>th</sup> grade gifts
  - o Dance – currently undecided; potentially outside?
  - o Mini-grants for teachers

- Teacher appreciation week

### **Read-A-Thon:**

- All children will receive a book to keep as part of this event, provided by the school
- Volunteers:
  - 5 to 7 people for ticket writing, all-day
  - 3 people (Mandy, Hailey, Adrien) for counting
- Exploring a stratified ticket system to preserve \$50 reward level:
  - Bonus ticket for \$50
- Adding non-monetary experience prizes
  - Ms. Stolte and Ms. Grote
- \$600 in budget for prizes
- Top fundraiser in class prizes were from donations in past years
  - Exploring other options
- Prize sources for this year:
  - From school; purchased; non-monetary/experience

### **Yearbook:**

- \$14 for a yearbook – not a fundraiser
- Online ordering:
  - We front the money for around 100 yearbooks
  - Subsequent orders are waitlisted
- Parent request not to discount yearbooks after the initial orders
  - Disincentive to order early?

### **Spring Bike to School Day**

- **May 4<sup>th</sup>**
- 2 \$5 gift cards for staff
- Safe Routes to School donations for prizes:
  - Helmets, bike locks, zipper pulls, shoelaces, bells, etc
- Prizes are provided based on names drawn (for those who bike, do laps, etc)

### **Spring Dance:**

- Is Justin willing/able to assist with this event?
  - Mandy will follow up
- Outdoors?
  - Potentially schedule for May on a Friday evening
- 1 hour, during daylight, family event, all grades included
- Decorations
  - Photo booths? (\$1) per picture

### **Field Day:**

- **May 20<sup>th</sup>**
- Treats for this event?
  - Possible Kona Ice
  - \$560 last year; not budgeted for this year

- Stephanie makes motion to consider budget change for this expense
- Parents allowed at field day and can volunteer

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Gifts:**

- \$700 budgeted
- Working with Ms. Barnes to decide on items

**Open Positions:**

- 2 open positions for next year:
  - District advisory position
  - Parent chair position

**District Advisory Board:**

- Board approved full week off at Thanksgiving
  - 2 days earlier start to the school year

**Adjourned; Next Meeting: April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – must set next year’s events and budget**