

Linton PTO Meeting Minutes
October 4th, 2022 @ 6:30PM

Introductions - 7 in attendance

Principal Report:

- Movie night was a success – around 200 people in attendance
 - Goal of holding 2 every fall and 2 every spring
 - 5th grade raised \$250 to put towards Eco Week; for future events they will need to plan for more concessions because those ran out quickly
- October 21st – vision, hearing, dental screenings will take place at the school
- October 24th – Picture retakes at the school
- Ms. Matisse is starting art clubs for 4th and 5th graders – watch for info coming out
- October 31st – Halloween celebration: Activities start around 2:15PM; parade begins at 2:30PM, parties will take place in individual classrooms afterward
- Questions:
 - What was the total money earned from the Culvers Family Night? – Haley will call tomorrow to find out and will send email follow-up to answer this question
 - Some children are reporting not enough time to eat, what is the lunch and recess timing breakdown?
 - 15-minute lunch, brief transition (around 5 minutes), 20 minutes to eat
 - Kids have permission to eat in class when needed

Treasurer Report:

- 2 expenses:
 - Breakfast Bonanza
 - Movie license
- 2 questions:
 - What is the total required for school expenses?
 - Kristin to follow up with office staff to provide this number to the PTO for money to be transferred
 - How is cash from the book fair being handled?
 - Cash has been passed from Megan to Kristin who will lock it in the safe; Adrien will pick it up later and deposit in the account
- Online book fair wraps up on Monday, October 10th, 2022
- Will we have a spring book fair?
 - We are on the schedule for April – Megan will check in about whether we have met the threshold for the buy-one-get-one-free and follow up

Parent Chair:

- Book fair:
 - Worked out well outside; it was very manageable but not as well-attended as last year
 - We opened an extra day this morning with books set up in the halls
 - Having 2 registers made a big difference – we will plan to continue this moving forward

- Breakfast bonanza:
 - Passed out extra burritos; there were lots left over this year
 - Considering “Consuelos” as a possible supplier for next year
 - Good feedback from families overall
 - How much will we receive from the kick-back from the coffee truck?
 - Unknown so far; we paid \$150 and we will receive 10% of overall total; We will decide whether this is worth it moving forward based on how the money balances
 - Coffee truck – 2 windows were open, but people didn’t realize that there were two available (on both sides)
 - Lower turnout discussion:
 - Maybe families had less flexibility to attend this year?(i.e. Fewer people working from home, fewer extended family members available)
 - Maybe families were unaware of where outside the event was taking place?
 - Maybe try adding the flyer back for the spring Book Fair event?
 - In future, use book fair signage outside to direct people to the right location
- Eco Week:
 - Kids leave tomorrow; 4-5 students will not be attending
- Family night:
 - October 27th at the Garlic Knot
 - All day (11AM-8:45); families must bring in the flyer or show it on their phone
- Other future events:
 - Annual Read-A-Thon:
 - Consider adding PledgeStar to bolster online fundraising
 - Kim provided a list of pros and cons and will email it to Melissa to share online with all families
 - We will vote on whether or not to use PledgeStar at the next meeting
 - Creating a Little Free Library on school campus
 - We will vote on creating one at the next meeting
- Virtual PTO meeting option due to low overall in person attendance:
 - Many schools have kept their PTO meetings online because it promoted better attendance
 - Kristin will send out a SurveyMonkey to assess whether people would like this option
 - For the survey: Include several timing options, child care options, online/hybrid options, etc
 - Send survey questions to Melissa and Mandy; they will consolidate and pass along to Kristin
 - Possible hybrid option where we set up Zoom at the in-person meeting and have someone monitor the chat and relay questions; we need to consider sound
 - Possibly alternate formats where we have a certain number in person then a certain number online
 - Add this to the agenda for next meeting to discuss more in-depth and vote on; we will try a hybrid version for next meeting

- Question from Haley: Are we providing dinner for teachers during Parent-Teacher Conferences?
 - Snacks instead of dinner
 - Melissa will check with Mandy and Adrien whether it's hidden somewhere in the budget
 - Haley will follow up about which night we will cover next week (Monday or Tuesday)
- Question: How are funds from family night dinners worked into the budget?
 - Unsure; Melissa will check with Mandy
- Movie nights for the remainder of the year:
 - We will add an extra movie night to the spring
 - Plan for two next fall
- Morning Fresh Dairy Caps
 - When we reach 1000 in our collection, someone needs to place it on their porch for pick-up; Megan took 1000 and placed on her doorstep at the end of last year
 - Megan will bring in a clean dog food bin for collecting caps at the school
- Melissa question for Kristin: Will the format of the event calendar that Mandy sent to be used for school social media work?
 - The Canva format is really challenging especially for translation; Melissa and Mandy will re-send in Microsoft-based format

District Advisory Board (DAB):

- Stephanie attending; 2 meetings have taken place since last PTO meeting
- District is implementing the Unified Improvement Plan and the Strategic Plan
- Last year, the DAB ranked a list of issues to address in order of perceived importance and developed a three-point strategic plan
- Priorities: Literacy, mental health and belonging, graduating with options, safety
- All are encouraged to attend community strategic planning meetings – these dates and locations are sent out by email from the district
- John Passantino (the district curriculum director) sent out an email this evening inviting parents to apply to serve on the adoption materials review team
- Melissa question:
 - Is the “Graduating with Options” priority aligned with Polis’ plan to bring a trade school to the NoCo area?
 - Unsure, but the Futures Lab at the high school level is part of this initiative
- Melissa request:
 - Can this information sent out/shared
 - Yes, Stephanie will send information to be provided to anyone who is interested

Adjourned; Next Meeting: November 1st, 2022