**Executive Board Members**

Nicole Colello- President

Robyn DePack- 1st Vice President

Liese Morrissey- 2nd Vice President

Sharon Zsoldos- Treasurer

Jessica Chickey- Recording Secretary

Maggie Kondovski- Corresponding Secretary

**Lincoln School PTA Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, February 23, 2015**

Nicole called the meeting to order with the flag salute at 7:02pm.

Nicole thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

**Special Guest**

Joe Lawrence the VP of the PLHS Music Boosters Association was a guest at the meeting. He came to speak about this parent organization that will be introduced to students in the 8th grade. The PLHS Music Association’s purpose is as follows:

* Projects and activities to raise funds to advance the cause of musical education.
* Support the PLHS marching band, color guard, PLHS concert band, chorus and choral groups, jazz band, ensembles and PLHS spring musical.
* Establishment of scholarship programs.

This year the organization will be providing (5) $500 scholarships to students.

**Mr. Shadiack**

Thanked everyone at the meeting for their continued support and coming out in the cold weather.

Stressed that we need to get the kids outside soon.

Mr. Shadiack reviewed important dates:

1. February 24th- Kindergarten registration
2. March 2nd- Classes will celebrate Dr. Seuss’s birthday with a special treat.
3. March 2nd- 3rd graders begin the PARCC assessments.
4. March 6th- K-2nd grade dance.
5. March 9th- 4th and 5th graders begin the PARCC assessments.
6. March 9th- 2pm dismissal.

Mr. Shadiack discussed that the PARCC assessment focuses on the common core.

NJ one of 11 states to use this assessment.

All testing would be done in the morning.

There would be 3 days of language arts and 2 days of math.

There would be 2 teachers in each room, one specialist and one support staff.

The PARCC has no negative impact to the students unlike the previous NJASK that would assess and place students if necessary.

The PARCC scores do not count against the students.

“Do your best” is the positive message that was given to the students.

Mr. Shadiack advised that the board has approved to take away the Columbus Day holiday in order to get one extra snow day. There will be 4 snows instead of 3 for the 2015-2016 school year. If all four days are not used they will be put towards extending the Memorial Day holiday.

**President’s Report**

Nicole thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Board positions are open for the 2015-2016 school year. The following positions are:

President

1st Vice President

Corresponding Secretary

Treasurer

The PLHS spring musical of SHREK will be held March 26th- 28th. Tickets are on sale now.

The PTA donated (3) $500 scholarships to PLHS.

**Committee Reports**

**Beefsteak**

Nicole advised that there have been a nice selection of donations given so far.

Family donations are greatly appreciated.

The wrapping of baskets is planned for March 23rd.

If anyone would like to donate or help please contact Nicole.

**Book Fair**

The book fair made $1500 in profit.

The PTA has donated $350 of the profit to the library.

**Box Tops**

Thank you to Karen Veltre and family for donating pencils. The pencils will be given to each student for a job well done.

**Candy Sale**

Please turn in all money if you have not already.

Extra boxes of candy will be sold at the dances and talent show.

**Class Parents**

Tammy emailed the class parents regarding chaperoning the dances.

Grade chairs will be contacted regarding the beefsteak donations.

**Family Night Out**

Wendy’s night has been rescheduled for April 28th from 4-8pm.

The Monarch diner’s night out only made $80.

Panera’s night out is scheduled for March 5th. You must bring the flyer.

Nicole feels that the flyer is hard as people may forget to carry.

**Friday Night Activities**

The 3rd-5th grade dance has been rescheduled for Friday, March 27th.

Movie night #2 had a low turnout rate.

Liese suggested separating grades next year in order to show a more specific type of movie.

March 25th will be the talent show sign ups.

**5th Grade**

Suzanne advised that a theme for the dance has been chosen.

June 15th the decoration will be done.

June 19th will be the pizza party and awards.

**Market Day**

Melissa advised that we are losing our representative Carol which means all money/checks will need to be sent to Market Day. She is asking for further help from the class parents.

**Teacher Appreciation**

Will take place the first week of May.

A meeting will be set up at the end of March to discuss.

Liese suggested that we ask the teachers what kind of cake they like.

Holly will set up a questionnaire for teachers with questions like cake type, coffee type (Dunkin Donuts or Starbucks).

**School Supply Kits**

Sharon advised that it would be cheaper to buy the school kit instead of buying all the supplies separately. The savings would be approximately $10.

The PTA profits $2.50 per school kit ordered.

The company will replace certain products free of charge.

Sharon strongly suggests that you check the school supply kit when you receive to make sure there are no errors.

The PLEA will provide school supply kit purchasing for 5th graders going into 6th.

**New Business**

Liese advised that the PTA is looking for someone to take over the Kidstuff book ordering.

Spirit Gear will be sold in April and delivered in late May.

Mr. Shadiack took the meeting on a “field trip” to the music room to explain and show what energy efficient improvements have been made. The ceiling has been dropped and new brighter lights have been installed. These new lights have a sensor which will allow the lights to come on when you walk into the room and shut off after a certain amount of time if left on. This improvement is being made to all classrooms and is only done on Saturdays and Sundays.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.