

LINCOLN SCHOOL
HSA meeting minutes

Thursday, April 7th 2022 7:00 PM- Virtual

Co-Presidents: Mary Ellen Meehan and Meghan LaForgia

Co-Vice Presidents: Taryn Lagonigro and Kari Dotter

Treasurer: AnnMarie Nieradka

Recording Secretary: Jessica Sullivan

ATTENDEES

Mary Ellen Meehan, Meghan LaForgia, Taryn Lagonigro, Kari Dotter, AnnMarie Nieradka, Jessica Sullivan, Mr. Adam Geher, Victoria Jengo, Lauren Pezold, Lauren Benyo, Danielle Suto, Christine Zipeto, Victoria Sasso

AGENDA

1. Principal's Note and School Report - Mr. Adam Geher (Appendix A attached)
2. Treasurer's Report - AnnMarie Nieradka

UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

- March Madness Restaurant Fundraiser completed
 - Successfully raised \$2,875
- Spring Apparel sale ends Friday 4/8
- Kids at Heart Tuesday 4/26 (outside)
- Teacher Appreciation Lunch Tuesday 5/3
- Bike Rodeo Friday 5/6 (rain date 5/13)
- USA Day Wednesday 5/25
- Field Day Wednesday 6/8 (rain date 6/10)

NEW BUSINESS

- Red top to be painted over spring break
- CWCEF 5K race on Saturday 5/21
 - Seeking ideas to encourage participation
- Cereal dominoes with Mrs. Zehman Tuesday 5/17
- Read-A-Thon (online format)
 - Discussion around timing, week of 5/2 or 5/9?
- Retiring teachers celebration Tuesday 6/21
- June HSA meeting Tuesday 6/7 with Mr. Bertello
 - Consider moving all future meetings to evening

NOTES

- Cash on hand as of 4/7/22 is \$17,583
- NJSLA testing grades 3-5 week of 5/9

Appendix A
Lincoln School
HSA School Report 4/7/22

Principal Notes:

- Mrs. Goldman baby news
- Mr. Villanella kindergarten replacement teacher
- Congratulations to students in Matilda (Juliet Sullivan, Myla Rowen, Madison Miktus, Vivian Iversen, and Lily Lima)
- Playground painting
- Cereal Box Dominoes - May 17
- USA Day update - May 25
- Retiring teacher celebration date - tentatively June 21

Classroom Notes:

- Kindergarten - Spring has sprung in kindergarten! Our little scientists are enjoying our current unit on plants and animals. Students planted seeds and are learning about the needs of animals by caring for our class fish! We are wrapping up our informational units in reading and writing and will be moving towards opinion writing and starting up book clubs.
- 1st Grade First graders are excited to begin our book club reading unit. We will be learning all about different animals in this nonfiction unit. We are also beginning writing communities where students will focus on different writing genres of their choice. In math we have completed our unit on graphing and have begun to learn place value.
- 2nd Grade- We are starting a new Social Studies unit called The History of Caldwell and West Caldwell. We look forward to learning about Grover Cleveland, the Hart Building, Caldwell University and more. Our new Science unit is called How Can We Stop Soil from Washing Away? We look forward to experiments which include soil, sand, wind and water.

- 3rd Grade - Third graders have recently finished writing nonfiction texts about a type of extreme weather or a natural disaster. We all learned a lot! In reading, we started our mysteries unit, and are paying close attention to the clues as we read. The students are becoming great detectives!
- 4th Grade - Fourth graders have really been enjoying our Historical Fiction unit! We have read books about various events including WWI, WWII, Hurricane Katrina, The Underground Railroad and more! In math we are studying fractions and decimals and having fun playing games while learning how they relate to one another. Everyone is looking forward to the week off so we can rest and recharge.
- 5th Grade-The fifth grade has been studying colonial times. As a culminating activity, the students are creating a museum for parents and students to view. Each child has researched and created a life sized image of a colonial person, a biography of the person, a diorama depicting a colonial occupation, a persuasive letter inviting a person to come to America, as well as numerous colonial crafts. The museum will be set up on the back playground. The student body will view it during school hours and parents will be invited to come from 5 to 6. The date will be announced closer to the event. We will be choosing a date based on weather conditions.

Special Area Notes:

- Art- Hallway decor
- Library/Media - Fourth and fifth graders have been working on programming skills using block coding. The site used requires them to trace a shape for their virtual ozobots to follow.
- Music Primary grades have LOVED singing about WORMS (and playing bells to Ebenezer Sneezer). 2nd graders are finishing up a unit about sea shanties- ask them to share their favorite one! 3rd graders are in the middle of learning about songs used by the Underground Railroad- I love their

interest and deep thinking that they are showing in music! 4th graders are learning about music from Ireland and 5th graders are still enjoying learning about some of the more famous jazz musicians from the swing era.