

Lincroft School PTA Meeting - September 10, 2009

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The June minutes stand approved as posted on the website. Tonight's agenda can be found on the website as well.

President's Report- Kim Allen

- It was a busy summer for the PTA. We made donations including balloons for K orientation, homework planners for 3rd-5th, writing folders for K-2nd and hand sanitizer for all classes. We also granted a \$30,000 school "wish list" that Mr. Laugelli will explain in his report.
- The PTA Board held a Welcome Back Breakfast for staff on September 2nd. Gift cards were distributed. Thank you Ivey Bettigole for organizing this.
- Congratulations to the Lincroft PTA for having a 10% increase in Membership last year.
- Consolidated Order Forms are due on Friday, September 11. No directory information will be accepted after this date. Membership dues can be sent in at anytime.
- Kim welcomed all new parents to join the PTA and reminded everyone that you must be a PTA member to volunteer for PTA sponsored activities or committees.
- Kim discussed some date changes of PTA events:
 - Theater Week – May 3-7- new company, during testing week
 - Math Olympics – April 9 – earlier this year
 - Fall Book Fair Dec 1 & 2 – planned later for holiday shopping
 - Spring Book Fair – April 13-14
 - Fun Day – May 28 –Friday before Memorial Day
 - Kids Art – Spring time for Mother's Day
- Anyone interested in volunteering for a PTA committee can go to website, click on PTA, then go to committees, click on the Chairperson's name and directly send them an email. All committee descriptions are on the website.
- There are still several open chairperson positions available: Directory Ad Journal, Family Fun, Legislative/ Budget Awareness, Career Day (4th or 5th parent), Morning News (5th parent), and Co-chair for the Great Race. Please contact Kim Allen if you are interested.
- Thanks to Lisa Yasuk for compiling the PTA Parent Survey results. Results will be posted on the website.
- Kim also thanked the following members:
 - Diane Miller & Michelle O'Grady-Beautification committee-weeded and cleaned the school grounds.
 - Kelly Oliveira for donating kitchen cabinets and a refrigerator to the school.
 - Linda Venezia for picking up the hand sanitizers for the classrooms.
 - Leslie Kinsella for fixing the basketball hoops and painting the pavement.
 - Deb Montalbano for organizing volunteers for the summer garden.

Principal's Report- Mr. Laugelli

- Mr. Laugelli welcomed the parents and thanked them for such a big turnout.
- Back to School Nights will be held on September 13th for grades K-2 and September 14th for grades 3-5. It begins at 7:00 pm in your child's classroom. Please exit through the All Purpose Room and see what the PTA is planning for the upcoming year.
- Mr. Laugelli stressed that the website will be able to answer most of your questions and will give lots of information regarding the school. The "virtual backpack" is updated every Thursday and will include the Leopard's Paw or any other important information.
- This year we started full-day kindergarten with 4 sections and 80 children. Our enrollment is 504.
- Mr. Laugelli thanked the PTA for their help and support over the summer especially their generous "wish list" items: white boards, LCD projectors mounted, FM systems, recess equipment, TV studio equipment and more.

- Mr. Laugelli noted that Picture Day will be on September 21 and school will be closed on September 28.

First Vice President's Report- Jackie Totilo

- The PTA will be using email as its primary mode of communication. If you would like to add or change your email address, contact Jackie at lincroftpta@yahoo.com.
- Gift cards were given to the entire staff at the Teacher's Welcome Back Breakfast. Gift cards are to be used for classroom/school materials and receipts must be submitted to the PTA.

Vice President's Report- Giulie Mirando

- Giulie thanked everyone for their help and support of last year's fundraisers.
- Giulie gave an overview of this year's fundraisers and reminded everyone that a complete list can be found on the website.
- The Lincroft School clothing sale will run through the end of October. Show your school spirit. Lots of new items for sale. Items will be delivered to the classrooms in mid November. A flyer was sent home and copies can be found on our school website.
- Our 12th annual Molzon Fall Festival will be on Saturday, September 19. Lincroft School will receive a percentage of the sales. There will be many games and activities for the entire family. Gift cards can also be purchased. Volunteers and bakers are still needed. Please come and support our school.
- KidStuff coupon books will be sent home the first week in October. If you wish to purchase the book, keep it and send in the money, otherwise kindly return the book to school.
- Kids Art Note Cards will be returning. Children will design a note card in school that will be available to purchase.
- Our big Spring Fundraising Dinner will be a Casino Night on March 19, 2009. It will also include our Super 50/50 Raffle. Raffle booklets will be sent home in October.
- There will be two Book Fairs this year. The first one will be in December.
- Giulie reminded everyone about our ongoing free and easy fundraisers: Acme receipts, General Mills Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Labels for Education. You can send these items in throughout the year in a labeled envelope or baggie.
- Anyone who has a Target Visa Card can register it under Lincroft School and we will receive 1% of the charges.

Teacher Representative- Mrs. Fortunato

- On behalf of the entire staff, Mrs. Fortunato thanked the PTA for the following: Welcome Back Breakfast, gift cards, homework planners, homework folders, hand sanitizer, technology equipment, recess equipment and beautiful garden.

Treasurer's Report- Michele Mingino

- A copy of the budget and Treasurer's Report can be found on the website.
- On July 1, 2009 an audit committee examined the PTA records and all was correct. The balance as of July is \$26,316.
- Michele distributed a copy of the treasurer's report showing how the PTA funds are being used.
- Michele reminded committee chair people to send her a working plan regarding their committee and to always submit a check request form in order to be reimbursed money.

Corresponding Secretary- Ivey Bettigole

- Notes were read from several staff members thanking the PTA for the Welcome Back Breakfast and the Gift Cards.
- A sympathy card and donation was sent in honor of Craig Doscher, our computer technician, who suddenly passed away this summer.

Committee Reports

- Kim reminded committees that working plans must be submitted to Michele Mingino. A copy is in each committee folder. Committee information can be found on our website.
- Upcoming committee information included:

Beautification- Michelle O'Grady - The PTA is looking for volunteers to help.

Educational Enrichment- Jackie Portnoy - Programs are planned for the year.

Library- Rita Jennings - Library will begin the week of September 17 and will be held on D&E days. Shifts will be 9:00am and 12:30pm. All signups will be done through email.

RIF (Reading Is Fun) - Lori Bennett – Summer reading forms will be collected and a raffle will be held for all those that completed the requirements. Coupons will again be given out for the school store.

Book Fair- Joelle Zabotka (Cevasco) - The Book Fair will be held in December. Volunteers are always needed, especially to set up and take down the fair.

The Great Race-Leslie Kinsella - The Great Race will be held on Saturday, October 24. All of the net proceeds raised go directly back to our school based on participation. Sign-up forms will be sent out soon. Volunteers are needed to bake and to help at the table.

Molzon Fall Festival-Lori Bennett - Festival will be on Saturday, September 29th from 9:30am - 4:30pm. Volunteers are still needed for the 3-5 shift to bake and donate items. Please contact Lori Bennett to help.

New Business

- Nothing to report at this time.

Our next PTA meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13 at 9:30 am in the All Purpose Room.

Respectfully submitted by,
Laura Chrepta, PTA Recording Secretary