

Edi-Linc PTA 2021-22
Board Meeting Agenda Tuesday, April 19th

Attendees (19): John Bischof, Mary Bis, Meghan Anderson, Pragna Dave, Jason Peel, Kristen O'Rourke, Barb Larson, Mary Greska, Janet Costello, Jill McCall, Jim Pluskota, Tracy Ries, Gwen Reedy, Megan Farley, Colleen Condon, Cat Durkalski, Robin Stehpens, Andrea Tepfenhart, Christine Simonis

Meeting Called to Order at 6:50pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of previous meeting minutes

Motioned by Mary Bis, 2nd by Jason Peel

Principal Report

Mr. Pluskota expressed gratitude towards the Lincoln staff. They have been wonderful guests while at Edison. They will be missed.

Mr. Pluskota mentioned that there will be a new ELA curriculum next school year. While Storyworks has been put to great use and the students enjoy it, he is worried about material overlap. Teachers will discuss if they still need Storyworks during the next late start meeting on May 11th. If no longer needed, the PTA can fund something else the teachers need.

Mr. Pluskota introduced Mary Greska. Students love attending library. She creates amazing activities and connections to the classroom.

Guest Speakers – Mrs. Greska and the Kindergarten team

Mary Greska: Mrs. Greska listed opportunities the PTA funded, such as

- Interscholastic Battle: Grades 4 and 5 competed in the Battle of the Books. The winning group will compete against other schools in the district on May 5th.
- GeoTrekks: Participants recently received baseball caps.
- Amazing Race: Down to the final 6 teams out of 38 total.
- Author visit on May 3rd.
- Supplies for Edison Studio MakerSpace

Mrs. Greska also shared what each grade is currently working on. First grade has finished their earth research. Second grade is working on robotics, materials purchased by Foundation 205 and rotating through all the elementary schools. Third grade is doing LegoWeDo. Grades 4 and 5 have finished their country projects, and kindergarten is focused on their reading skills. Mrs. Greska thanked the library volunteers and the Book Fair.

Janet Costello and Barb Larson: This year Mrs. Costello taught AM and PM classes, and Mrs. Larson taught an AM class. Class sizes were small, with only about 15 students per class, due to families seeking full day kindergarten elsewhere. This will result in larger 1st grade classes when those families switch to Edison next school year. There will be 5 sections of 1st grade and 4 sections of kindergarten (2 full day, 1 morning, and 1 afternoon), with about 23-25 students per class. Full day kindergarten slots are lottery based.

The kindergarten teachers expressed thank you's to the PTA for their support, and shared that their students are enthusiastic about learning. They are currently focused on researching animals and their habitats, and creating a presentation. In science they are growing plants and learning what plants need

to survive. In reading they are working on reading fluency and expressions through Reader Theater. In math they are solving word problems with their 5th grade buddies.

Officer Reports

- President – John Bischof (Edison) Jen Kramer (Lincoln)
 - John Bischof expressed gratitude towards the PTA for his time as President.
 - Jen Kramer not present
- Treasurer – Michelle Farmer (not present, monthly report and expenses/income provided)
 - Monthly report attached
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cmJlpfZLmZdp_zw4eLi_8FM8MbgCoFiV/view?usp=sharing
 - Extra money is requested and can be found within the PTA budget.
 - Need to set a deadline for teachers to turn in their reimbursement receipts.
 - A parent is donating money for the 5th grade paw prints.
 - We are okay to spend money for gym equipment.
 - Large Expenses Since Last Mtg
 - Net Running Club - Income received of \$3k (on a budget of \$5k); email out to Megan Farley confirming that total expenses will be \$4k (\$3k covered by club fees and \$1K sponsored by the PTA)
 - Mad Science Vendor - \$1700
 - Kate Hannigan Author Visit - \$1500
 - Globe Assembly (2nd half of payment) - \$900
 - Income:
 - Fall Spirit Wear - check received for \$660 (this was a surprise as I didn't have it on my radar)
 - Amazon Smiles - \$158 (total for the year is \$432)
- President Elect – Mary Bis
 - Suggested hosting a social for the board members and committee chairs.
- Ways & Means – Jason Peel: No report
- Membership – Nikki Dolvig : Not present
 - PTA Membership
 - Committees & Enrichment
- Programs – Kristen O'Rourke
 - Earth Dome was a big success. Mrs. Mariani's class wrote thank you's to the PTA for the "very cool" assembly. Presenter did a good job connecting with the kids.
 - A former Edison student reached out on behalf of a theater group called BAMtheater. They are a crew of people who would come in as an after school enrichment

opportunity. They come with a slightly higher price tag than Stage Stars, but runs for a longer number of weeks and ends in a performance.

- Currently planning programs for next school year, with the possibility of starting earlier in the fall and having longer sessions.
- Megan Farley asked about reintroducing after school intramurals. Mr. Pluskota responded that there is a stipend for whoever leads the intramural club. Logistics would need to be figured out in regards to avoiding conflict with Rec Station.
- Communication Coordinator – Tracy Ries: No report
- Website Administrator – Kate Skattum: Not present
- Secretary – Meghan Anderson: No report

Board Specific Business

- Pilot Pete check status: Still not received. Jason Peel has reached out.
- Additional funding requests
- Fundraising
 - State of affairs

General meeting business

- Vote on the 2022-23 slate: No nominations from the floor. Meghan Anderson motioned to vote, seconded by Tracy Ries. All said “aye,” no “nays.” The board is still seeking a communications coordinator.
- Field Transition: Field K-3 students will be joining Edison for the 2022-2023 school year. Students may get an Edison or Field teacher, regardless of what teacher they had this year. Classrooms will be blended with students from both schools to create a one-school feel. Teachers are currently organizing students in 5 sections to be combined with Field class lists. This year there was 21-46% of Edison students in each class due to the greater number of Lincoln students. The percentage of students in each class depends on numerous factors such as students’ Tier levels, academic levels, and social skills. The class list process is complicated, and the goal is to create balanced classrooms. Teachers will be analyzing the class lists during the April 27th late start. Mary Bis and Gwen Reedy expressed concerns about the blended classroom process and students’ ability to build relationships. Tracy Ries wonders if we will see a negative effect on SEL and relationship skills due to covid, followed by the relatively short visit of students as we host other schools. Mr. Pluskota appreciates the parents who have reached out to have these conversations about their concerns. Maybe we can arrange a meet-up for students before the school year similar to Kindergarten?
- Dr. Campbell has asked Mr. Pluskota to find a way to bring closure to the Edi-Linc school year. Fun Lunch/Classroom Parties will commemorate the year for students, but what about closure for the parents? Mr. Pluskota is figuring out how to coordinate an opportunity.

Committee Reports

- Mathletes – Gwen Reedy

- 72 students participated. Mrs. Gecsey and other classroom teachers are taking over with the District providing support. See attached document
- Reach – Gwen Reedy/ Pragna Dave: No update
- Running Club/ Color Run – Megan Farley/ Babette Otterness/ Jackie Hagen
 - 300 kids have signed up. This year Running Club will only last 6 weeks in the Spring due to Covid restrictions in the fall. Hopefully we can return to 12 weeks (split between fall and spring) next school year. Friendly competition between Wave 1 (Grades 1 and 2) and Wave 2 (Grades 3, 4, and 5). Wave 1 is in the lead with number of miles run by students. Amazing to see that Wave 2 students still have their pre-Covid running necklaces. Running Club will culminate with a 1 mile Color Run on May 14th rain-or-shine. Students will receive a shirt and medal during this timed race, and will feature a DJ and visit by Bobby the Bobcat. Megan thanked the PTA for the extra funding.
- Mad Science Night – Megan Farley/ Anne Dennett
 - About 300 students have registered for the event. Thirty minutes science show, and thirty minutes of hands on experiments.
- Spirit wear (update/ next year/ Edi-Field?) – Megan Farley/ Kristin Dailey
 - Sandburg spirit wear is available for 5th grade students during the spring. Edison spirit wear is only available during the fall.
 - Edi-Field shirts will be sold at the Back to School Bash. Megan Farley does not recommend selling through member hub. Cash or check only. This year the Edi-Linc shirts turned a profit, which was used to purchase the shirts for teachers.
 - Even though 1st Day offers spirit wear, it does not allow for one-offs such as Running Club shirts or other special reasons.
 - District is currently rebranding spirit wear to provide consistency in font and mascot pictures.
- K Cookie Party – Mary Bis / Kate Levy
 - Date has been set for May 18th from 3:30-4:30. Mr. Pluskota will reach out to Field families. Mary Bis has invited the Field PTA to attend the gym presentation.
- Bobcats/ Lions Givin' Back – Mary Bis
 - Sockn' It to Cancer donations will be picked up on Friday.
- Field day – Christine Simonis
 - Scheduled for May 26th with a rain date of May 27th (the last day of school)
 - \$2,500 budget. Last year's budget was \$1,500, which calculates to less money per student this year. Asking for budget to be increased to \$3,500. Popsicles will be provided, and hoping for a water donation similar to last year. Most likely providing visors for the students. We can save money by not screen printing on the visors.
 - Mr. Pluskota has reached out for permission to use Sandburg's fields and received the OK.

- Scholarship
- Bravo Prize Wheel – Nikki Dolvig
 - Prizes include chance to be the announcer, a chair swap with the principal, gift cards, etc. PTA can ask Mrs. McGreal if she needs any refills of prizes.
- School Supplies – Robin Stephens
 - Edison will have school supplies delivered to the school the week of August 8th. Field will have their supplies delivered to families. Yard sign is up on the front lawn of Edison advertising school supply boxes through 1st Day. There is a \$5 fundraiser fee automatically added to each box for children in need.
- 5th Grade Celebration – Kristen O’ Rourke/ Melissa Pitman
 - Picnic planned for May 24, no rain date. Committee chairs were provided with an excellent blueprint of past celebrations. They have lots of parent volunteers, and are also planning an off-site event. Students will be receiving yard signs.
- Yearbook – Michelle Hlinak
 - Mary Bis will follow up with Michelle.
- Fun lunch/End of year class Party – Colleen Condon
 - May 18th from 10:50-1:50. Students will eat during their assigned lunch times between 10:50-12:50. Parents will arrive around 12:15 to set up for the classroom parties. Grades 1 and 2 will have a bonus recess to accommodate this. Parties will be from 12:50-1:50.
 - Fun Lunch is for grades 1-5. A bag lunch will be provided by the district, consisting of a hot dog, chips, and fruit. Mr. Pluskota will see if we can get extra hot dogs for students wanting to eat more than one. Fliers will be sent home with kids two weeks prior to the event, and will also include requests for dietary needs and more volunteers.
 - Class Party is for grades K-5. Each class will complete a Mason Bee House craft, and students will receive a drawstring bag that says “Edi-Linc Fun Year 2021-2022”. There will be a DJ, chalk for outside play, and visits from both Edison’s and Lincoln’s mascots. Maybe add a writing activity, such as good-bye letters or reflections, to add closure to the year.

Upcoming Events

- Teacher Appreciation Week (week of May 2) – Tracey Ries
 - Destination Appreciation. Sign-up Genius is filled. Students will bring flowers for their teachers. PTA will make sure non-classroom teachers and staff also receive flowers and thank you cards.
- Teacher Brown Bag Lunch (May 3) – Mary Bis
 - PTA will join teachers during lunch to discuss their wants and needs for the next school year. Any PTA member can join.
- Field Trip “Go Kits” – Mary Bis

- Would a kit filled with basic essentials be beneficial for teachers?
- Outdoor beautification - TBD
- Back to School Bash and Boo Bash
 - We need volunteers now for Back to School Bash and Boo Bash so planning can begin during the summer.

Updates D205 Foundation

- Donation

Meeting adjourned 8:35pm. Tracy Ries motioned and Andrea Tepfenhart 2nd.