

**EDISON PTA 2020-2021**  
**General Meeting, September 21, 2001**  
**Edison Library**

Attendees (23): John Bishof, Tracy Ries, Betsy Kunz, Carly Irlbeck, Katie McDonough, Kim Neitling, Ashley Kouba, Katie Engbers, Judy Heraty, Kaytee Vosicky, Mary Bis, Cat Durkalski, Kyle Roth, Jennie Linsner, Alison DiFranco, Heather Price, Tracy Lewis, Michelle Farmer, Jennifer Kramer, Meghan Anderson, Nikki Dolvig, Dianne Dobrilla, Kate Levy

Meeting called to order at 6:47pm by John Bishop, PTA President

Pledge of Allegiance

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teachers:** Mrs. Neitling, Mrs. Kouba, Mrs. Heraty, Mrs. McDonough; Mrs. Engbers

- Lincoln teachers shared that they are happy to be at Edison, and the 5 teachers are working to mesh as a team, bringing more ideas to table.
- A parent asked teachers how students were adjusting in the school year so far. Teachers responded that students showed great flexibility. Efforts at this point are focused on handwriting, social-emotional, reading assessments and being able to solve problems independently.
- Everyone expressed gratitude to the teachers for all they are doing thus far.

**Mr. Pluskota. Principal's report:**

-Assemblies: Still being discussed. Typically, there are two a year, one in the fall and one in the spring. Lesley Gunderson and Kristen O'Rourke will be meeting with Mr. Pluskota next week to move forward.

-Edi-Linc Update: A board member asked how things were going with Edi-Linc thus far?

- Mr. Pluskota said that teachers and students were blending well. Teachers were collaborating and learning from each other, and students were forming new friends. Students didn't know an Edison student from a Lincoln student.

-COVID Activity Restrictions: A board member asked if there would be any restrictions related to student activities for the year.

- Mr. Pluskota said that there were no restrictions on activities, except those presented by space constraints within the school.

Field Transition Next Year: A parent asked how we would be implementing lessons learned while hosting Lincoln when Field comes over next year.

- Mr. Pluskota emphasized consistency in structure, routines, and expectations across the schools as key to success.

**Officer Reports:**

-John Bishof, President – Gave a welcome and outlook for 2021. He is looking for programming to happen as much as a normal year would allow.

-Michelle Farmer, Treasurer

- Budget will get linked to the PTA Meeting Minutes.
- Tracy Ries motioned for the current budget to be approved.

A large discussion ensued regarding the carry over balance Edison PTA has held historically.

- Tracy commented that the PTA should not have a carry-over balance at the end of the year. To that end, we should not be focusing on fundraising that much this year.
- The counter argument posed: if fundraising is cut back, then expenses should be cut back.
- Edison is projected to have a carry-over of \$22K at year end. Without new fundraising dollars, Edison would have no carry-over by the time we are done hosting Field.

#### Teacher Reimbursement Policy

- Will increase from \$125 to \$150.

#### -Mary Bis, President Elect

- She is jumping around from committee to committee helping out, i.e. Back-to-school Bash and currently giving time to Boo Bash.

#### -Jason Peel, Ways and Means

- Fundraising/Eat-N-Earn at Gia Mia
- Charleston Wrap holiday fundraiser.
- Boo Bash

#### Boo Bash Update:

- Jason introduced the event to the general PTA audience, explaining it to be our largest fundraiser by far. He reiterated that our efforts would focus on Boo Bash, front-loading fundraising toward the beginning of the year, to inform what events/fundraising activities would take place come winter/fall. For example, given dollars pulled in from Boo Bash, Trivia night might be a purely social event and not a fundraiser.
- Classroom Baskets: Room parents are taking care of class baskets. More direction will come from Heather Giambrone to assist room parents with the effort, including details about basket theme and how to collect money.
- Boo Bash committee members still needed for planning.
- Outdoor Power Sources/Power Needs for vendors and DJs/Tents – These items were brought up in conversation as committees for food and entertainment are problem solving various issues.

#### -Membership, Nikki Dolvig & Kaytee Vosicky

PTA Membership: Families still sign up for the PTA of their home school. About 58% of families have joined their respective PTAs as of a week ago.

- \$1400 raised for Edi-Linc t-shirts.
- Edison is collecting an activity fee through the Lincoln PTA, which has so far raised \$3K for the Edison PTA.

Committees & Enrichment: They use Sign-Up Genius to recruit and organize the volunteers. Membership fees help fund the clubs and provide access to Directory Spot.

#### -Programs, Kristen O'Rourke & Lesley Gunderson (not present):

Afterschool Programs Update: Registration information was included in last week's newsletter for the two classes being run this fall on Mondays after school (3-4:15pm): Sticky Fingers and Stage Stars. Sticky Fingers filled up very quickly. We received a number of parent inquiries about their student not getting in. We looked into the possibility of opening up an additional session on Wednesdays. With input from Martha McGreal, it was determined that there is not space available after school in specials classrooms, except for Mondays. We can offer Sticky Fingers again in Winter, and even Spring.

-Communication Coordinator, Tracy Ries: No update.

-Website Administrator (not present): No update.

-Secretary, Meghan Anderson: No minutes to approve.

### **Board Specific Business:**

-Audit Report: Audit was completed over the summer. There were no findings.

-Teacher Incentive Program: Conversation touched on the teacher incentive program for clarification on how many gift cards needed to be provided by the PTA each late start.

- Mr. Pluskota asked for just one gift card each late start.

-Reflections: We have a chair.

-SquareOne Art: Chair, Tracy Lewis, communicated that art teachers needs an additional week or two to have student artwork ready as a product. The current timeline has items delivered by December 9-10th to the school. Tracy will make sure that gift items are shipped directly to families, which should give teachers the leeway of an added week or so to complete projects with students.

-Special Event Dates: Holiday parties are scheduled for Thursday, December 22nd. There will be a springtime class party. To be determined with theme, etc...

Field Trips: Teachers collected parent permission forms during Curriculum Night for walking field trips to Sandburg. Buses are hard to schedule for offsite trips.

### **Upcoming Events**

Picture Day 9/27 – Need additional volunteer

Open House 10/23 – Need Lincoln Volunteer

Late Start 10/20 – Teacher appreciation

Chess Club Kaytee Vosicky – Will most likely be offered after school due to indoor space availability. Need to decide whether to limit grade level participation, offer lottery to join, or offer multiple sessions to provide students an opportunity to join. Activity fee and options will be decided at a future date depending on space and chess master availability.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:09pm. Jason Peel motioned and Jen Kramer seconded the motion.

Total minutes= 36 minutes