

Board Meeting Agenda Tuesday, March 15th

Attendees (13): John Bischof, Meghan Anderson, Andrea Tepfenhart, Kate Skattum, Noelle Bauer, Kristen O'Rourke, Tracy Ries, Mary Bis, Michelle Farmer, Cat Durkalski, Pragna Dave, Kate Levy, Gwen Reedy

Called to Order: 1:50pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of previous meeting minutes Mary Bis motioned, Meghan Anderson 2nd

Principal Report – Mr. Pluskota at Outdoor Ed

Officer Reports

- President – John Bischof (Edison) John thanked the nominating committee for all their work reaching out to future potential board members and committee chairs.
 - Jen Kramer (Lincoln) Not Present
- Treasurer – Michelle Farmer
 - Monthly report- Mrs. Greska has been paid for Battle of the Books and Geotrekks. The balance for One School, One Story has been paid. The balance at the end of the month will be about \$24,000. We expect to pay off remaining balances, so that number will decrease.
- President Elect – Mary Bis
 - About 60 people have been contacted to gauge interest in board and committee leadership roles for next school year. We have a slate assembled. Kate Skattum will post the slate on the PTA website for general membership to view. We will vote at the April meeting. We will list primary and secondary VP positions, and may modify the by-laws to reflect this change.
- Ways & Means – Jason Peel Not present
- Membership – Nikki Dolvig Not present
 - PTA Membership
 - Committees & Enrichment
- Programs – Kristen O'Rourke
 - After school programs are finishing up next week, with the exception of Spanish which has a make-up class on April 4th due to a teacher-canceled class. Planning for next year has begun. There will be programs in the fall, winter, and spring. Legos and Stage Stars will return, and new opportunities will be explored.
 - The next assembly scheduled for April 15th will be split into seven 30 minutes sessions, with about 45 students attending at a time. Students will be excited to see the giant inflatable earth. Kristen is meeting with Mr. Pluskota and Martha McGreal to hammer out more details. Kristen will reach out to Mrs. Greska to write a blurb for the PTA newsletter.
- Communication Coordinator – Tracy Ries- Reminder there are only 2 more PTA newsletters this school year, one before and one after Spring Break.
- Website Administrator – Kate Skattum No report
- Secretary – Meghan Anderson No report

Board Specific Business

- Nominating committee formation – status See under General Meeting Business
- Pilot Pete check status- Still waiting for \$160 check from Pilot Pete from Boo Bash. There have been no replies from Pete even after repeated calls and emails.
- Running club - request for additional funding- Running Club is requesting more money to replenish their supplies and to account for the Lincoln students. PTA typically gives \$500, running club chairs are asking for an additional \$500 (\$1,000 total). Changes to the budget need general membership approval, but we can find the money in other areas that have come in under budget.
- Fundraising- no spring fundraising necessary

Committee Reports

- Mathletes- Gwen Reedy shared that mathletes was started 3 years ago as an enrichment opportunity for kids looking for more math. It is centered around the Noetic Math Competition. Edison students have placed in the top 50% and the top 10%. There is minimal work involved; just some practice during recess and a take-home test. This year mathletes was offered to students in grades 3-5. It was tricky to run due to covid restrictions. School teachers are taking over the Noetic Testing, and the district is trying to build interest across the schools. Mrs. Gecsey will be leading the mathletes at Edison, but it is important to note that it is not just for Reach students. The entry fee for the competition covers up to 30 students.
- Reach- The Reach PTA is willing to put money towards Family Math Night, which had to be canceled this year due to covid, but is typically held in January.
- Science Olympiad- Megan Farley is chairing. Will be held last weekend in April.
- K welcome event- Mr. Pluskota and Martha McGreal plan this event. PTA will spend about \$150 for juice and Oreos. Looking for volunteers from Edison and Field. Kindergartners will see their future classroom while parents go to the gym for a presentation.
- Field day- Chairperson is beginning to plan. More information to come.
- School Supplies- Conversation needs to be held with Field regarding supply lists. Tracy Ries will connect Mary Bis with the Field chairperson.
- 5th Grade Celebration- Kristen O'Rourke and Melissa Pittman are meeting with volunteers next week. There will be a picnic (food provided free by the district), followed by 1.5 hours of activities such as a DJ, obstacle course, pawprints in the MPR, and a lock station. Since 5th graders no longer have lockers, there won't be separate lock week. Students will still receive a lock to honor the tradition, even though Sandburg provides their own locks to use at the school. 5th Graders will also receive yard signs.
- Fun lunch- Food is provided free by the district, hot dogs and chips. Working on a vegetarian option. Gluten free option only if a doctor's note is provided. \$2,700 budget. Possibility of gifting each student a "favor" such as an Edi-Linc drawstring bag.
- End of year class parties- Fun lunch coincides with the spring classroom party. There will be one universal craft. Room volunteers will receive a kit with instructions.
- Teacher Appreciation Week- Tracy Ries is currently planning and seeking approval.

General meeting business

- Nominating committee – 2022-23 slate- Mary will send document with past volunteers, descriptions of chair responsibilities, and who has expressed interest for next year. We will have a slate to vote on at the April PTA meeting.
- Gwen Reedy asked about class assignments. She is hoping for more equal distribution of students when Edison is mixed with Field, so Edison students have a chance to meet more of their neighborhood peers. This year Lincoln created an unbalanced representation in the classroom due to the number of students coming from that school. Mary responded that she plans on having this discussion with teachers during the Brown Bag Lunch. Tracy chimed in that social connections are missing because there is no carry-over for the following year. She suggested it will be more powerful if people as a group expressed their concerns, as opposed to a few people individually. Mary asked if the PTA should send out a parent survey, then use the data as credibility for these parent concerns.

Upcoming Events

- Science Olympiad
- Bobcats giving back- April 11-22
- K welcome event- Date TBD
- Field day- May 26 (rain-date May 27)
- 5th Grade Celebration- May 24th
- Fun lunch- May 18th
- End of year class parties- May 18th

Updates D205 Foundation

- Donation

Meeting adjourned 2:41pm

