**Lincoln/SOTAII/CMAP PTO Notes**

**Nov. 2nd, 2021 at 5:30pm**

*Indigenous Land Recognition Statement*

*We recognize that the School District of La Crosse occupies the land of the Ho-Chunk people. Please take a moment to celebrate and honor this ancestral Ho-Chunk land, and the sacred lands of all indigenous peoples.*

Present : Rebecca Smith, Susan McParker, Julie Fogel, Neal Meier, Melissa Murray, Tammy Wills, Laura Eber, Joe Arentz

– Barbara Jo resigned her position as PTO President.

Secretary Report (Susan McParker) Reviewed notes from October. Julie moved to approve and Laura seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report (Neal Meier) Neal shared that there were deposits of $1500, and a $708 expenditure for the staff conference meal. This left $3103 in the PTO checking account. There is some money in savings, and some in Paypal so there PTO has about $4100. $200 from Texas Roadhouse, several other membership money and the apparel money are still left to be deposited.

Susan moved to approve and Laura seconded. Treasurer Report was approved.

Districtwide Parent Group Report – Laura reported that the meeting started with the land recognition statement, and acknowledgement of Indigenous Person’s Day on Oct. 11th. Several of the new academic/behavioral coaches from around the district presented including Josh Wolcott from Lincoln. Money from the SRO program is being used for behavioral supports. The calendar for next year is in draft form, and can be viewed on the district webpage. It does away with early releases as they were difficult for families and staff. There was a reminder about wearing masks, and bussing difficulties were discussed.

Principal Report (Melissa Murray)   
Conference dinner went well and was appreciated by the staff. School Calendar is being updated as new student clubs get started. This information is also on the school website. Clubs that are going on are: Game club, Student Council, Cooking club, GSA, and Homework Club.

Old Business :

*Concessions at sporting events at Lincoln*: Melissa shared that in typical years in the past upwards of $3000 has been made in the concession stands. There was discussion about whether PTO would take on the concession stands, or student groups or a collaboration. Julie stepped up to lead a collaboration for the concession stands. PTO will purchase materials and profits will be split 70/30 with student groups that work the concession stands. Neal moved to approve and Susan seconded. The concession stand arrangement was approved.

*Apparel*: Barbara Jo is still in contact with Barb from Advertising Concept and will let us know the timeframe for delivery.

New Business

*Teacher Requests/ Funding*: There were no teacher requests

*Harvest Dinner for Lincoln Families*: Melissa asked if the PTO would be interested in helping with the Harvest Dinner in any way – packing, donations, delivery… Julie, Susan and Rebecca expressed interest in helping pack, and the a donation of $250 from PTO was decided upon. Joe moved to approve and Neal seconded. The donation for the Harvest Dinner was approved.

*Holiday Cookies/ Treats:* Instead of plates of cookies, it was decided to do grab and go snacks, and warm beverages. Julie is going to set up a Sign Up Genius to solicit snacks from families such as, hot chocolate, tea, Keurig cups, cookies, cheese sticks, chocolates… what is not supplied by families will be bought by the PTO, as well as fresh fruit. Treats will be set out the Monday before Winter Break, as well as that Tuesday and Wednesday.

Neal moved to approve and Joe seconded. The money for staff treats was approved.

*January Agenda:* On the docket for the January PTO meeting is determining what to do with the empty President position, Concession Stand, and Community Dinner.

A reminder that PTO meetings are open to all Lincoln families, and participation in meetings is encouraged by any Lincoln parent/guardian.

Next meeting: January 4th at 5:30 pm

Addendum: Neal Meier is officially taking the treasurer office from Eric Johnson including writing checks, depositing…

Respectfully submitted by Susan McParker.