**Lincoln/SOTAII/CMAP PTO Notes**

**Oct. 5thth, 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, Kimberly Young, Barbara Jo Wolff, Susan McParker, Julie Fogel, Neal Meier, Melissa Murray, Tammy Wills

Meeting was called to order at 5:40

Secretary Report (Susan McParker) Reviewed notes from August. Barbara Jo had an amendment. Barbara Jo moved to approve and Tammy seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report (Neal Meier) Neal relayed that he has not received apparel or new member funds. Barbara Jo picked up these checks from school. Account balance is $3558.

Principal Report (Melissa Murray)   
It has been an interesting start to the year with quite a bit of vandalism in the bathrooms. Principal Murray had assemblies with the student body about vandalism, and other social media ‘pranks.’

*Beginning of Day/ MLT Period*: This period is being used for social and emotional learning (SEL) and relationship-building. These skills are especially important to spend time on with effects from doing school at home this past year. This period is similar to homeroom or advisory. Staff will be using the Second Step curriculum for SEL as will all elementary and middle schools in the district. Staff are getting trained with the curriculum and the plan is to start Second Step quarter 2.

Districtwide Parent Group Report – notes attached

Old Business

*Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser:* The fundraiser for Oct. 11th is all set-up. The flyer will be emailed out to families, and families will need to let the restaurant know they are with our PTO fundraiser. It will be posted on Facebook and on the website.

*Apparel*: Barbara Jo will have orders in to the printers by Friday.

*Teacher Requests/ Funding*: Barbara Jo noticed that we had not approved stipends for new teachers last meeting, nor noted the amount of stipends. Stipends were approved with Kimberly moving for a vote, and Susan seconding the proposal. The amount of stipends are: $100 for 1 FT position and $75 for each PT positions.

Mel Hanson requested 4 wobble stools. PTO approved 2 stools at $54.99 each with Barbara Jo abstaining from the vote.

There was discussion about Katie Fries’ show choir being interested in selling Kwik Trip cards with PTO. More details would need to be worked out since Kwik Trip cards have been a substantial fundraiser for PTO, and a system would need to be worked out so that if other student organizations wanted to sell Kwik Trip cards it would be equitable. Other ideas of fundraising brought up were selling Kwik Trip car washes, or helping with concessions.

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| Date | Teacher | Curriculum Area | Item Request | Cost | Decision |
| Oct. ‘21 | Mel Hanson | SOTA II | 4 Wobble Stools | $54.99 each | PTO funded 2 stools |

*Bylaw Review*: Discussion tabled due to time.

*Community Dinner*: Tabled for a future meeting due to time.

New Business

*Concessions at sporting events at Lincoln*: This was discussed as a potential fundraising possibility since the former leader of concessions left this position. It would be about 7-10 boys’ basketball games from late Oct.-Winter Break, and 7-10 girls’ basketball in Jan./Feb., with the possibility of a track meet in the spring. It was decided to wait to pursue this until more information about how much money is made through the concession stand.

*Listing of School Activities*: Melissa shared that Mr. Fischer & Mrs. Plagman are working on a list of school activities. Most groups have not started this year (except athletics). Notifications about school activity opportunities will come out as advisors are found, and they have details to share.

*Conference Dinner for Teachers & Staff*: Melissa asked if the PTO was going to provide dinner during conferences. It was decided that a boxed meal option would be good for this year. Susan will find a boxed dinner option for Monday, October 18th for the 65-70 staff that will be at Lincoln during conferences.

Next meeting: November 2nd at 5:30 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Susan McParker.