Agenda-Lincoln JHS-Home & School
November 5, 2025
Call to order at 7:00pm

School Attendees-Executive Board Attendees-Board Attendees-Parent Attendees
Jena McKinnon, H&S President
Beata Mikolajczyk, Treasurer
Kevin Harper, Assistant Principal
Victoria Bingham, Secretary
Tara Boggs
Jaclyn Buckreis

Approve Minutes from previous meeting October 1, 2025 Tara Boggs motion second Beata Mikolajczk
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Principal's Report - Mr. Harper is the special guest tonight!

- Thank you for the wonderful engagement and support with our Fall Dance & Open Gym - huge success for students - we will be working on better line up/entry ideas!! We hope to do this again in January/February
    - General Feedback/Ideas
        - Less time (maybe 75 - 90 minutes)
        - Snacks - distribution at end of the event
        - Easier way for identifying who paid ahead
- Silent Gift Card (sent to Mrs. Sjordal)
    - While we would love to partner, we also have systems in place from the district level (see recent communications in weekly outcall) as resources for families in need. At this time we will need to decline but can review.
- Fall Fundraiser - Thoughts/Feedback/Future Planning
    - We sincerely appreciate the continued hard work of the Home and School organization. The materials and experiences you fund are vital for our students and make Lincoln School a vibrant place to learn. We value this partnership immensely and are reflecting on how to make it even more impactful.
    - In reviewing the fall fundraiser we noted an opportunity for H&S to embrace more autonomy and leadership over major events. In collaborating with other junior high schools, we saw some great ideas for providing short-term goals and rewards for participation. However, we also noticed that administration at those schools were typically only a support role, not the lead for the overall event. While we absolutely want to support this, it unfortunately can't be our full focus during the school day.

We want to be fair to the whole experience by not taking on more than we can truly do, so we'd like to explore empowering your group to truly lead on the planning and execution of these fundraisers, utilizing the great talents within the organization, with administration and staff continuing to offer full support and collaboration.
    - We also reflected on the opportunity to strengthen the Home and School volunteer presence at fundraiser events. This was particularly evident when we didn't have H&S chaperones for the Scene 75 field trip which was very different from every other jr. high. We appreciated the coordination of having volunteers at the prize days and appreciate your help on those days. We'd like to discuss strategies for consistently recruiting and deploying volunteers from your organization to support these key student experiences and attend our building and community events.
    - Finally, we recognize the budget target was missed by about $2,000 for the fundraiser, and we assure you our staff and students are fully committed to the plan. We now need fresh ideas from H&S on how to increase engagement and participation from the wider community. Separately, as our previous discussions highlighted a budget surplus and internal spending ideas, we would appreciate an update on the plan for utilizing those additional funds to promote programs within our building, beyond simply supplementing this specific fundraiser.
- Update on New Club (Art Club Request/Discussion)
    - Inside Out Club - Business Designers for Good
        - Focused on building their presentation, teamwork, problem-solving, resilience and collaboration skills - focused on entrepreneurship but also on collaboration and hands on creation. Stipend available staff - we are going to offer internal but would also partner with a parent/guardian who could be interested as leader.
    - Tech and Gamers Guild art components - shirt design, button making, digital arts - Thursday mornings in LC.
- Dine Out Night - Musical Fundraiser
    - Mrs. Tysiak and Mrs. Hutchison are trying to really promote this dine out - they'd like to have a photobooth, other props and will be there to really make it an event!
    - Can we send all the information - flyers, times, etc straight to them?

Jan 12th 8th graders will attend Naperville Central from 8:45-10:45, they will walk the schedules and meet fellow students. The NCHS counselors will visit Lincoln in Jan to help with course selection.

Home and School President's Report

- New spiritwear - what do we tell Deb's? Do we still do two big orders per year?
- Still no update on Fall Fundraiser final number, but their guess is between $13k and $14k
- Reserve money that can be spent is: $20,000
    - Voted to give $2000 in reserve money to Performing Arts (they will also get the $500 from the budget and whatever they raise from the Shake Shack dine out night)
    - We should hold out about $3,000 until we know how much we need to fill in from the Fall Fundraiser.
    - Vote on how we want to distribute the remaining money: $15,000
        - A motion was made by Beata Mikolajczyk to give $1500 to the 8 teams. Seconded by Tara Boggs.
- We will add a thank you message to next week's Outcall with the final amount raised from the Fall Fundraiser.
- Holiday gift cards

Vice President's Report

Treasurer's Report

No new activity in the month of October.
Beginning and ending balance $21,340.06
Budget vs Actual October 2025
Tara Boggs made a motion to approve the the treasurer's report seconded by Victoria Bingham.

Secretary Report

Nothing to report

Old Business

New Business

Thoughts that the next dine out night funds will be used for tents for the track and field and cross county team.

Upcoming Lincoln Events:

Next meeting December 3rd in person at 7pm. An invitation will be extended to Holly Blastic who is the liaison from the district 203 board. Motion made by Tara Boggs to end the meeting at 7:43 seconded by Jaclyn Buckries.