



Minutes from
Tuesday, February 28, 2023
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- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Allison Scheck (President). Attendees include Vice President – Lauren Tien; Treasurer – Shawna Meindl; Secretary – Melissa Veronesi; Event Coordinator – Maudra Pacheco-Dickerson; Admin sponsor – Paul Hurst. Others in attendance included: Katie Lehr, Emily Lennon, Mary Torgerson, Ramon Perez, Alysha Sidlar, Milynda Poston, Sarah Strommen, Dawn Malmquist, Robin Arlen.
- II. Welcome! – Allison Scheck – President
 - A. Introductions
 - B. Minutes posted on website and approved for January 2023
- III. ALP & Enrichment Program – Karen Dwyer, GT/Enrichment Coordinator
 - A. Lincoln students currently:
 1. 56 students on Advanced Learning Plans at the start of the year and up to 78 as of February 2023
 2. 22 students on WATCH (potential ALP students who have some qualifications)
 3. 65 students (K-4th) Enrichment
 4. 174 students: LA Talent Pool – potential for enrichment, ALP, etc.
 - B. ALP: Advanced Learning Plan (2nd grade and up) – state guidelines require a 95th percentile on COGAT or another cognitive test; or 2 MAP scores in the 95th percentile; or high scores on CMAS testing (exceeding in a particular area).
 1. ALP is a legal document: parents and teachers can fill out a SIGS questionnaire and it can be counted as evidence if it is in the 95th percentile
 2. A student will have their ALP on their record forever unless their parents remove them.
 3. Academic or Talent Categories can also help a student qualify.
 - C. Mrs. Dwyer pulls kids from mainstream class in order to challenge them and surround them with other students who process things in the same way.
 1. Mrs. Dwyer works with students on individual academic goals
 2. Success of the student is still main teachers' responsibilities, but ALP specialist helps to support them

- i. Academic Goals: “I am good at this and I want to go to the next level.”
 - ii. Personal Goals: “This is what I want to improve on...” (and it may not be a strength currently)
- D. Time with Students
 - 1. Enrichment: See K-4th grade during workshop time (1-2 times a week)
 - 2. Middle School kids: Pull out for 30-minutes a week
 - 3. Mrs. Dwyer suggests students who qualify for Enrichment based on testing scores and/or teachers can also recommend students for particular strengths
- E. Nonverbal/verbal proficiencies: These categories help evaluate different strengths of kids.
- F. PTO support has been instrumental in making the materials available to these students!
 - 1. Thank you so much to Mrs. Dwyer for her advocacy for our students.
 - 2. Question: How do the numbers compare to other schools? Lincoln scores slightly higher, but it’s hard to quantify because we are a K-8
 - 3. Mrs. Dwyer’s PowerPoint is posted on the PTO website here:
<https://www.lincolnacadey.net/domain/106>

IV. Principal’s Report – Paul Hurst

- A. Thanks to PTO for all the great food for parent-teacher conferences.
- B. Upcoming events:
 - 1. Math adoption meeting in January went well; packets are available at the office and the presentation is on the website and in the Loop as well.
<https://www.lincolnacadey.net/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=4&ModuleInstanceID=9&ViewID=6446EE88-D30C-497E-9316-3F8874B3E108&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=16065&PageID=1>
 - 2. 5/6 and 7/8 grades had socials that went well
 - 3. Movie Night was a great success! A great way to interact with families.
 - 4. Parent-Teacher Conferences went very smooth
- C. Musical/Theater Department: Amazing job by our students—and special thanks to our music & theater staff.
 - 1. 64-person band, plus choir, 5/6 theater and 7/8 theater
- D. Upcoming musical performances in the coming weeks for 2nd and 3rd grade students
- E. Silent Auction:
 - 1. PTO can follow up with Admin for details about staff experiences
 - 2. Fundraising for our sound system: We are so proud of all the performances, but we want to make sure that we can improve the technology for the gym so that everyone can hear properly
 - i. \$22,000 is bid for updated equipment, so we’re hoping to be able to raise enough funds from the auction to cover that amount.

- F. Admin is trying to be mindful of CMAS starting in early April.
 - 1. More information will be coming home about this testing
 - 2. Please reach out to Admin if you have any concerns; it is a helpful tool to find out how students are learning and what they need help with
 - 3. Teachers try to get it done as quickly and efficiently as possible so that classes can jump back to learning
 - 4. Question: Why is CMAS controversial?
 - i. Common Core standards
 - ii. Lots of assessments
 - a. But without assessments, the school has few other ways to see how students are doing
 - iii. We need better messaging about state testing for parents
 - a. Robin will discuss with Admin how to do a Lincoln Lesson for social media

V. LA Board of Directors' Report – Lacey Cleveland

- A. The number of volunteer hours that our charter school submits is a factor in getting our charter renewed, so we are thankful for everyone who helps out with PTO! Grateful for Silent Auction money; Community Nights are amazing! Every dollar matters and PTO fills in all the gaps to make our school exceptional.
- B. Houses on Lincoln Property: These structures, especially the one in the middle of campus, are very sentimental but need a ton of maintenance (\$\$\$) to bring them up to code. Rather than spend our education dollars on that, the BoD made the hard decision to demolish the houses.
 - 1. Neither house qualifies as a historical landmark
 - 2. Mission and Vision: BoD wants to stay true to this, and the houses required a lot of hours and money to maintain; there are also asbestos issues
 - 3. Houses will have abatement and then be demolished in March
- C. Board of Directors Elections: Sarah Wassinger and Stephanie Trowbridge will be ending their time on the BoD.
 - 1. There will be 2 open positions, so please reach out to BoD if you are interested. Officers are re-elected each year, so all positions are open.
 - 2. Board Committees are pretty full, so BoD is encouraging people to step up.
- D. Meeting: Special meeting regarding restructuring of organizational leadership.
 - 1. Public meeting at 6:00pm in-person or online on March 1, 2023
 - 2. Normal March BoD meeting is Monday, March 13 at 6:30pm
- E. Math Curriculum Adoption: Will be discussed in the BoD March meeting.

VI. President's Report – Allison Scheck

- A. PTO Board Elections: We will do nominations at the March 28 PTO meeting.
 - 1. Alli, Shawna, and Dawn will be stepping down after this year
 - 2. April meeting will include elections

3. Committee positions: If you are interested in getting involved with one of the many small committees, let us know and we can pair you with the current volunteer for any committee.

VII. Vice President's Report – Lauren Tien

- A. Staff Appreciation: Sign up for the volunteer committee to help plan! Once the committee plans the main events, there will be more chances to help with specific tasks.
- B. Vote for a theme: Link in the Loop or on the PTO homepage:
<https://www.lincolnacademy.net/domain/106>

VIII. Treasurer's Report – Shawna Meindl

- A. Financial Report: We did a budget update this past weekend and all looks good for finishing out the year in a comfortable position.
 1. We raise money in the spring and then we spend it in the next school year, so our bank account is always pretty high in the summer.
 2. We have a cushion in the event there are any unexpected needs or situations.
- B. King Soopers: \$1789
- C. Skate City: \$285
- D. AmazonSmile: \$487 (possibly getting one more)

IX. Secretary's Report – Melissa Veronesi

- A. Community Night: March 6 at Texas Roadhouse from 3pm – 8pm. Be sure to mention Lincoln Academy when you pay so that 20% of your purchase will be donated back to the school.
- B. Spring Mini Grants: Applications are due from teachers March 1. Then our volunteer will create a PowerPoint for Administration to review. We'll share at the March meeting.

X. Events Coordinator –Maudra Pacheco-Dickerson

- A. AmazonSmile phasing out.
- B. Box Tops: \$870 (goal of \$1000 for the year).
- C. King Soopers: percentage back to the school: please make sure you are connected!
- D. Longmont Dairy: Collection container in front entry
- E. American Furniture House: Rewards donation for this school year totals \$500
 1. Invitation to community to visit March 31-April 8
- F. Silent Auction
 1. Tons of donations! But we want more! Looking for more high-ticket items.
 2. Teachers are donating staff experiences, which should be amazing.
 3. Sign-up links for theme baskets here:
<https://www.lincolnacademy.net/Page/2418>

4. Registration for auction: auctria.events/LincolnArvada
5. Purchase tickets for in-person event: \$25.
6. Wine/growler pool at the event.

XI. President adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

XII. Announcements

- The next LA PTO Meeting is Tuesday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Look for more details about the Zoom login on the PTO website and in the LA Loop.
- The next LA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting is Monday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center and virtually via Teams. See the Board of Directors webpage for information about logging on.
- As always, please keep checking the LA website, LA Facebook and Instagram, and the LA PTO website for information about everything going on at Lincoln Academy.