



## Lincoln PTO D57 Monthly Meeting - MINUTES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

**Attendees:** Zhaleh Naghibzadeh; Terrence Sherrill; Angela Martinez; Mary Kemp;  
Dawn Ardito; Michelle Lanza; Ed Henriquez

Also Present: Principal Paul Suminski; School Board Representative Gerry McCluskey

TOPIC	ACCOUNTABILITY	NOTES / MINUTES
I. Call to order	Zhaleh Naghibzadeh	Motion: Angela Martinez Second: Terrence Sherrill
II. Approval of minutes	Zhaleh Naghibzadeh	Motion: Zhaleh Naghibzadeh Second: Michelle Lanza
III. Issues to address		
a. Reminder - School Board Election April 6	Nicole Sasanuma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nicole was unable to attend but sent following info which was read by Zhaleh:</li> </ul> <p><b>“School Board Election</b></p> <p>There have been a number of candidate forums that took place over the last week or two, with the final forum (for school board, trustee and mayor candidates) this Wednesday, March 17. Details:</p> <p><u>D57 School Board, Trustee &amp; Mayor Candidate Forum</u></p> <p>Wednesday, March 17 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.</p> <p>Mount Prospect Village Hall, Board Room (must register in advance through <a href="#">this link</a>)</p> <p><i>Note: Masks required and limited to 50 people; Hosted by the Village of Mount Prospect and Journal &amp; Topics Newspaper</i></p> <p>Recordings of earlier candidate events can be found online or you can email me directly for links.</p> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> Election Day is April 6, and early voting begins March 22. “</p>
IV. Officer’s Reports		

a. President	Zhaleh Naghibzadeh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Zhaleh Naghibzadeh mentioned that she enjoyed participating in the process to choose a superintendent.</li> <li>● Also advised that she has been working with Susie Alanis and Jen Escobar on the talent show. (see activities reports)</li> </ul>
b. Treasurer	Ed Henriquez Michelle Lanza	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● \$8,230.41 in bank, divided as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$4,500 8th grade</li> <li>○ \$250 7th</li> <li>○ \$250 6th</li> <li>○ \$800 for Teacher appreciation</li> <li>○ \$1,000 in reserve to bridge to next year - should cover annual costs including new website fees</li> <li>○ \$1,430.41 unallocated</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Received \$106.32 from Amazon Smiles</li> </ul>
c. VP, Membership	Cathie Tourtillot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Unable to attend - reported no new members since last report - essentially none since fall push.</li> </ul>
d. VP, Activities	Suzie Alanis Jen Escobar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Zhaleh reported she has been working with Suzie and Jen on the talent show - developed a draft of a flyer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nice looking flyer</li> <li>○ Discussion of how long the talent entries should be limited to, 2 minutes was suggested and decided upon.</li> <li>○ Videos will be reviewed before being posted on “FlipGrid”</li> <li>○ Discussion of whether to allow comments. General opinion was that it would open the project up to rude and hurtful comments that couldn’t be deleted without 24/7 monitoring. Mary Kemp showed how FlipGrid works and it was determined that the “comments” section could be turned off, and viewers could simply choose to “Like” the submission.</li> <li>○ Zhaleh will adjust the flyer and Principal Suminski said that he should be able to get it in this week’s Friday Newsletter, but if not, they will likely run one or two informational newsletters next week during spring break.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

e. VP, Communications	Nicole Sasanuma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unable to attend, sent following info: The page is now ready to launch. Michelle/Ed, I need the PTO credit card/debit card info to be able to finalize purchase of the domain name and to host the site. Could one of you please provide ASAP? If more secure/easier, you can reach me at my cell, 810-252-1615. Once I have this I will have information on the site shared in an upcoming Friday newsletter and on our FB page. ED ADVISED THAT IT WOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF.</li></ul>
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V. Principal	Paul Suminski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Principal Suminski discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Shifting to in-person and hybrid classes. He’s very excited to have students back in school and enjoys the band practicing live and together and other activities starting up.</li> <li>○ Since lunchrooms are impossible to do the 6-foot social distancing, or even the 3-6 feet guidelines, students will continue to eat in classrooms. There are still logistical challenges that they are working on.</li> <li>○ Teachers, especially PE will use “outside” activities, etc. as much as possible and the weather permits.</li> <li>○ Mentioned the difficulty when teachers are required to both focus on in-person and live-streamed remote students. Said that when a teacher is able to do one or the other, it works better, and in-person is definitely preferred. Everything depends on the number of students in each area.</li> <li>○ Working on coming up with a plan for 8th grade graduation.</li> <li>○ Live attended Band/Orchestra/Choir concerts will not be happening anytime soon.</li> <li>○ Question about “contact tracing” and quarantine. He said that if there is a positive student - anyone with CUMULATIVE contact of more than 10 minutes (CDC guidelines) then they would be required to quarantine.</li> <li>○ Mentioned that teachers who had been vaccinated are allowed to move among students.</li> <li>○ Someone mentioned a complaint they had read on a social media post about students being required to clean lunch tables after everyone eats and the potential unsanitary conditions and exposure of those students. Principal Suminski advised that wherever that question came from, it did not apply to Lincoln, since students aren’t eating in the lunchroom, and they only have to police themselves at their own desks. He advised that if people have questions, they should simply contact him directly.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
VI. Teacher Representative	Not present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No report</li> </ul>

VII. School Board Representative	Gerry McCluskey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mary Gorr chosen as Superintendent - very happy - said that if she hadn't been chosen here he is positive she would have been hired to that position elsewhere.</li> <li>○ Discussed process of choosing the superintendent.</li> <li>○ Mentioned that they were doing a lot of planning for the fall - still trying to determine what it will look like.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
VIII. Committee Representatives	8th Grade Activities Grade Activities Mary Kemp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Indicated that the Dance DJ agreed to again transfer fees to the next year, since it was certain that there would not be any dances during pandemic precautions.</li> <li>● Indicated that they are working to allow students to upload 2 photos for montage - baby photo and current photo.</li> <li>● Discussed other options for 8th grade, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Gift bag - possibly take the 30 or so they have left from before and use as a give-away</li> <li>○ Kona ice - smoothie coupon give-aways</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Indicated that yard signs will not be that expensive, so there should be funds available for more items.</li> <li>● When asked about this and some type of legacy item, Principal Suminski mentioned items such as the possibility of rehabbing the "Lincoln" sign out front, or something along those lines.</li> </ul>
a. Staff Appreciation	Dawn Ardito	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Will work on after spring break.</li> </ul>
b. Others?	All?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● no updates</li> </ul>
IX. Old Business	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● no updates</li> </ul>
X. New Business a. Board Elections - May Meeting	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nominees for PTO Board for 2021-22 School Year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Will try to get nominees - earlier would be better than later (or waiting until partway through the fall)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
XI. Adjournment	Zhaleh Naghibzadeh	Motion: Dawn Ardito Second: Angela Martinez

## 2020-2021 PTO Executive Board

<b>Position</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>Term</b>
<b>President</b>	Terrence Sherrill	2019-2021
	Zhaleh Naghibzadeh	2020-2022
<b>VP, Membership</b>	Cathie Tourtillott	2019-2021
<b>VP, Activities</b>	Susie Alanis	2020-2022
	Jen Escobar	2020-2022
<b>VP, Communications</b>	Nicole Sasanuma	2020-2022
<b>Secretary</b>	Kathy Mescino	2019-2021
<b>Treasurer</b>	Michelle Lanza	2020-2022
	Edward Henriquez	2020-2022

## 2020-2021 PTO Board Meeting Dates

**Meetings are open to all PTO Members and LMS Families**

*Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month via Zoom until further notice*

**September 15, 2020**

**October 20, 2020**

**November 17, 2020**

**December 15, 2020**

**January 20, 2021**

**February 16, 2021**

**March 16, 2021**

**April 20, 2021**

**May 18, 2021**