



# MINUTES

## Linwood Elementary School PTA

*Tuesday, April 17, 2018 | 6:04 pm*

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### In Attendance

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President Christina Smentek, Vice President Kari Sampson, Secretary Lisa Roggenkamp, Principal Joe Mueller, Staff Tessa Abrahamson and Monica O'Rourke, Laura Hermann, Jerry Olesen, Melissa Benson, Angie Anondson, Katie Johnson, Robb Johnson, Ashlee Loch, Jenaya Nieman, and Jennifer Braido

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### Guest Speaker

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Guest Speaker Ellie Nyberg is a junior at the College of St. Scholastica. She presented information regarding Personal Health Records for one of her classes. She is majoring in Computer Science with an emphasis on Healthcare Information.

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### Treasurer's Report

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Treasurer Andi Zacher was not in attendance and a treasurer's report was not available.

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### Box-Tops Update

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Chair Amy Henry was not present. President Smentek reported that Box Tops are still being collected although currently there is not a contest going on.

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### Hero Fit Challenge - Boosterthon

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President Smentek reported they are meeting Friday to go over the final numbers of the event. Feedback is that the kids loved the event. The Characters were good and amped the kids up. They focused on qualities for every grade level. Even the older kids were excited for it! We had a good turnout of pledges, especially just coming off the Linwood Luau Fundraiser. The staff was really engaged and it got the kids moving. There was only 1 kids that refused to participate and the Boosterthon did a good job not focusing on that child.

Next year this event would take place of the Color Run and would be a Glow Run with the kids running laps in the gym. The only date left is December 7, with the kick off being the week before. This would mean the website would open up before Thanksgiving, possible more exposure to family for donations/pledges. We had 249/379 students registered and 207 of those students received pledges. 36% of donations came from parents followed by 30.3% from grandparents. We received donations from 21 states and 2 countries, US and Fiji.

There needs to be better communication. Many were unaware that people could write a check or take cash. It is not online donations only. The website was clumsy and hard to navigate if we can get more sponsors that can help cover the cost of the upfront fees, \$2,000.

Motion from Jennifer Braido to register next year for the Glow Run via Boosterthon in December. Seconded by Kari Sampson. All in Favor.

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### Spirit Wear Update

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Spirit Wear is on-sale. Sales are online through Innovations Plus. They have lots to choose from jackets, shorts, vests, blankets, hats, dri-fit shirts, etc... The link will be shared on the PTA's Facebook Page.

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## Open PTA Board Positions

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Vice President and Treasurer terms are coming up. Nominations and voting will take place at our next meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

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## Team Playground

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Principal Mueller is waiting for dates from the construction company on when we could install the new playground.

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## Announcements

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Staff Monica O'Rourke discussed funding for Field Trips. She stated that there are a few teachers who would rather do something hands-on in the classroom vs spending money on bussing. There is a need for more technology. An example she gave was that each of the teachers have a refurbished laptop to use. The laptops run the smartboards in the classrooms. When they attend in-service trainings, they are expected to bring a device. They cannot easily take their laptops with to their trainings then it leaves the subs without anything to use to run the smartboard. She said having an extra Chromebook or an iPad or something available for the teachers to bring to their trainings so they can leave the laptops for the classroom would be helpful. Also simple items like Kleenex, extra pens, pencils, etc... Maybe having a plan from the teachers of what each classroom needs and when they would like the items, and a detailed description on how it will benefit the classroom in a letter than can go home with families.

Jenaya Nieman said when she was out looking for donations for the Luau. Farmer's Insurance has Teacher Grants available and he said that there are very few from the Forest Lake area apply. She was going to pass the information along to Principal Joe Mueller.

There will not be a typical Book Fair next year. Due to construction of the school there will not be space to do it. President Christina Smentek is going to check with Forest Lake on how they do their book fair. They use Us Borne books instead of Scholastic. Also she is checking into doing online book orders through Scholastic instead of the typical Book Fair. More details to come.

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## Principal's Report

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Joe Mueller discussed that there are some big construction meetings coming up in the next couple weeks. A big concern is to have teachers come back in the August and have their rooms ready. Other schools have had companies with delays and teachers come back and their rooms are empty. Student start days should not be affected. Some schools say that there are days where it is very noisy, some smelly. There maybe times where pick-up/drop-off doors may change, bus placements moved, student flow change, and the main entry change. Working through all these details is crucial to the success of the project.

May 15<sup>th</sup> is the next part of the Kindergarten Round-Up. They are considering doing events in June and July dependent on the construction. Then the final part will be the Meet & Greet with the teachers and their testing.

Track & Field day will be coming up for First grade and older.

Wednesday (4/8) will be the Dilly Bars with Tom Teacher Feature.

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## Announcements

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President Christina Smentek went over the upcoming dates:

Teacher Appreciation	May 7-11	Chairs: Katie Johnson, Ashlee Loch, & Jennifer Braidon
May PTA Meeting	May 15 <sup>th</sup>	

Next Year Dates:

PTA Meetings:	September	09/18/18
	October	10/09/18
	November	11/20/18
	December	12/18/18
	January	01/15/19
	February	02/19/19
	March	03/12/19
	April	04/16/19
	May	05/21/19

Fall Conference Meals	October 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup>
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Turkey Bingo	November 9 <sup>th</sup>
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Boosterthon	December 7 <sup>th</sup>
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Spring Conference Meals	May 19 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>
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## Next Meeting

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The next meeting is Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Linwood Elementary School Library.

Motion by Kari Sampson to adjourn, second by Melissa Benson.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

*Submitted by: Lisa Roggenkamp  
PTA Secretary*