

**Lincoln Roosevelt PTA Meeting Minutes**  
For  
*October 15, 2009*

Meeting called to order at 7:34pm by Tammy Kistner.

**Secretary's Report – Kelly Herraiz**

Minutes approved by Donna Rassmussen and Cathy Orchard.

Thank you notes were distributed from the teachers for the Back to School Night Teachers Buffet.

**Treasurer's Report – Alana Hayford**

Budget was approved at Back to School Night.

2 NSF were collected, we now have 1 outstanding.

**President's Report – Tammy Kistner**

Clothing Drive – informal clothing drive for the school nurse. We don't want a school-wide effort because we will get tons of clothes. We are just asking PTA people to send in anything 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders could wear, especially pants and shirts. Jacqui Correa said Roxbury Social Services holds "spirit wear" for the school nurses. She will check to see if they have anything.

Mini-Grant Applications – **Carol DeGregorio** requested 120 (@\$1 ea) personal dictionaries. Donna Rassmussen and Cathy Orchard approved. 10 votes – approved.

**Mrs. Mason & Mrs. Sumski** requested Living History @ \$500.00. Donna Rassmussen and Cathy Orchard approved. 10 votes – approved.

**Committee Reports**

**Back to School Night Teachers Buffet – Tammy Kistner**

Lots of food. Went really well.

**Book Fair – Donna Rassmussen**

Went very well, no numbers yet. Family Fun Night had a nice turnout. There were 50 pre-orders for the new Whimpy Kid book. Each teacher received a free book. The Media Center received \$400 of free books. None of these come from the PTA profit. Winter Doldrum sale will be last week of January or early February.

**Fall Fundraiser Catalog – Tammy Kistner**

Just under \$8000 in sales. Very pleased with the fundraiser.

**Telephone Directory – Tammy Kistner**

Went into teachers' boxes today, should go home tomorrow.

Made a \$1,101.16 profit.

### **Reflections – Tammy Kistner**

Art mediums were bought, students can go to the art room during Lap to work on Reflections.

Mr. Curtis would like to “strongly encourage” students to do this, but it is not mandatory. Linda asked if we do any “incentive” to get the students to submit an entry.

### **Cultural Arts – Tammy Kistner**

Today the students were bussed to Eisenhower to see “Signature Project.” Went off really well. November 19<sup>th</sup> author David Lubar is coming.

### **Market Day – Tammy Kistner**

September’s profit \$163.51 and October’s profit \$131.03. Pie flyer will go home for donations to Social Services. Tammy asked if it was OK to put out a Market Day Samples table at Parent Visitation, Mr. Curtis said it was fine.

### **Recycling/Sneakers/Bottlecaps – Christine Piccitto**

Bottle caps are coming in in great numbers. Pick ups are done every 2 weeks. We have applied to Nike to ship out the sneakers. Got approval from the town to pay for the shipping (Clean Community Fund Debbie Ward). Nike has a waiting list so we need to see if we will be approved to ship back the sneakers.

Capri Sun pouches – it was decided we are not interested at this time.

We will take a picture of a few students with all the bottle caps and send to the local newspaper.

### **Board of Ed Liason – Jacqui Correa**

Parent Workshops – great turnouts and going really well. Oct 14<sup>th</sup> was Literacy Café, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> is a Math Workshop and in January there will be a Child Safety program.

Swine Flu – students can return to school after being symptom free for 24 hours. An in-school vaccination program is being considered. Details are not yet known. Mr. Curtis added that hand sanitizer and Purell will NOT be provided by the schools. Parents need to supply their own.

Turf Field – it is coming to Roxbury. Approved at the Board of Ed meeting. Approved by the Town Council.

Lincoln/Roosevelt will be losing the bleachers in the back due to safety issues.

Late busing is back to coincide with supplemental (BSI) help.

Teacher of the Year – Mrs. Sassaman (who Mr. Curtis taught) received her award from Mr. Curtis.

**PTA Membership – Tammy Kistner**

550 memberships which is about the same as last year. PTA cards will be going home soon.

**Haunted Hallway – Alana Hayford**

Started decorating today. Need decorations to hang. It is progressing well. Date was changed so parents can attend the elementary school parades on Friday. 9:30 – 2:30 for students and then 4:00 – 8:00 for families (on 29<sup>th</sup>). Need help decorating, refreshment helpers, scarers, line helpers. Permission slips are in teachers' mailboxes. All room reps will be asked for juice and donut donations. Also \$1.00 donations are asked for those entering the hallway, all will go to Roxbury Social Services.

**Homerom Reps – Tammy Kistner**

All homerooms are covered.

**Bensi/Roxys/Spiritwear – Terri Belcher**

Bensi days are 10/26 and 12/7. School will get 18% if you show the flyer. Donna Rassmussen said she will give flyers to the elementary schools to send home. Terri will call Boulevard Scoops to see if they are interested in replacing Roxys.

Spiritwear – we will use ProImage (Brian). Prices will be the same as last year. Will use Roxbury instead of Lincoln/Roosevelt. Lead time is 7-10 working days from final order and deposit. 10/29 will display at school (start) and run through 11/13 (end of Parent Visitation week).

**Volunteer Coordinator – Lisa Quilty**

Went smoothly. Got about 200 volunteers. About 2 weeks ago, chairs received their lists. Mr. Curtis and Donna Rassmussen thanked Lisa for coordinating and getting the lists out so quickly.

**Parent Visitation – Tammy Kistner**

Lots of volunteers.

**Holiday Shopping – Tammy Kistner**

Looking for a co-chair. The week of December 7<sup>th</sup>. If you want to, we can do an on-site co-chair for the day.

**Box Tops – Tammy Kistner**

Tammy gave Mr. Curtis our balance points to order from the Campbell's catalog. We need to get a contest going to get the Box Tops coming in again.

**Principal's Report – Mr. Curtis/Mr. Deery**

Great start to the school year.

We have a new drop-off configuration. The letter was sent home and it seems to be working well.

Apologize for the Honeywell Alert glitch. 250 phone calls from parents were received. Nurse will be making manual calls from now on.

Placemats – American Education Week. We will place them at Brian's, Bensi, IHOP, Roxbury Diner.

BSI – cannot pull students out anymore. BSI will be held Tues, Wed, Thurs. 92 students were eligible, but only half responded. Will start this coming Tues (6-9 students per class). Can attend 1-2 days a week. Fall session will run Oct – Dec. Spring will run Jan – Mar.

Genesis Program – Should be up after the 1<sup>st</sup> marking period. Teachers just got it in Sept. On-line grading, homework, etc.

Progress Reports will go home tomorrow.

Funding for afterschool is NCLB.

### **Open Items – Tammy Kistner**

Feedback from Teachers on new instruction (no groupings) – there has been mixed feedback. The teachers are committed to make it work, but it may be difficult to meet all students' needs.

Frindle – there was a big build up but really nothing was done on the first day of school. Many rooms had activities, but not as much as would have been expected. Mr. Curtis is not happy and will address why some classes did activities and others did not.

Imagination Station – Oct 28<sup>th</sup> is kick off meeting. “K” kids will be involved.

Is there going to be a gifted program? – not right now. Would be nice, but not right now.

Homework policy when absent – 3 day leeway to make up work. Felt it was a good amount of time to complete the work.

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:47pm.**