

FR Council  
May 20, 2010

Union Bank, 4732 Calvert Lower Level 4:15p.m.

**BUILDINGS NOT PRESENT:** Arnold, Beattie, Belmont, Bryan, Campbell, Eastridge, Lakeview, Lux, McPhee, Morley, Norwood, Park, Pershing, Pound, Pyrtle, Saratoga, Sheridan, West Lincoln.

**“EARLY BIRD” DRAWING:** Julia Doerr, Lincoln High School, won a \$25 gift card to Barnes and Noble, compliments of Candance Specht and Horace Mann Insurance.

#### **AWARDS CELEBRATION 2010**

##### **LEA Friend of Education Awards**

- **Special Friend of Education** – Diane and Dave Nicholson, Lincoln East
- **Corporate Friend of Education** – Bruce Healey, Lincoln Teachers Federal Credit Union
- **Volunteer Friend of Education** – Pat Etherton, Cat in the Hat

##### **LEA Foundation Scholarships**

- **Student STAR** – Tyler Francis, Lincoln Northeast
- **Student SOAR** – Tyler Pettit, East High School
- **Barbara Buckingham Patronskey** – Liz Wysong Hoffart, Kahoa and Tim Bayne, Lincoln East
- **Christa McAuliff** – Sibyl Gruhl, Maxey

##### **LEA Faculty Representative Awards**

- **Elementary FR of the Year**—Jan Enstrom, Randolph and Cheri Karr, Clinton
- **Middle Level FR of the Year**—Karen Krull, Irving and Linda Nelson, Irving
- **High School FR of the Year**—David Grothen, Lincoln Northeast

##### **LEA Special Recognition**

- **Negotiations Team**— Jenni Absalon, Marcia Benner, Linda Freye, Michael Geist, Jan Olmstead, Daniel Ross, Jim Rea, and Dan Studer.
- **Outgoing LEA Board Member**—Julia Doerr, Lincoln High

**DRAWING:** \$20 gift card to Indigo Books: Karen Shelton  
Grab Bag: Cynthia Beliford

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of April 15, 2010, were approved as printed.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Jan Olmstead

The financial report for April 2010 was approved as presented.

**APPRAISAL COMMITTEE REPORT:** Linda Freye

The committee held their last field test meeting. The field testers were invited to continue in the process. A team of trainers were selected to train teachers in Danielson system. The Appraisal Pilot will begin in the fall with all administrators participating with a teacher chosen from their buildings. Linda reminded FR's that only those in the pilot are to be using the materials.

**SpEd PROCOM:** Marcia Benner

The committee has completed their work. Marcia and Dr. Reckeway will present a final report to ProCom.

## **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION: Jenni Absalon**

- ❖ Year in Review Association Update—Jenni shared the many successes of LEA for the 2009-2010 Association Year in a handout entitled “One LEA Message, Many Voices.” A PDF is available on the LEA website. [http://www.lincolneducationassociation.org/files/One\\_LEA\\_Message.pdf](http://www.lincolneducationassociation.org/files/One_LEA_Message.pdf)
- Member Relations
  - LEA Foundation
    - The Annual LEAF Fundraiser raised nearly \$5,000. A special thank you to all the FR’s and members who donated.
  - Retirement Dinner: May 24, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. at Misty’s
- Communication
  - Survey: Jenni asked FR’s to complete a survey on FR training for this fall. Options included Monday, August 9, from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday, August 11, from 4:30 to 7:30 pm and Thursday, August 12, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
  - Calendar: LPS website has a link to the proposed 2011-2012 calendar. Members were encouraged to email school board members and John Neal. LPS School Board will vote on the calendar Tuesday, May 25, 2010.
- Community
  - LPS Budget: Jenni encouraged members to attend these hearing May 26, at Northeast High 7:00 to 8:30 and May 27, at Lefler 7:00 to 8:30. Kathy Danek was recently elected as President of the LPS School Board.
  - Community Conversation: The Family, Schools and Community Partnership Initiative

The LEA in conjunction with the Malone Center and Lincoln Public Schools hosted a community conversation at Lincoln High. 50 parents, caregivers, teachers and community members joined 25 facilitators for a powerful discussion about the achievement gap and the graduation rate. <http://www.lincolneducationassociation.org/CommunityConversation.html>

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

**ACTION ITEMS:** none

## **COMMENTS, CONCERNS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Group Concern, East High School: A ridiculous amount of class time is lost every year on testing, testing, testing and yet more testing. We are judged on annual yearly progress but constantly lose valuable time to work with and help our students. We ask the LEA leadership to address this issue at local, state and national levels.

*The LEA, NSEA and NEA leadership are working on a daily basis to address the issues related to assessments and testing. LEA leadership has spent a great deal of time with local, district, state and national representatives discussing and suggesting solutions. LEA also encourages members to lobby representatives on educators concerns. LEA will continue to advocate and fight for the rights of students and educators. Please read more about what we can do. <http://www.nea.org/home/NoChildLeftBehindAct.html>*

Dianne Smith, Health Services: Thanks for cutting down on number of copies. I ask you to continue to look for ways to cut the paper use.

*The LEA leadership has taken steps to reduce, reuse and recycle. The amount of copies was reduced over 130,000 in a 9 month period. The paper saving is comparable to 16.7 trees. The LEA will continue to facilitate ways to use further "green" options.*

**DRAWINGS:** Grab bags were won by: Dianne Smith, Health Services; Paula Welsch, Southeast; Resa Wiltse, Meadow Lane; Tammy Schafer, Holmes; Alice Mildenberger, Adams ; David Grothen, Northeast; and Bonnie Malcolm, North Star.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Jenni adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jan Olmstead*

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Secretary-Treasurer