

## LES Board Report November 2016

- The LES Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. We were extremely pleased with the high attendance by our families with teachers averaging close to 90% of families attending these important meetings.
- We have secured monies from several groups to be able to enhance classroom libraries in grades Kindergarten through sixth grade at Lincoln. Our Deeper Dive Walkthrough meetings and other teacher team discussions have revealed the extreme need for more literacy resources for our students in their classrooms. The grade level teams will submit proposals to the school leadership outlining the resources they would like to purchase. We hope to have all new books purchased and delivered by the second semester. We appreciate everyone's support for this important initiative.
- Our students in grades 4 – 6 who have failed one or more classes for the first quarter have written their *Contracts to Pass* action plan in order to outline their next steps and needed support. These action items include: Study Skills classes, weekly meetings with an administrators or teachers to check grades, ESS (Afterschool tutoring), etc. We feel this process is critical in order to help eliminate barriers to learning for our struggling students.
- The newly established PTC (Parent Teacher Committee) held a very successful Fall Festival last week. The PTC officers have worked diligently to recruit volunteers which include: DHS students, the Dayton community and LES guardians and staff. They are busy planning their holiday events which will include movie nights, the Santa Shop, etc. This organization also donated money toward the Classroom library enhancement program at Lincoln. We are grateful for their hard work and support in making Lincoln a great place for kids.
- Our PD day #3 on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> included great collaborative work between all teachers in the areas of data analysis, CSIP development, and committee teamwork. In the morning, our teachers worked in teams to complete an in-depth analysis of our recently released KPrep Scores which then led to discussion and brainstorming of strategies and activities to include on our CSIP. The afternoon was spent working on our important committee teamwork. The PBIS team completed their Day 1 training which outlined our upcoming work; the Curriculum team worked with Mr. Wolf to create next-steps and discuss current progress on our important curriculum work; the instructional strategies team worked with Mrs. Dragan to plan our upcoming school visits to regional elementary schools. Our instructional assistants participated in a special training on better understanding student behaviors with Mrs. Howell. There was a lot of great work accomplished on this professional learning day.
- Mrs. Dragan and Mrs. Colliver have been collaborating with the YMCA to write an expansion 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant for Lincoln. This grant would allow for the inclusion of kindergarten students in the program, service an additional 50 students, and would provide substantially more funding for an additional five years.
- Our students continue to be offered several extracurricular opportunities at Lincoln. This month our wrestling club, drama club, academic team, youth basketball league, and robotics club have all begun. We are grateful for the staff members who spend countless hours afterschool to provide these wonderful opportunities to our students.