

February PTA Electronic Board Communication
(in place of our February 13th PTA Meeting cancelled due to snow day school closings.)

1. Meeting Minutes

- We will review/approve January meeting minutes at our March 16th meeting. Please review prior to the meeting – link here:
http://www.lyonprpta.org/meeting_minutes/January%2012_meeting%20minutes.pdf

2. Lower Class Size VOTE and SURVEY Results.

- We had planned to take a vote on the following motion, “*We support District 34 investing an additional 3.5% in educational funds, or approximately \$1.4 million annually, to lower class sizes as recommended by the District 34 Administration. (20 students in grade K-2; 22 students in grades 3-5 and 26 students in grades 6-8).*” **While not an official vote, if you send an e-mail back to me with IN FAVOR, OPPOSED or ABSTAIN – we will share these unofficial results as an additional indicator of our parent’s level of support on this topic.**
- Online Survey results: 90% of the 95 parent respondents to the online survey believe that class sizes are currently too large. 88% fully supports the Board of Education to spend the additional funds to lower class size limits. The most common reason for this support is to allow teachers to spend more individualized time with their students. Parents also indicated this could not be done at the expense of other areas. Most felt that quality teachers and educational programming were of even greater importance than class size. While the a majority of parents felt that it was most important to lower class size in K-2, there were a number of parents that specified support across all grades.
- The results of this survey for all clusters will be shared with the **Board of Education at the meeting on Monday February 26. The meeting will begin at 7:30pm – all parents are welcome to attend.** If we receive an electronic vote from a majority of our Board members from this e-mail then we will also share that.

3. Updates

- **Benefit Countdown!! Please RSVP** – tomorrow is the last day before ticket prices go up! The hard working benefit committee is looking for people to volunteer for driving and **setting up auction items on Saturday 3/3.** We’re asking people to meet at 8:30 a.m. to pick up items and deliver them to the Northbrook Hilton. **Other volunteer needs are:**
 - a. Set-up at 9:30 a.m., March 3rd at the Hilton hotel
 - b. Check-In 6:00 - 7:15 and 7:15 - 8:15 shifts
 - c. Selling Raffle tickets and drink tickets: 1 hour shifts between 6:30 - 9:15
 - d. Clean-up 11:30 - 1:00People can email Kristen Borth at kborth@sbcglobal.net to sign up.
- Thank you to **Sabrina Briggs** and all the volunteers for the excellent coordination of volunteer activities at this year’s **Jump Rope For Heart!**
- Thank you to **Stacy Saef** who has agreed to chair this year’s **Nominating Committee to fill the PTA Board Slate for next year.** Committee members include Angie Katsumakis, Kellie Kopach, and Yuko Aimi. The group is looking for a few additional members and new Board members - if you are interested please contact Stacy at setdas@comcast.net . To help the group get started, current board members **please let us know if you are interested in remaining in your current Board position next year,** or if you are interested in another role so we can pass that along to our group as

they get started. If you are not continuing in your role, we'd appreciate any ideas for good candidates. Thank you to those that have already contacted us.

- We are planning to hold our first **International Night on Friday, May 4th** at Pleasant Ridge! Kristina Hourihane and Ana Cassorla will be planning this event (thanks ladies!). More details to come...
 - **Kindergarten Round Up is fast approaching on Thursday, March 15th**. We are looking for a few people to work our PTA tables (registration/spiritwear sales) from 4:15 - 7:00pm. If interested let me know. If you know any parents of Kindergarteners – please remind them to contact Lyon so they can get a registration packet in advance of the date.
 - The District is looking for some volunteers to help with a new **Safe Walker program** – Liz will have details at our next meeting.
 - **Drop off/Pick Up reminders for the safety of our children...**
 - a. Please **don't use your cell phones** during drop off/pick up.
 - b. At Lyon: Please remember those entering the drop off/pick up line should **enter off Waukegan Road** and circle around the side parking lot.
 - c. At Pleasant Ridge: **U turns are not allowed on Sunset Ridge** – it's unsafe for the students and cars AND it's illegal.
 - Our next meeting will be on the **topic of food services at school**. Kimberly Radzinski, Director of Food Services for the district will be joining us. If there are any specific areas you would like to hear her speak to, please let me know in advance of the meeting.
4. We are working with our cancelled **guest speaker Kathleen Hart Director of Student Services** who had prepared a Special Ed/NSSSED update to join us at another time this spring. More to come.

5. Announcements (Calendar Overview)

March 3 – 2007 Benefit

March 16– NEXT PTA MEETING at Lyon, 9:15am

Guest Speaker – Kimberly Radzinski – Director of Food Services.