

## Lyon/Pleasant Ridge PTA Minutes

June 5, 2007

President Liz Price opened the meeting at 10:45a.m. in the Pleasant Ridge Library.

In Attendance: Kevin Dorken, Matthew Rich, Chris Northwick, Liz Price, Robin Hinrichs, Dee Dee Gross, Miriam Biales, Kristen Borth, Breland Nelson, Marcia Bellair, Amy Schneider, Kathleen Kuzminski, Kelly Saylor, Debbie Shefren, Sandy Brennan, Cheryl Kasner, Kathleen Butler, Eileen Grant, Pam Hartigan, Bridget Cienkus, Ana Cassorla, Gina Brunswick, Jen Roberts, Kay Laurie, Rula Marziani, Susie Feldstein, Natalie Weber, Karen Friedman, Kristi Carroll

### I. Officer's Reports

President—Liz Price welcomed the new PTA Board for 2007/2008. Liz handed out a complete calendar of all the PTA meetings and events, principal coffees, and school event dates for 2007/2008. We will have speakers at 4 meetings next year. Liz will be arranging the speakers for next year over the summer. If you have any ideas for these, please contact her.

A discussion followed about having a speaker or speaker series on bullying. The issue of bullying was listed as a concern on the District's parent survey, but because of the way the question on the survey was phrased the District is not sure if parents believe this is an area they should know more about or if their children are actually experiencing bullying. Pleasant Ridge has already identified the need to spend more time helping students develop positive social and conflict resolution skills. They will be approaching this topic with students next year using their Character Counts, FISH, and the Life Skills programs as well as new insight gleaned from the training the principals, psychologist, and social workers will be attending this summer.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President—Kristin will be assembling binders this summer. Please turn your binders in if you have not already done so. Kristin also announced that the accordion file of letters for committee chairs will be located at Lyon School next year between meetings. Feel free to check it for your mail.

Treasurer—Miriam and Liz distributed the tentative budget for 2007-2008 for approval. The expected revenue from the benefit has been reduced from 2006/2007 because we will not be selling consignment items next year. These items created a lot of work for the benefit committee but did not increase overall income. The expected

revenue from the Pleasant Ridge book fair income was also been increased because of the increased receipts this year. On June 30<sup>th</sup> all extra money from this year will roll over into next year. This will be added to the money available grants in the fall. We expect this to be about \$15,000. We can also adjust funds for an author visit if necessary depending on the author booked for next year's Literature Alive event.

**I. Unfinished/New Business**

Miriam Biales presented the budget for provisional approval. A motion was made to accept the budget. It passed. The final budget will be approved at the September meeting after the books for the 2006/2007 year have been closed.

**II. Announcements (Calendar Overview)**

June 8, 2007 5<sup>th</sup> grade Picnic

June 8, 2007 Global Language forms due

June 13, 2007 Last day of school

August 9, 2007 Class lists and Walk-in days at both schools

August 22, 2007 First day of new school year

September 11, 2007 PTA meeting 9:15 a.m. at Lyon School

**III. Adjournment** Liz Price adjourned the meeting at 11:05a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Hinrichs, PTA secretary