

## **Lyon/Pleasant Ridge PTA Minutes**

**May 11, 2010**

President Jennifer Massarelli opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Lyon Learning Center.

In Attendance: Jennifer Massarelli, Lindy Hood, Anne Carreon, Karen Toomey, Jon Everson, Matt Rich, Kevin Dorken, Dina Silver, Tiffany Sapienza, Halleh Akbarnia, Greg McWilliams, Laura Smith, Wendy Ban, Gloria Pedrelli, Val Rosenberg, Jen Roberts, Mary Hershey, Laura Olson, Cathy O'Shaughnessy, Sue Swaringen, Heather McEllistrem, Shelley Ostric, Lisa Zimblar, Anne Prikos, Cheryl Kasner, Karen Stack, Edwina Cowell, Izabela O'Brien, Joanna Nelson

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Motion—Mary Hershey

Second—Dina Silver

The minutes of the April 13, 2010 meeting were approved.

### **I. Officer's Reports**

#### ***Treasurer—Karen Toomey***

- Year to date financials are available – please feel free to take a copy
- International Night
  - We budget this to come in at a loss, but it is usually closer to break even or brings in a small profit
  - Last year brought in \$2000
  - This year brought in just shy of \$2000
  - May still have expenses coming in

#### ***President—Jennifer Massarelli***

- Teacher thank you's
- PTA Council
  - Debbie Lubeck spoke about the change in the definition of the gifted program and the changes in criteria to be a part of the gifted program
  - Going to a 2-tier model
  - There will be a parent-teacher input component
  - Want to take some of the focus off of the NWEA test. It is a component but it is not the be all, end all
  - Service delivery starting in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade rather than 4<sup>th</sup> grade
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will take a test for the first time this year. They are taking this test next week. Results will come home this summer
  - K-8 Gifted Review Committee report can be found online
  - Kristen Borth shared a movie she made based on her volunteering in Haiti
  - PTA Council slate is changing next year. New President is Patty Pat
- Online registration for 2010-11
  - Everyone should have received registrations for your children
  - Now you can sign up for PTA at the same time as you register your children for school
  - Go to our website to register. You can fill out a volunteer form online as well
  - Can send in a check or pay by credit card, but doing so needs to be done through the district website. Remember there is a \$4 fee every time you pay by credit card
  - Only have about 34 registered members for next year
  - We are working through the kinks. Please be patient as we iron out the process
- PTA slate for 2010-11
  - Mandy Chiareri will be Secretary next year

- Anne Carreon will be Vice-President next year
- Lindy will circulate a list of open positions
  - Not many openings but there are some big events that still need chairs
- If you take pictures at any event, please send them to [maryhershey@mac.com](mailto:maryhershey@mac.com) so they can be posted on our website
- Deadline to order school supplies is this Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>
  - The small percentage of money that we make on this is used to buy supplies for our free and reduced lunch kids
  - Thank you to Kristen Borth for organizing this
- Ellen Girard has agreed to stay on as our grant chair
  - Karen Friedman will co-chair and will take this over the following year
- Thank you to the Earth Week team!
  - Marcia Bellair, Jen Roberts, Mary Hershey and Colleen Mackimm

## **II. Committee Chair Reports**

### ***International Night—Val Rosenberg and Margaret Warner***

- 14 country rooms
- Posters were very helpful
- 400 passports were distributed by 7:00pm
  - More passports will be needed next year
- International café served 507 dinners
  - This was the exact same amount we served last year
- Thanks to the PTA for supporting this event
- Looking for chairs for this event for next year

- This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year of this event
  - It is a product of local school council looking to educate on diversity

***Spring Book Fair—Susie Feldstein and Colleen MacKimm***

- May 25<sup>th</sup> set up is at 10:00am
- May 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> is event
- Wed night is for Lyon parents to come over and meet with Dr. Rich. A mystery guest reader will be reading fish books
- Kit Pearson will be the author for Literature Alive
- Dan Gutman is coming back to do an assembly with the 5<sup>th</sup> graders
- Raffles are being held for the kids over the next two weeks
- On Thursday children can explore the book fair and read poetry with Bill Buczinsky
- An email has been sent to those who had already signed up to volunteer
- Still in need of volunteers – a sign up sheet is being circulated
- Book drives are taking place at both schools during the week of May 24<sup>th</sup>. Or, you can buy a new book at the book fair to be donated to Stockton (our Skoolaid sister school)
  - Last year we donated so many books that each child at Stockton was able to take a book home for the summer

***5<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic—Edwina Cowell and Sue Swaringen***

- Theme is “iTune my Future”
- Many volunteers are already in place
- Many donations have been received
- Still have a gap in the food for the day of the picnic
- Right now the plan is to get pizza at cost

- Creating a time capsule to be buried in the garden at PR. Dr. Jones has set aside 7 plots for the next 7 years
  - Capsule will be opened during their senior year of high school
- Need ideas for a 7 year time capsule container
- Pep rally planned for the day of the event with a motivational speaker (Brian Hansen, Olympic medalist and PR alumnus)

***Room Parent Year End Update—Tiffany Sapienza and Debbie Wells***

- Getting ready to do thank you gifts for support staff at both schools. Please sign up to help write thank you notes. A sign up sheet is being passed around
- Both Tiffany and Debbie are continuing in their roles next year. Please pass on any suggestions for the room parent model

***Cultural Enrichment—Gloria Pedrelli and Cheryl Kasner***

- Mosaic is about 1 week ahead of schedule
- Should be completed next week
- Need volunteers next Tuesday morning and all day Thursday
- May 19<sup>th</sup> is a parent open house from 7:00-8:15 to help with the fine detail work
- Installation is May 29<sup>th</sup>
- Unveiling during Lyon Open House on June 3<sup>rd</sup>
- There will be a natural science musical at PR on June 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Both Gloria and Cheryl have graciously volunteered to chair again next year

***Staff Appreciation Week—Sabrina Briggs***

- Thank you to Ana and Sabrina for the wonderful job they did for staff appreciation last week
- Gift card drawings were held every day for the staff
- Breakfast was served on Tuesday
- Luncheon was held on Thursday
- Its very nice to do the teachers and the support staff together

### **III. Guest Speaker—Kathleen Hart, Director of Student Services, Glenview District 34**

- “Special Services in District 34”
- Groups we would like to target as a PTA:
  - New parents to the school
  - Incoming kindergarteners
  - Kids with special needs
  - Kids with English as a second language
- How can we make them feel more welcome?
- Can we add this to one of our current chair positions? Maybe change the description of the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP to include this function?
- Already have had people express an interest in helping with this

### **IV. Unfinished Business/New Business**

- None to report

### **V. Announcements**

May 12—Band Concert, PR, 7:00pm  
May 13—Orchestra and Chorus Concert, PR, 7:00pm  
May 14—School supply ordering deadline  
May 26—2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Show, Lyon, time TBD  
May 26-27—Spring Book Fair, PR  
May 26—Character Counts panel discussion on “Athletics and Ethics”, The Glen Club, 7:00-9:00pm  
May 27—Blood Drive, PR, time TBD  
May 27—3<sup>rd</sup> Grade performances @ Literature Alive, PR, 6:00-8:15pm  
June 3—Lyon Open House, 6:30pm  
June 4—Field Day, Lyon, during school hours  
June 8—Last PTA meeting, PR, 9:15am  
June 10—Last day of school!

**VI. Adjournment** –Jennifer Massarelli adjourned the meeting at 11:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Carreon, PTA secretary