

Lyon/Pleasant Ridge PTA Minutes

September 14, 2010

President Lindy Hood opened the meeting at 9:15 a.m. in the Lyon Library.

In Attendance: Lindy Hood, Anne Carreon, Jon Everson, Mandy Chiarieri, Tiffany Sapienza, Jennifer Reis, Adriana Pauletto, Tammy Lundal, Michelle Langenbach, Colleen MacKimm, Kathy McCarthy, Gloria Pedrelli, Cindy Hackl, Mary Hershey, Melissa Brady, Joanna Nelson, Betsy Garvey, Karen Toomey, Tarpey O'Rourke, Marg Plante, Jennifer Massarelli, Dilshad Tajuddin, Dianna Sirakides, Christa Leone, Amy Haddad, Jodi Cofer, Wendy Ban, Greg McWilliams, Halleh Akbarnia 14 others?

Approval of the Minutes

Motion—Colleen MacKimm

Second—Gloria Pedrelli

The minutes of the June 8, 2010 meeting were approved.

I. Officer's Reports

Treasurer—Jon Everson

- Review 2010-11 budget
 - June 2009 Plan, October 2009 Revision and September 2010 Final comparison demonstrates a return to original figures
 - \$25 Learning Post gift cards to teachers – reduction from \$50 in 09-10
 - Increased Grant budget to \$10K due to 2010 Benefit success and may increase grants if Pumpkinfest and Book Fair are more profitable than budget
 - Newsletter cost dropped due to mid-month e-newsletter
 - Reflects no International Night and break even of Pumpkinfest
- Approval of the 2010-11 budget

- Motion – Karen Toomey
- Second – Meg Costigan

President—Lindy Hood

- Thank Yous for August
 - Volunteer Coordinators: Laura Smith and Jen Massarelli
 - Room Parent Coordinators: Debbie Wells and Tiffany Sapienza
 - PTA Registration: Joanna Nelson
 - Health and Safety: Betsy Garvey and Anne Prikos
 - School Supplies: Kristen Borth and Beth Schmidt
- Change to Grant Cycle timing
 - Historically twice a year, but moving to January 21, 2011 (Approval at Feb PTA meeting); timing change due to Fall/Spring GEF Grant Cycle
- PTA Council
 - Comprised of all Presidents and Vice-Presidents in each of the 8 District 34 schools, Superintendent Gerry Hill, Communications Director Brett Clark, and other key district positions, but all are welcome to attend
 - Mike Nicholson is the new Deputy Superintendent, being groomed to move into one of the impending District 34 retirement vacancies, including Superintendent
 - NWEA test results excellent for entire district, but ISATs not meeting federal standards of 77%
 - ALL groups, including ESL, IEP, and Low Income must meet standards in order for school/district to pass, which is difficult
- Volunteers Needed
 - Hearts of Glenview – design and decorate a Heart to support local charities in Glenview which will be auctioned off at Hearts of Glenview fundraiser

- Character Counts Food Drive October 18-22 – need a Lyon volunteer to put out the box and count the number of cans

II. Committee Chair Reports

Art Enrichment – Michele Brennan, Dilshad Tajuddin

- Teachers were given an option to participate in Art Enrichment; 37 of 48 teachers opted in, generally every other month or 2-3x/year
- Need volunteers for Pleasant Ridge classrooms

Benefit – Dina Silver, Meg Costigan

- “The Disco Ball” will be held February 26 at Sunset Ridge Country Club
- Need Chair for Premium Auction

Cultural Enrichment – Anne Carreon

- First Assembly at Pleasant Ridge Wed Oct 13: Storyteller Donna Washington

Environmental Team – Marg Plante, Melissa Brady, Mary Hershey, Colleen MacKimm

- New Snack cups to be distributed to every child October 8th
- Walk/ride to school day (Pleasant Ridge) October 8th
- September 20th – Pleasant Ridge lunch room Reduce Reuse Recycle Day
- Planet Protectors – Environmental Club at PR to start meeting in October during lunch

Global Language – Laura Olson

- Programs begin October 11; Spanish, French and Mandarin are being offered
- Cost is 50% less this year
- One more week to register

Pumpkinfest – Dina Silver, Tammy Lundal

- Saturday October 23 12-4PM

- Changes this year: Want to keep activities out of the classrooms -- Moving inflatable events outside, no food sales except water, small snacks and Taffy Apples, no Haunted House, adding a DJ
- Wristband entry instead of ticket sales: \$20 each in advance, \$25 at the door for everyone over 2

Room Parents – Tiffany Sapienza, Debbie Wells

- PR still needs a few Room Parents

Spiritwear – Greg McWilliams, Nikki Krysa

- Lyonschoolstore.com – new website with spiritwear, which can be ordered year round
- Pleasant Ridge website will be launched soon, also year round ordering

III. Principal's Report—Kevin Dorken and Matt Rich

- Assessments 101: What tests are my kids taking?
 - Start every year with broad assessment Pre-K-5 to figure out where each student is starting the year and how they are progressing using universal screening CBMs (curriculum based measures)
 - Assessments conducted Fall, Winter and Spring
 - Literacy CBMs
 - K: letter naming fluency, letter sound fluency
 - 1: letter sound fluency (fall), reading fluency (winter & spring)
 - 2: reading fluency (words per minute – median of 3 tests)
 - K-2: Literacy Snapshots/ISELs
 - 3-5: Word Analysis and Vocab, Reading Strategy and Comprehension, Literacy, Literature Works
 - Allows for flexible grouping vs permanent tracking – finds different primary focus for all students to fill in their individual gaps

- Math CBMs
 - K: Oral counting, number identification, quantity discrimination (spring only)
 - 1: quantity discrimination, missing numbers, M-COMP
 - 2: M-COMP (Computations), M-CAP (Concepts and Applications)
 - 3 - 5: M-COMP and M-CAP
- Parents will be sent a letter home if their child needs an intervention in any area, ideally along with monthly progress reports on that intervention
- NWEA Parent Orientation Sept 22
- New Reading & Language Arts program – more consistency classroom to classroom based on curriculum cycle of review; includes Federal, State and District standards

IV. Adjournment –Lindy Hood adjourned the meeting at 10:50 am.

V. Calendar Overview

Sept 16: Lyon Picture Day

Sept 17: PR Picture Day

Sept 22: NWEA Parent Orientation, PR, 7PM

Sept 27: Submissions due to Lindy by 5PM for Oct Newsletter

Oct 11: Global Language Program begins

Oct 12: **NEXT PTA MTG, PR, 9:15 AM**

Oct 14: Take your Dad to Breakfast, PR 7:15-7:50AM

Oct 14: Principal's Coffee, Lyon, 9:30 - 11AM

Oct 18-22: Character Counts canned food drive

Oct 23: Pumpkinfest, Lyon, 12-4PM

Oct 30: Parents in Partnership, Attea, 8AM – 12:30PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Mandy Chiarieri, PTA Secretary