

**Lyon/Pleasant Ridge PTA
PTA Minutes September 20, 2016
General PTA Meeting
9:15am – 11:15am Lyon LRC**

Attendance: Tracy Reeder, Sharon Bux, Gail Weiss, Jane Devine, Michelle Kaufman, Shari Issacs, Anne O'Neill/Binney, Dana Ward, Andrea Downing, Rebecca Richards, Maria Stephan, Brandy Issac, Ann Jankey, Natalie Stanzi, Shane Bill, Elyce Ventura, Carrie Barzyk, Anne Burke, Christen Mahlmeister, Jennifer Preston, Jessica Plopper, Natalie Sepahdari, Whitney Langas, Galia Polyanovsky, Youming Ye, Toru Sakurai, Kara Kline, Kristi Mariani, Lei Wang, Dana Palmer, Debbie Mulroy, Kathleen McNeela, Maggie Rogula, Jehad Jarad, Bernadine "Bam" Hoener, Halleh Akbarnia

Time	Agenda Item	Responsibility
9:15am	Call Meeting to Order Tracy called the meeting to order at 9:15	Tracy Reeder
9:15am	Approval of the Minutes Brandy Issac motioned to approve minutes, Maria Stephan seconded	Gail Weiss
9:20am	Officer's Reports	
	President Tracy gives introductions, Tracy Reeder President, Sharon Bux 1st Vice President and Gail Weiss Secretary Tracy goes over meeting agenda for the day Very warm welcome back to Frank Rottman	Tracy Reeder
	Approval of 2016-17 Budget I'm responsible for the accounting. At end of last year we go over budget and based on years past we come up with a budget for this year. Biggest item is benefit, biggest source of income and biggest expense. Review of expenses: next largest after benefit is the PTA grants. All expenses will be submitted to Jane and please do so in a timely manner. All deposits will go thorough Kara Kline, Asst Treasurer. Email Jane Devine if you want to ask questions. Motion to approve budget - approved with majority vote.	Jane Devine
	Thank Yous Tracy would like to thank the following people for their help: DianaThomas, Marianne Albovias, Jane Devine, Maria Stephan, Shari Issacs, Dana Palmer, Maggie Rogula, Jennifer Havill, Galia Polyanovsky, Sharon Bux (for ordering lunch for today), Diana Thompson, Leah Shapin	Tracy Reeder
	PTA Council Report	Sharon Bux

District is hoping to have new superintendent in place by 1st of January. All the PTAs talk about their fundraisers. Also, trying to get all their iPad subscriptions in sync.
November 11th will be the start of the Phone-a-thon
In March- GEFs got talent will take place.

Mentor Program Update Maria Stephan
Coffee meeting at Lyon was success. Any suggestions would be great.

Room Parent Update Shari Isaacs, Dana Palmer
Sent a follow up email to keep all room parents on track with class funds

9:45am

Committee Chair Reports
Cultural Enrichment Natalie Stanzi
Lyon School Oct 7- Music from Latin American cultures. Trying to tie into international night. Also bringing in resident artist.
PR Oct 13. Assembly- bringing international performers to an assembly during school day instead of on international night.
Also planning an Earth day Project.

Character Counts Elyse Ventura
Can food drive will be Oct 17-21. Boxes will be located at the offices for collections. Need parent volunteers to help deliver goods to pantry.

International Night Galia Polyanovsky
Oct 14, 2016 at PR. So far we have 12 cultural rooms. Each will have food and games.
Need Volunteers to help in the rooms. Sign up on sign up genius.

PTA Website Galia Polyanovsky
PTA website had been redesigned! Go to the new website: lyonprpta.org-
Just let her know if you see any things that need changes or any additions.

PTA Membership Maggie Rogula
Currently we have 372 sign ups. Always accepting new members but you can't get directory if you don't sign up soon.

Spiritwear Whitney Langas
Made \$2000+ income during curriculum nights and class postings. We have square now for credit cards so made more sales.
Got spiritwear photos up on line. Order forms will be delivered this week to students and will be due end of Sept. Order forms are also on line.

Extracurriculars Natalie Sepahdari
We have 300 students registered total. Want to streamline the dates for classes so that they all start and end together.

Art Enrichment

Laura Lane (via Tracy)

Getting parent volunteers and reaching out to more parents to volunteer. Some teachers will do a lesson quarterly, monthly and some not at all. If you are a room parent- please send you art enrichment volunteer to Laura and Marney. Huge thank you for Shari and Dana!

Directory

Marianne Albovias

Data pull will be today from district. Online will be up and running first and printed will come around mid-October. Have a bunch of people interested for ads. To access online you still need to be PTA member. Tracy requested to have have a PTA tutorial for the use of online directory.

Corner Bakery Dinner Fundraiser

Kara Kline

Eat at Corner Bakery, 9/27 7am- 9pm and 15% of purchase will be donated to PTA. Easy fundraiser.

Corner Bakery will giving the PTA 15% for the lunch today.

Heinen's sign up for the rewards card. Very easy to sign up for the card and assign the card to LY/PR PTA.

AmazonSmile- go to site and plug in LY/PR to give a percent of purchase back to PTA.

Suggestion was made to check into Barnes and Noble for easy fundraising.

Bike/Walk to School

Jamie Stevens, Sarah Airola

Update from last year on Marker Drive: Lyon- 19LBS, PR- 12 LBS!

Fall Book Fair

Jennifer Preston

November 2-3, Book fair at Lyon- "Halloween" theme.

Profits will help programs that we supports

On Nov 2- Mr. Rottman will be serving pizza

On Nov 3 - Mr. Dorken will read to students

Nov 3, food trucks will be at school (menus online)

New Wimpy Kid book will be available at book fair

Need volunteers- Please sign up!

A book donation drive will be there this year to donated used books (no books with religious themes or adults titles will be accepted)

Red Day

Ann Jankey

Red Day starts Oct 26th district 34 wide.

K-5— Drawing and writing essay deadline Nov. 14th.

NOVEMBER 17th is RED DAY!

Holiday Helper

Andrea Downing

Holiday Helper is helping families in need at LY/PR. Families sponsor another family and provide families with outerwear, jewel Gift cards, books, gifts, etc

November 7-December 7 is the food drive.

Sign up will be coming out soon to help.

Benefit

Anne Binney, Whitney Langas

February 25, 2017 at Valley Lo Club

There will be a kick off party at Ann's house tomorrow night.

This year's theme- "Shake, Rattle and Roll". (Las Vegas style)

This year we are looking for sponsors to support tables or a cocktail, or food.

Working with others district schools PTAs to help each other with benefits so that all volunteers can enjoy the evening.

There will be NO dress code this year.

10:15am

Before School Yoga at Lyon

Whitney Langas

Rebecca Richards

Proposal to have yoga offered at Lyon as extracurricular.

Benefits of yoga: good in winter for activity, supports social and emotion learning, helps listening skills, helps with organizational skills, promotes respect for self and others, brings calm and harmony into class, helps with posture.

Company is "After school yoga" and the owners name is George.

Instructor can have up to 20 kids. Pricing was good from this company.

Class will be offered Thursdays at 8:05am at Lyon.

Motion to approve - approved with majority vote.

10:30am

Board of Education Caucus

Brandy Issac

There are 7 board of ed. members. Caucus does a though job of interviewing the people who are running for Board of Education.

59 community members (non partisan)- they have discussions about candidates and then they slate the candidates. They slate three and promote them to be elected.

There are two Superintendant search meetings being held:

Wednesday 9/21 at 9:15 Springman, 6:30 at Attea

10:45am

PTA Featured Speakers: "Getting to know your principals"**Kevin Dorkin, Principal at Lyon School**

His 11th year at Lyon School. He's married with two children (10th grade, 7th grade) and lives in Evanston. Taught at Hoffman and worked at district office. At Lyon, we are helping your children self directed learners and responsible decision makers, helping foster children to have choices. Goals at Lyon: Social Emotional Learning using PAWS, Professional learning and supporting adult learning for teachers and staff.

****Halloween at Lyon: Friday October 28th****Frank Rottman, Principal at Pleasant Ridge School**

Thank you for all your support this summer. I realized how much the community supports each other and supports your children.

PR is using balanced literary - want to raise up scores we have a block set for balanced literacy.

Teacher education — Always having teachers working on professional development.

Teaching in District 34 for 23 years

Principal's Coffee, September 29th at 9:30-11am at Lyon

11:05am

Meeting Adjourned

Tracy Reeder