

Lyon/Pleasant Ridge PTA Agenda
February 18, 2014
General PTA Business Meeting
9:15am - 11:00am Pleasant Ridge

In Attendance: Mandy Chiarieri, Allison Sipe, Anne Burke, Maggie Rogula, Meg Costigan, Natalie Jachtorowycz, Marianne Albovias, Kimberly Yagelski, Karen Friedman, Kevin Dorken, Frank Rottman

Meeting Called to Order – Mandy Chiarieri

Minutes Approval:

Motion – Meg Costigan

Second – Natalie Jachtorowycz

Officer Reports:

PTA Council – Mandy Chiarieri

Jump Rope for Heart - Great job. Thank you Colleen MacKimm

Treasurer - Anne Burke

We are financially sound

Benefit doing well

PTA Council Mtg. –

2 guest speakers

Kristen Swanson - spoke about social/emotional curriculum, district looking into that curriculum. Would be incorporated into the classrooms. Looking at how teachers would incorporate it. A lot of positive feedback

Brian Engle - talking about iPads. Approx. 3300 kids have iPads in our district. At middle school, not everyone has one. Still piloting. Teaching kids how to be appropriate with tech. devices. iPads being closely monitored.

Make up school day in March

PTA Council President - big push for collecting canned foods at schools. We did Soup or Bowl. Thinking of other ideas - have something always there to bring in (like plastic bags....)

Caroline Stiles - going to be trying to compile a list from each school on materials for shows - costumes, props, etc. that could be shared

Committee Chair Reports:

Cultural Enrichment - Beth Hager

Working with Play on Limited - programs for 2nd and 3rd graders. Will do an am and pm performance for kindergartners. 1st graders will receive 7 structured workshops - work with improvisers in groups. 2nd graders will work on video and film production to be shown at 2nd grade show.

Special Needs Parent Liaison - Natalie Jachtorowycz

- Meeting at 9:30 at Glenview Youth Services. Meet every month.
April 30 - District-wide "RED" Day. Respect Each Difference. Ask kids to wear red. Will have activities surrounding day. More details to come.

Benefit - Dina Agarwal, Lisa Doyle

-Close to selling out. Over 300 tickets sold.

Fifth Grade Picnic -

-plans are getting underway for the 5th grade picnic

School Supplies-

- online ordering April 1 - May 9. Tree will not have separate kits. Kindergarten price will be slightly higher because headphones will be included.

Teacher Appreciation - Brandy Isaac

-We did a soup lunch on Feb. 4. Ten volunteers made homemade soup, brought in bread and sweets. Well-received. Whole Teacher Appreciation week moved up to April.

PTA Grant - Karen Friedman

See presentation... Review of Grant Process and Grant Requests

Vote on Grants - Approved -12

Opposed - 0

Grants Approved

Principal Reports -

Frank Rottman, Pleasant Ridge - ISAT coming on Tuesday, March 4. Get word out to get kids to school on time. Especially that week. Testing starts at 8:00. If a child is late by a couple of minutes, can't start testing - mandated by the state. Science is first test - 4th graders. Wed-Fri are reading and math for all grades.

Kids going outside - this winter has been tough. Cold and snow has kept them inside. With weather changing - trying to get kids outside.

Class placement - will start talking about it next year.

Kudos to 5th graders on their trips to middle schools. Kids' behavior and focus was good.

Kevin Dorken, Lyon - Thank you for grants. Thank you for soup luncheon - was very much appreciated.

Conferences are occurring now through Spring Break. Thank you for being flexible. Encouraging teachers to try to incorporate any extra meetings into conference. This Thursday is a big night - kindergarten registration. Also for new 1st and 2nd graders. Makes a big difference in planning budgets, classes, etc.

Social/Emotional topic - will have important implications for the district in a couple of years when we decide to implement. Book - "How

Children Succeed" by Paul Tough - mounting evidence that one's character has a greater impact on life success than IQ, grades, etc.

Each bldg. makes a school improvement plan - Lyon prioritized social/emotional learning

Meeting adjourned - 10:30 a.m.