

Lyon/Pleasant Ridge PTA Minutes
September 16, 2014
General PTA Business Meeting
9:15am - 11:00am Lyon LRC

In Attendance: Brandy Isaac, Maggie Rogula, Alison Sipe, Gillian Murphy, Marianne Albovias, Laura Lentz, Holly Higgins, Jennifer Hudson, Audrey Larson, Julia Marquardt, Karen Hitzeman, Natalie Jachtorowycz, Kirsten Elvekrog, Lara Andersen, Anne Burke, Dina Agarwal, Amy Song, Natalie Stanzi, Carrie Barzyk, Jennifer Hastings, Jamie Stevens, Sharon Bux, Dana Palmer, Rebecca Richards, Karen Posey, Andie Harrigan, Sherri Grant, Aimee Walters, Sally Claffey, Halleh Akbarnia, Paris Raghian, Alec Knight, Jeanine Maurico, Frank Rottman, Kevin Dorken, Mandy Chiarieri, Kari Bello, Dana Ward, Debbie Mulroy, Marg Plante, Jihad Jarad, Sharon Pratt, Halleh Akbarnia

Meeting Called to Order – 9:25 -

Alison Sipe

Approval of the Minutes

Maggie Rogula

Motion to Approve – Karen Posey
Second – Sharon Pratt

Officer's Reports:

Treasurer

Anne Burke, Sharon Pratt

Anne will be sending an email to committee chairs with income goals and expense goals. Some events are expense only events ie International Night.

Anne reviewed the budget. Please contact her if you would like a copy of the 2014-2015 Budget Report.

Motion to approve the budget - Mandy Chiarieri
Second - Halleh Akbarnia

Reimbursement Procedures - if you have expenses that you need reimbursed, go to PTA website under forms, find PTA R. form, fill out and return to Anne with the receipt.

President

Alison Sipe

PTA Council Report - 1st Thursday of month. Mike Nicholson - spoke about 34Next; One-to-One iPad initiative update - k-8; Mission Statement of District 34

Thank Yous - to PTA Board members and volunteers for getting year off to a great start. School supplies, bus volunteers, first grade lunch, lice check, room parent coordinators

1st Vice President

Brandy Isaac

Thank you notes from staff - for instructional aid gift cards given at beginning of year

34Next Update - New initiative for community engagement. Focus is on getting a snapshot of how District 34 is doing. Open to all community members. Four meetings taking place. First one was last week at Attea - over 100 community members present. Mike Nicholson gave presentation on how Dist. 34 doing in relation to surrounding districts.

Next meeting is Thurs. Oct. 2 - 7pm at Attea - focus on curriculum and achievement
Tuesday, Oct. 21 - financial landscape
Thursday November - overall findings

District 34 Board of Education Caucus - made up of all non-partisan volunteers from District 34. Group brings best candidates forward for Board of Education. Caucus accept applications for people who want to run for board of ed., interview candidates, then "endorse" their candidates. We do have an election for BofEd this year. Want to have good representation. Open to anyone who wants to volunteer. Contact Brandy if you are interested.

2nd Vice President**Karen Posey**

Mentoring Program Update - Had first Mentor coffee first week of school. Everyone very appreciative for mentors and extra connection to school. will continue to reach out to mentees.

3rd and 4th Vice Presidents**Julia Marquardt, Sally Claffey**

Room Parent Update - Room parents are filled. Thank you to room parents.

Committee Chair Reports**Art Enrichment****Sherri Grant**

Thank yous to Mary Hershey for updating the website. Official sign up sheets will be up for Lyon and Pleasant Ridge. Make sure you return materials the same day. Closets at both schools are ready to go. Room Parents - please email Sherri Grant - sherrigrant@msn.com with Art Enrichment volunteers

Benefit**Dina Agarwal**

Benefit is PTA's main fundraiser. Changing it up - will be at Pinstripes. Still room on the benefit committee. Great way to get involved. Dina distributed a sign up form. Contact her if you are interested. The benefit will be held on February 21, 2015.

International Night**Rachel Gilles, Bethany Woods**

Night at PR where different cultures and countries are showcased. First meeting is tomorrow at 9:30 in Lyon LRC. Can volunteer to help in rooms. October 10.

Book Fair**Rebecca Richards, Liz Kimball, Kim Prado**

Fall Book Fair Theme - Sir Read-A-Lot Castle. Nov. 11, 12, 13 at Lyon

Environmental Team**Jamie Stevens, Gail Weiss, Laura Lentz**

Bike To School - Friday, October 3. No more bike rack. Mr. Dorken will help direct where to leave bikes.

Chess**Lara Frohlich Andersen**

Chess Wizards - Over 60 kids signed up at Lyon. A class has been added. Still room in that class. Room in class at PR as well.

Global Language**Ann Jankey**

Well-received. Filling up fast. Lyon has 2 openings in Spanish. PR opened an additional T-TH Spanish and 4 openings for Mandarin and Spanish.

Spiritwear**Gillian Murphy, Laura Smith**

Held a couple of on-site sales - class list postings, Curriculum Night, Order forms coming out soon. Table will be set up at book fair. Another order in spring depending on demand.

Cultural Enrichment**Molly Kuhn, Beth Hager**

Beth is meeting with Dr. Jones to discuss assemblies for Fall and Winter

Special Needs Parent Liaison**Karen Hitzeman, Natalie Jachtowyc**

Thank you for adding them to budget. Running the support group. Next one is 10/8. 9:30 a.m. Not just for special needs. Any parents with questions or issues.

Red Day is Nov. 20. Will kick off Nov. 3 with pictures and essays. Will be district-wide. Red Poster with pledge for each classroom. Posters will be hung in classroom for the year. Balloon launch not very environmental. Looking for another idea. Ribbons, bubbles, pinwheels.

Directory**Aimee Walters, Shelley Reisenbigler**

Goal is to have directories to families mid-October. Will be selling ads to sponsors. Ad covers cost to printing. Are starting to look into an online directory for next year. Will be looking for feedback in coming months.

Ways & Means**Wendy Ban**

Please register your Heinen's reward card online or at the store. Continue to send in boxtops

If you have information you want in an eBlast, send info to Alison Sipe by Friday for eBlast going out on Monday.

PTA Featured Speakers

Kevin Dorken, Lyon Principal and Frank Rottman, PR Principal - "Getting to Know the Leaders of our Schools."

Monday, Sept. 22 - Beth Tsumos will be at PR to talk about math curriculum

11:15am**Meeting Adjourned****Alison Sipe****Calendar Overview**

- * Sept. 18 PR Assessment Orientation, 6:00pm
- * Sept. 24 Lyon Picture Day
- * Sept. 26 PR Picture Day
- * Oct. 9 Principal's Coffee, Lyon, 9:30-11:00 am
- * Oct. 10 International Night, PR, 6:00-8:00pm
- * Oct. 14 Next PTA Meeting, PR, 9:15am
- * Oct. 20-24 Character Counts Week and Canned Food Drive