

PTA Meeting 9.21.21 (Zoom)

32 people on the call!

Introduction of Board Members

Exec Board

Crosbie Lind (President)
Jessica Pritzker (VP)
Dawn Hentze (Secretary)
Andrea Miller and Jen Havill (VP Community Engagement)
Kate Carleton and Maria Stephen (Room Parent Coordinator)
Beena Amin (Treasurer)
Eve Cooper (VP Treasurer)

General Board

Fall Book Fair- Gretchen Olsen and Ashley Yosay
Spring Book Fair- Staci Willis
Cultural Enrichment- Suzanne Suss and Natalie Carlson
Membership Directory- Karen Kim
5th Grade Picnic- Whitney Chango and Laura Freund
Spiritwear- Whitney Chango and Laura Freund
Holiday Helper- Michelle Folkmann
International Night- Suma Shah and Anjali Kumar
Website- Jen Havill
PTA Grants- Katie Jones
Newsletter- Crosbie Lind and Jen Havill
Science Fair- Tina Sprague and Liz Downing
School Supplies- Sara Barron
Six Flags- Bridget Gauer
Staff Appreciation Week- Danielle Vance-McMullen and Rebecca Richards

Principal Comments

Stefanie Shefler (Lyon Principal)

Lyon is almost done with benchmarking for students. The school staff reviews this data and uses it for planning/meeting students' needs. These typically aren't shared scores, but are instead used for planning w/in the school.

Construction update: A lot of progress has been made. The storm trap (a giant hole) is being dug. Students are enjoying watching and learning about the construction.

Lyon will have an all school event where kids are going to be able to sign a part of the building. Mrs. Shefler has recorded a video kickoff and kids will do a construction inquiry with their teachers. More information to come.

There is currently a district wide initiative on Response to Bullying. Next staff meeting the staff will review new initiative. Related topics have already been taught via Second Step.

Picture Day is this Friday! Masks can come off for the photo.

Halloween- look for information from your child's teacher. There will be no parent volunteers in the classrooms this year for Halloween parties.

Shield Testing should be starting next week! Lyon and PR's day is Thursday. A schedule has been created. Volunteers are needed. Mrs. Shefler is asking for a few parent volunteers to help on Thursdays to run students down to/from testing. 80 percent of students have opted in to Shield. Email Stefanie at Sshefler@glenview34.org if you wish to volunteer. There will be 9:30-11 shift or 1:30-3:40 shift. Volunteers must be vaccinated.

Erik Friedman (Pleasant Ridge Principal)

Welcome to new Lyon principal, Stefanie. A big thanks to the PTA for your partnership. They've had a great start to the school year. Full day, every day is a wonderful change from last year at this time. Shield Testing will be starting next Thursday or the following Thursday. PR students should be more independent with testing logistics so no parent volunteers needed at PR at this time. The month of October will have a focus on bullying.

Parent Questions:

Erin Bretts asked if parents will get info on bullying initiative. Principal newsletter will include information for parents and resources. What is it, how do we support a child who is being bullied or is doing the bullied. Possibly the next PTA meeting we can go over this, and the school social workers may be able to join.

Suzanne Suss asked about a possible outdoor Halloween parade. At this time, no.

Katie Jones asked about times that Lyon needs volunteers. Mrs. Shefler will email out vaccination form to those interested in volunteering. Katie also mentioned the idea for a drive up benefit. Example; people could order full meal from Forza and a bottle of wine. Would still serve as a fundraiser if can't do full in person benefit.

Board Reports-

President - Welcome

Focus this year will be: How do we help support the community
Book fair will be virtual. Looking at a possible spring benefit at Valley Lo.
Having a parent night at Ten Ninety this Wednesday.
Will do teacher lunch/dinner for conferences again.

Treasurer -

We are expected to spend \$48,000 this year. Last year we spent about \$23,000. If you take out the money we spent to pay out grants, we spent approximately \$10,000. The PTA relies heavily on fundraisers but uncertain what can happen this year. Book Fair can't generate cash for the PTA since it's virtual. Two main focuses for fundraising are the Benefit and Membership. Budget was approved by PTA members present.

VP Community Engagement-

Parent Night Out at Ten-Ninety Brewery, tomorrow from 7-9pm; appetizers and cash bar.
Hoping to do more of these throughout the year. Food Trucks lined up for future dates too, in Lyon parking lot.

VP Room Parents-

Halloween Party guidelines- No parent volunteers for parties

Funds/Spending (google form)- Will be more proactive with tracking how class funds are spent
Teacher snack signup- every other week have parents drop off snacks to front office to show appreciation to staff

Membership-

Up to 203 Memberships! Goal is to get 300 families to register for the PTA. Membership gets you a paper directory

Book Fair -

Going to run a virtual fair from Nov 3- Nov 10. Could then distribute books before Thanksgiving. "Count down to your next new read" (space theme). LRC Directors said it would be beneficial, can renew ebook subscriptions. Sold 654 books last year. Total sales over \$5,000. In person sales were \$14,000 when held in person fair the year before.

Holiday Helper-

Last year had 65 families, almost 180 kids that received winter wear, gifts, and food for the holidays. Signup genius and letter coming out in the next week. There are a lot of large families this year so hoping to get groups of people to sponsor a family. Due date is Nov 30 for gifts and books so may be able to tie in with the book fair.

Email Crosbie Lind if want to get more involved. There will be a lot of openings on the board next year.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday 10/19 at 7:15pm on Zoom