

Lyon/Pleasant Ridge PTA Minutes
General PTA Business Meeting
January 13, 2015 9:15 AM
Lyon

Attendance: Karen Hitzeman, Natalie Jachtorowycz, Beth Hager, Alec Knight, Dana Palmer, Karen Posey, Anne Burke, Sharon Pratt, Dina Agarwal, Paris Raghian, Rebecca Richards, Natalie Stanzi, Catherine Gray, Ann Jankey, Shane Bill, Karen Friedman, Lauren Bauerschmidt, Kim Yagelski, Jamie Stevens, Marg Plante, Julia Marquardt, Marianne Albovias Hayes, Meg Costigan, Kari Bello, Alison Sipe, Brandy Isaac, Frank Rottman, Kevin Dorken

Officers Report –

President - Alison Sipe

1. PTA Council was cancelled. Next meeting 2/5
2. Read to Succeed - due feb 2. Kathleen Kelly
3. Lyon Winter Program avail on Dvd. \$15. Send into office. Deadline 23rd.
4. Thank you to
 - a. Benefit – Dina
 - b. Holly Hi and Michelle Lagen – lice checks
 - c. Kathleen Kelley – read
 - d. Bello/Costigan – today’s luncheon.

Vice President - Brandy Isaac

1. Empty Bowls – Lyon Service project coordinated by Mary Tapia. Event Thursday, March 5 at the Lyon school. Bowls (400-500) will be made by the students and for sale. and simple meal shared. All proceeds will go to Northfield Food Pantry.

Will need volunteers to make chicken noodle soup for the event.

Flyers will go home in backpacks in early February.

Treasurer Report – updated budget out.

Committee Chair Reports

Dad’s group – Alec Knight –

Science Fair 1/24th, 8:30 set up, still need 3-4 volunteers. 2/6 Family Movie night – Dolphin Tale 2.

PTA Grants – Karen Friedman

Nov call went out. Grant apps by 1/23. Come Jan 30th to review grants. 2/10 PTA approval. Encourage all to come and bring a friend.

Jump Rope For Heart

JRFH kick off last week. Feb 13th after school. If you want to volunteer, call Colleen.

Environmental Team – Jamie Stevens –

TREX going well. Lyon has 50lbs for Dec. PR has 30lbs. Nice competition. Volunteer Spot volunteer sign up to pick up bags. Still need help. Jan full. Still need Feb.

Student Needs – Karen Hitzeman and Natalie Jachtorowycz

Support Group switched to Jan. 21. Parent Needs Clinical Pscych coming who works with autistic kids. At Attea, open forum, 15 vendors, information on programs, etc. Feb 5th, 6:30-8. Called special needs parent forum.

Staff Appreciation – Dana Palmer

Breakfast at Lyon, Soup lunch is next Friday, 1/23. Still need volunteers for bread, water, etc. She sent out a volunteer list at meeting. Lyon breakfast Thursday, February 5th.

BREAK for PROJECT ZERO.

Cultural Enrichment – Beth Hager PR

Cancelled Dec event, working to reschedule. Tim/Mike give great presentation, inspiring – about individual differences. Working to reschedule Jan/Feb. March 27th, \$1,500 performance for free due to target grant. The Make 'em up. Part improv/writing, improv focus. In May 11th, Wheel of Wisdom coming. Maybe 1 more in April – music focus.

Benefit – Dina Agarwal, Kim Yagelski– Invites out 1/12. Unused raffle tickets can be sent back to school. All donations due by 1/23. Early bird special on ticket price.

Principals report

Kevin Dorken, Lyon – Empty Bowls project – March 5th. All clay donated. Integrating the hunger theme in all our classrooms. The memory project –1st graders, invite senior citizens in. He/she shares a story from their childhood. The kids recreate the story. Holy crap. Awesome. 2nd grade – visit art institute next week. Step Inside – selected artwork, step inside, jot down ideas, etc. 2nd grade show – May 15th. Universal Screening testing happening this week. Below 10 with windchill – kids are inside.

Frank Rottman, Pleasant Ridge– Starting to plan for following year already. Sending class placement mailings. The composition of the homerooms is critical. JRFH home room based. Want to maintain community in homeroom. Feb PTA newsletter will share homeroom topic discussions. Ie. How to communicate. Feb the 5th graders visit Springman/Attea. Ambassador program starting – student council facilitator – starting at 5th only. Greets guests, etc. represent school. Will

be trained. Is voluntary. Permission slip going out. Middle schools do all grade level.

Keyboards for PARCC testing arrive this week and experience starting. PARCC starts March 9th? Then again in May.