

2022-2023 Lyon / Pleasant Ridge PTA Meeting Minutes

General Meeting

Monday, September 19th

9:15 at Lyon in NEW Staff Lounge (NE corner of the school)

1. Introductions- Exec Board, General Board, and Attendees; sign in sheet passed around
2. Principal Comments
 - a. **Stefanie Shefler, Lyon Principal:** Welcomed all in attendance. School year is off to an exciting, normal start. School Improvement Planning is happening now, done via committee, uses data and also district areas of focus.
 - i. Academic goals = literacy, differentiation and small group work.
 - ii. SEL goals = Will use Panorama survey data and Trusted Adult survey again. Panorama surveys begin 9/27
 - iii. Data Days = grade level teams get together and look at how students have performed on Aimsweb to identify need for interventions

b. **Erik Friedman, PR Principal:** PR staff looks at data over the summer.

.Math growth data at PR is very strong, 60% of kids are meeting growth targets, math curriculum has been used for years. Reading data- want to work on differentiation in the classroom, Tier 1.

i. Emotional regulation is another big focus; 58% of students responded positively, which is concerning. Focus on problem solving skills, resolving conflicts. Pandemic had an impact on our kids socially and emotionally.

ii. Feels like a normal school year, very exciting.

iii. Questions asked about Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and the district ThoughtExchange.

Academically the schools' focus is on bringing up the bottom student group, closing gaps. Both principals encourage parents to call them if there are any concerns about what is being taught.

The emphasis on Equity can be defined as all students feeling represented at school.

ThoughtExchange goal was to get a pulse on the community. Schools think of this as "Windows Mirrors and Sliding Doors", so students can see into others' cultures/backgrounds while also seeing themselves as belonging at school. Goal is to prepare teachers to have those conversations, as they arise in the classroom.

3. Board Reports-

President -

.Welcome

i. Theme of year- "Building Back Our Community"

ii. Overview of what we hope to do

iii. Benefit chair needed- email Jessica Pritzker if interested

iv. PTA will provide teacher lunch/dinner for PT conferences

v. Looking ahead

a. **Treasurer -** President and past Treasurer presented

.Present proposed budget

1. Goal is to buy a spiritwear shirt for every student in both schools
2. Upping the assembly budget
3. Established a birthday book program in honor of Patty Wolfe

4. Set up a budget for Community Events chairs
5. Question about funds: PTA funds are solely parent raised

i. Vote for Approval: **Budget Approved**

b. VP Community Engagement- Megan Spathis

.Report on Parents Night Out on Curriculum Nights

1. Was hard to promote because class lists weren't released at that time
2. Met Machushla for PR, was great, loved the band and atmosphere
3. Lyon night was at Ten Ninety
4. Going forward, PTA/Schools need to promote more

i. Ideas for future events

1. Family event with kids
2. Possibly Bocce event at Pinstripes; coffee meetups, maybe Heinen's cafe
3. Grade level events a possibility

ii. Goal to have more events that are simple ways to meet in the community, not necessarily for fundraising

iii. Will lean on room parents to spread the word

c. VP Room Parents- Maria Stephans

.Halloween Party guidelines- no special protocols, 4 parent volunteers per classroom; Parade at Lyon is happening

i. Funds/Spending (google form)- not asking room parents to use this form anymore because chairs did not see much value in the info

ii. Question: Can we give room parents an idea of how much to spend percentage wise on areas like party supplies, teacher gift, etc?

iii. Idea: Room parents can do an amazon wish list for party planning

iv. Teacher snack weeks- principals agree teachers appreciate and the PTA will continue, sign up to come

d. Membership

.Where we are- up to 202 families, great but would love to see it grow

i. Can we do a thermometer sign outside the schools to encourage membership? Do we do a raffle or some sort of incentive?

e. Book Fair (Ashley Yosay)

.Will be back IN PERSON at Lyon! 10/20-10/22, Thursday-Saturday

1. Thursday kids will come through during the school day, and book fair open 3:30-maybe 8pm; Thursday night, pizza sales and Kona truck, principal will do a reading
2. Friday afternoon, popcorn and book sales 3:30-6:30pm
3. Saturday 9-12 Donuts/Coffee; may also sell Spiritwear there
4. Coloring contest sheet to come home
5. Will need volunteers, chairs will send out a sign up genius

f. Holiday Helper (Michelle Folkmann)

.Status report

1. 69 families, 198 kids participated in HH last year
2. Attempting to bring down commitment required by donors by partnering with Gelfand Foundation; more information to come

3. Middle of October expect families to be assigned
4. November 1st winterwear due; November 7th families pick up winterwear; November 29th gifts due, December 5th distribution

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