

Lyon/Pleasant Ridge PTA Minutes
October 14, 2014
General PTA Business Meeting
9:15am – 11:15am Pleasant Ridge LRC

In Attendance: Alec Knight, Beth Hager, Meg Costigan, Anne Burke, Sharon Pratt, Natalie Stanzi, Jennifer Preston, Wendy Ban, Karen Hitzeman, Natalie Jachtorowycz, Karen Posey, Paris Raghian, Rebecca Richards, Laura Olson, Dana Ward, Kim Yagelski, Bobbie Rubin, Shannon Marval, Shelley Ostric, Marianne Albovias, Julia Marquardt, Dina Agarwal, Gillian Murphy, Lauren Bauerschmidt, Jamie Stevens, Mandy Chiarieri, Kari Bello, Laura Smith, Tina Neuell, Audrey Larson, Frank Rottman, Kevin Dorken, Brandy Isaac, Alison Sipe, Maggie Rogula

Meeting Called to Order – 9 :25

Alison Sipe

Approval of the Minutes

Maggie Rogula

Motion to Approve – Julia Marquardt
Second – Meg Costigan

Officer's Reports

President

Alison Sipe

Thank You -

International Night chairs – Bethany Woods and Rachel Gilles

Directory Chairs – Aimee Walters and Shelley Reisenbigler. Directories are at the printer;

Membership database – Mandy Chiarieri

PTA Council Report-

There continue to be a lot of transportation issues. Mike Nicholson is staying on top of things. Please report any more bus issues to principals. Talked about Board of Ed. Caucus. How iPads are supporting learning - going into 4th year. 1st year select group of 300 students; now all students - over 5,000. No overall model on how it's being u used - individual by teacher.

Character Counts-

starts next week - 20th-24th.

GEF Fund Drive -

officially kicked off yesterday. Running thru mid-November. Goal is \$150,000. If you won't get a phone call.

donate soon, you
Phon-A-Thon is Nov. 11.

Amazon Smile

- can choose GEF. smile.amazon.com

Vice President

Brandy Isaac

Board of Education Caucus - purpose is to recruit, support and endorse candidates for Board of Ed. Comes together in Nov. and Dec. - volunteers come together to hear from candidates and discuss who should be slated/endorsed for the Board. Still looking for people to fill precincts. Can contact Brandy for information.

Treasurer

Anne Burke, Sharon Pratt

Committee Chair Reports

International Night

Rachel Gilles, Bethany Woods

Thank you for support. Estimate 800 people came through. Dr. Hall's gospel choir brought down the house. Thank you to all volunteers.

Spirit Wear**Gillian Murphy, Laura Smith**

Just finished first sw order. Lyon went really well. 169 orders. Did make a profit. Debating whether or not to sell at book fair. Suggested that we offer a red shirt for each school. Could be used for Jump Rope for Heart or Red Day.

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

The Techy Basin fall clean-up is coming Sunday, Nov. 2. Clean-up of the West Fork of the North Branch of Chicago River. Will provide clean-up supplies.

Walk/Bike to School - rescheduled for Friday, October 24 - weather-permitting

Directory**Aimee Walters, Shelley Reisenbigler**

Directory is at the printer. Directories plan to be delivered to schools week of 10/20. Got sponsors to cover most of printing costs.

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

Less than a month away. Theme is Sir Read A Lots Castle - Enter the Kingdom of Books. Collecting used books for Bernie's Book Bank. Bins will be at each school starting the week before book fair. Wimpy Kid pre-sale orders doing very well. Due Oct. 24. Sign-up Genius already out or volunteers to sign-up. Wed. night pizza night served by Mr. Rottman; Thursday "Sir Dorken" will be reading.

Holiday Helper**Liz DeMattia, Amy Eccleston**

Holiday Helper has kicked off. Last year had 50 families participate in the program. Many ways to help. Sponsor a family or go together with neighbor. OR sponsor a child. Donate food. Donate a grocery store gift certificate. Donate money. Program sponsors - Red Rooster, Einstein Bagels, Glenview Grind. Family Video - donate turkeys and box of food. Target was very helpful

Pack up party - Dec. 6 at 9:00.

Parent Education**Lauren Bauershmidt**

Parents in Partnership - Nov. 15 at Attea. Childcare is provided. Lauren Bondy and Jacobson - "Tools for Maintaining a Peaceful Family in a Stress-ful World."

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

REd Day is coming. Nov. 20. Kick off Nov. 3. Every school can do an essay or picture. Sponsored by each clusters' PTA and SNAP.

Parent Support - Nov. 13 at Youth Services - 9:30-11.**Benefit****Dina Agarwal**

February 21 at Pinstripes at 7:00. Theme Wild, Wild Midwest. Committee meeting is next week. Please share ideas/suggestions

with Dina.

Cultural Enrichment

Beth Hager, Molly Kuhn

Met with Dr. Jones to talk goals for assemblies. Trying to get a disability assembly, history assembly, music assembly, improv/acting

5 Assemblies - November, Jan., Feb., March, April, May

Dad's Group Liaison

Alec Knight

Dad's Breakfast Thursday morning

Friday Night Under the Lights - GBS Homecoming game -7:00

Ways and Means

Wendy Ban

Send in box tops

Heinens and Target - sign up a school

School Board Liaison - Sept

Laura Olson, Kim Yagelski

Change in math curriculum - move from "accelerated" math curriculum to "advanced" math. Presentations being held at schools.

Changes in testing - leaving ISAT; going to PARCC - going towards Common Core. Twice a year - March and May. Similar to NWEA. Going to be done on iPads. 90 minutes per test. Still evolving.

Mark your calendars - March 2015 - PTA meeting. Beth Tsoumas will come to discuss PARCC.

Attea 34Next - 3rd out of 4 meetings is Tuesday, October 21 7:00 at - Financial Landscape. Very important meeting. After 4th meeting, information/ideas/feedback will be presented to School Board.

4th mtg is Nov. 5.

34Next

Laura Olson

“Jump Rope For Heart – It’s Past, Present and Plans for the Future” Presented by Dr. Jones

Principals’ Report

Frank Rottman, Kevin Dorken

Frank - Focus on Communication. Let Frank know if there are concerns. Website is going to be updated and provide more information (updated calendar, PARCC info...). Don't wait on problems/concern - reach out to teacher or Frank. Recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness month. Wearing pink on Wednesday. Staff members will wear ribbons. Suggested by students.

Kevin - Senate Bill 16 - will learn about it at 34Next. Important potential bill.

News of Lyon - in the heart of curriculum/routine. MAPP/NWEA - primary started getting it in 1st & 2nd grade; kindergarten gets STAR. Used to determine growth for student, grade level, school and district. Teachers looking at how it can form their instruction. Theme at primary - more use of instructional text (common core).

Updates - Mary Tapia's blackboards (from grant) Thank you for approving - Choose Kind.

11:15am

Meeting Adjourned

Alison Sipe

Calendar Overview

- * Oct. 16 Take Your Dad to Breakfast, PR 7:15am
- * Oct. 20-24 Character Counts week and canned food drive
- * Nov 3-4 Holiday Helper Outerwear Drop Off
- * Nov 6 PTA Council, 9:15am, Admin Bldg
- * Nov 10-Dec 5 Holiday Helper Food Drive
- * Nov 12-13 Fall Book Fair, Lyon
- * Nov 15 Parents in Partnership, Attea 8:30am - 12:30pm
- * Nov 18 PTA Meeting, LY, 7:00pm *evening meeting*
- * Dec 1-3 Holiday Helper Gifts Drop Off
- * Dec 6 Holiday Helper pack-up party