

Lyon/Pleasant Ridge PTA Minutes
General PTA Business Meeting
May 19, 2015
9:15 am PR LRC

Attendance: Maggie Rogula, Brandy Isaac, Alison Sipe, Julia Marquardt, Marianne Albovias, Natalie Stanzi, Dana Palmer, Beth Hager, Tammy Lundal, Tarpey O'Rourke, Karen Hitzeman, Natalie Jachtrowycz, Ann Jankey, Julia Marquardt, Sharon Pratt, Dina Agarwal, Halleh Akbarnia, Marg Plante, Paris Raghian, Jamie Stevens, Jehad Jarad, Mandy Chiarieri, Kathy Lawler, Kari Bello, Karen Friedman, Anne Burke, Shane Bill

TIME	AGENDA	
9:15am	Call Meeting to Order	Alison Sipe
	Approval of the Minutes	Maggie Rogula
	Please review minutes on website prior to meeting start	

Motion to Approve - Sharon Pratt
Second - Halleh Akbarnia

9:20am	Officer's Reports	
	President	Alison Sipe

PTA Council - Beth Tsoumas presented a new math program that has been proposed to the Board. Pending Board approval. Have a math committee working on it. Proposing new resources K-5 - Everyday Math by McGraw Hill (updated); 6-8 - DIGITS by Pearson. Will hear about it at Curriculum Night next fall and parent information nights.

Math Placement Identification - are discussing.

Mark Walther was there to thank PTAs for additional support for the speakers for FAN (Family Action Network). Hopefully relationship will continue and will bring more speakers to our community.

GEF - Grants approved this Spring. Granted \$170,000 this year. Will be announced in Spring newsletter.

PTA Council will be publishing a Thank You ad for all businesses that have contributed to our PTAs this year. Let Alison know if you have any businesses included on the list.

Need many volunteers this week for Book Fair on Wed. and Thursday and for Lyon PE bike unit.

School Board Recap - Approvals for summer construction projects and voting in new President. Welcomed new board members

Many retiring staff - honoring Mrs. Riskin at Literature Alive on Thursday. Lyon staff - Mrs. Patitucci, Dr. Hall, Mrs. Raben and Mrs. Brown - will celebrate them before Open House

Don't forget to complete D34 Parent Survey. Deadline in next Wednesday

Treasurer

Anne Burke. Sharon Pratt

Budget Report
Expense Reimbursements

Please get any expenses in by June 5th at the latest. Any expenses coming in after that will be applied to next year's budget.

At a positive \$19,749.21. Budgeted to have a negative. Some expenses still coming through. Will not hit our negative balance.

9:35am Committee Chair Reports

Teacher Appreciation Dana Palmer, Shari Isaacs

Thank you so much for gift cards, lunches, help. Staff so appreciative. Room parents please contribute to fund for non-teaching staff

**Fifth Grade Picnic Tammy Lundal, Tarpey
O'Rourke**

In great shape. Hoping for good weather. Having a motivational speaker. PR Palooza. Kids getting lanyards and "tickets" for the day. Have volunteers. Need water donations.

Spring Book Fair Shane Bill, Natalie Stanzi

Very excited for book fair. Please stay and help set up. Also looking for volunteers to sign up and work Wed. & Thurs. Classes will be coming through to preview book fair. Dan Gutman going to be there.

Literature Alive Laura Jenny, Kathy Lawler

Dan Gutman - 6:30-7:45 Thursday night. All kids have read Mission Unstoppable; License to Kill. Doing activities surrounding that.

School Supplies Marianne Albovias

May 8 was the deadline to order. Have 363 families order. Was able to extend Lyon deadline for K-2. Deadline is June 8. Email Marianne if you missed ordering.

**Student Needs Parent Liaison Karen Hitzman, Ann
Jankey**

Luau coming up. Smoothie machine will assist Mr. Dorken and Mr. Rottman in the Tiki Hut. For all special needs classrooms at Lyon and PR. Lots of games, food, music. Over 60 have RSVP's yes. May 29th - 6-8.

Planning through SNAP 34 - October 1st welcome gathering. "Who's Who in D34". Disability awareness activity. Admin of 34 will come and introduce themselves and their roles. Will have an SELI presentation as well.

RED Day is coming in November. Will be changing it up for middle-school. Something mult-media. And emphasizing RED Day is Everyday.

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

Thank you for all of the TREX recycling help. We got 2nd place. Got 2 planters - 1 for each school. Tower garden doing great.

Cultural Enrichment **Beth Hager**
Handicap This! presentation was at PR yesterday. Kids were very interested. Very well-received. Have a little \$ left over - may get a DJ for Field Day - June 10

Karen Friedman - PTA Grant Update –
3rd Grade teachers wanted 180 copies of "Chocolate Touch", but 4th grade is using same book. Would like to change their grant to a Storyline subscription. PTA exec approved this change.

10:05am **Guest Speakers: Toby Pleszkun, PR Enrichment
Teacher**
"Avoiding the Summer Slide" - presentation on PR website and PTA website

10:35am **Principals' Report** **Frank Rottman, Kevin Dorken**

Frank - Esther Storrie is new librarian.

7 sections of 3rd grade. Claire Mahoney is joining as 3rd grade teacher.

4th grade - 7 sections - Lindsey Daudlein is moving to 4th grade TREE. Kate Grobason will be a new 4th grade teacher. First year teacher.

5th Grade - 8 sections. Spending a lot of time finding a 5th grade teacher. Still interviewing. Hopefully will be announced in July mailing.

Comparison between and play and school. End of school year is similar to closing of a play.

Have a wonderful summer and thank you for a wonderful year!

Kevin -

Staffing - New LRC director - Sarah Stiger. Coming from Chicago. Montessori background.

Nancy Brown retiring - Student Services Administrator. Maggie Wade - new hire. Coming from Arlington Heights

2 Kindergarten teachers - Erin Lappe will come to K and Heather Durnault from Westbrook. Projecting 6 sections. 10 kids away from a 7th section.

1st grade - going down to 7 sections.

2nd grade - going up to 8 sections. New hire will be announced in summer newsletter.

2nd grade show was fantastic. Very touching and very inclusive.

Great place to work. Very lucky to work in this district with these parents, staff and students. Have a great summer.

11:00am 2015-16 Slate Approval and Welcome – Brandy Isaac

2 open positions for next year - Cultural Enrichment at Lyon. Great opportunity. Work with Music and Fine Arts department. Benefit Chair - Let Brandy know if you are interested.

Motion to approve next year's slate - Halleh Akbarnia
Second the motion - Meg Costigan

Tracy Reeder will be Vice-President next year.

11:10am Thank You and Goodbyes – Alison Sipe

We have accomplished so much this year. It has been a privilege. Members have worked so hard to bring in money to help sponsor the wonderful programs that we are able to provide. Thank you for all of the support.

11:20am Meeting Adjourned for End of Year Luncheon

Calendar Overview

- *May 20-21 Spring Book Fair, PR
- *May 21 Literature Alive, PR
- *June 2 Kindergarten/Incoming Family Social, LY, 10am
and 1:30 pm
- *June 4 Lyon Open House
- *June 5 5th Grade Picnic, Cole Park
- *June 5 Lyon Field Day, LY (rain date 6/8)
- *June 10 Pleasant Ridge Field Day, PR
- *June 10 Last Day of School