

Lyon/Pleasant Ridge PTA Agenda
April 15, 2014
General PTA Business Meeting
9:15 a.m. Lyon

In Attendance: Mandy Chiarieri, Allison Sipe, Ann Burke, Maggie Rogula, Karen Hitzeman, Kimberly Yagelski, Karen Friedman, Natalie Jachtorowycz, Marg Plante, Marianne Alborias, Jen Chastain, Dina Silver, Dina Agarwal, Rachel Gilles, Sue Patton, Laura Jenny, Sharon Bux, Halleh Akbarnia, Laura Olson, Jehad Jarad, Andie Harrigan, Kevin Dorken, Frank Rottman

Meeting Called to Order – 9:25 – Mandy Chiarieri

Minutes Approval:

Motion to Approve – Karen Hitzeman
Second - Dina Agarwal

Officer Reports:

President - Mandy Chiarieri

Thank You's - Thank You in advance for all the Spring/end-of-year activities going on - Book Fair, Teacher App., Mosaic, 5th grade picnic, etc.

Book Club - FAN/GEF - Speaker - Hilary Friedman Book about competitive culture - parent book chat and author discussion

2014-2015 PTA Registration - switching to online registration through Volunteer Spot. Can access through the website. Eliminates district admin. having to do it. Will still do paper forms or checks for people who want to. Are encouraging all to register online.

Vice President - Alison Sipe

PTA Council - Meeting held last week. All clusters encouraged to complete 5 Essentials Survey. Provides information on what district is doing well and areas of growth.

School Board Meetings – minutes from the school board meetings are available on the district website.

2014-15 Slate - reaching out to current board members to see if interested in continuing role or looking for another way to get involved.

Current openings are:

5th Grade Picninc
Fall Book Fair Asst.
Cultural Enrich. Lyon
Health & Safety - Lyon
Environmental - Lyon
Vice President

Treasurer - Anne Burke

Benefit - Income - \$91,600; Expenses \$38,500. A few more expenses coming in - credit card fees - approx. \$1100.

Close to end of year - expenses coming. Grants being utilized - reimbursements going out for that; Spring Book Fair...

Let us know your budget needs for next year

Committee Chair Reports

Special Needs Parent Liason – Karen Hitzeman

Red Day - April 30. Respect Differences Day. Get the kids aware of differences in everything - not just special needs. All differences - eye color, food, etc. District-wide. Primary doing posters; intermediate choice between poster or 100-word essay and middle school doing essay. Sponsored by PTA Council and SNAP committee. Winners will get lunch with principal and certificate.

Next Parent Support Group meeting tomorrow.
Reintroduced evening meeting. 9:30-11 at Glenview
Youth Services.

Teacher Appreciation – Brandy Isaac

All lunches for staff are covered. If still interested in helping,
can donate gift cards for raffles that week.

Environmental Team – Marg Plante

Earth Week is coming. April 22 and 23. Walk/Bike to school
day Friday, 4/25. Sidewalk chalking at recess, banner
making, composting worms from Wagner Farm,
recycling games during recess. Lyon recess - 12-1. PR - 11:30 -
1:30. Family questionnaire on being green.

TREX plastic bag recycling ends next week.

Cultural Enrichment - looking for volunteers for mosaic
project at PR

5th Grade Picnic - Dina Silver

5/30. What Does the 5th Grader Say? Flash mob with
teachers, pep rally with "alumni". At Cole Park. Have
lunch, play games, dance

T-shirt orders were due Friday.

School Supplies –

currently going on. Orders due May 9. No extensions. Send
to mentor families to remind their mentees.

Spring Book Fair - Shane Bill, Tarpey O'Rourke

Wed. 5/21 & 22 at PR. Coordinates with Literature Alive.
Collecting gently used books for donation. Will be asking for
volunteers to help with book fair. Especially looking
for dads to help with set-up. Set up will take place Tuesday, 5/20
after PTA meeting.

Literature Alive – Laura Jenny

Author is Eric Rohmann. Known for his illustrations. Will tie into art with Ms. Astorino. Do a per grade competition for gently used books. Books will be donated to Bernie's Book Bank in Lake Forest. Creating poems, drawing pictures, putting together a story - kids who participate will be entered into a drawing to have lunch with the author.

School Board Liaison – Laura Olson

Moody's Rating - last rating was 2008. Was AAA district. Only 20 in state have AAA. Came back with strong fiscal management. Cost shift may be coming with declining property values.

Transportation contract ends this summer. Current company raising rate 40%. Will be bidding out other companies.

Ways & Means – Sue Patton

Heinen's opens May 7. Will have a rewards program for schools. Get reward cards on Heinen's website and pick your schools.

Principals Report -

Kevin Dorken – Socio-Emotional Learning Curriculum

How we came around to this curriculum. Realized so much emphasis on core curricular areas. Needed more in social-emotional learning. Committee is looking at needs and building a foundation for this curriculum. Working on things to meet needs now. Committee will be working on curriculum for next couple of years, but will implement strategies throughout.

Frank Rottman – Socio-Emotional Learning Curriculum

Trying to build a sense of community. Guide the kids to make positive choices. Respect each other. Mutual Kindness. Ethical behavior must be taught. Daily message given on consistent basis

- morning announcements. Teachers greeting kids in hallway/at door. Build capacity - kids know it's the right thing to do without being monitored. Look at structure of every setting - classroom, lunchroom, transitions...

Teach about how to address a difficult situation - whole group, grade-wise, classroom setting, one on one. Interactions must be positive

Meeting Adjourned - 10:35 a.m.