

Lyon/Pleasant Ridge General PTA Meeting
March 21, 2017
7:00-8:30pm, Pleasant Ridge

Attendees: Hallah Akbarnia, Jamie Stevens, Kevin Dorken, Mark Walther, Shane Bill, Anne Binney, Rachel Gilles, Eva Ginis, Hayley Gargula, Beth Tsoumas, Gail Weiss, Tracy Reeder, Sharon Bux, Kara Kline, Elyse Ventura, Tricia Hall, Kristi Mariani, Jennifer Johnson, Megan Share, Susana Salcedo

Time:	Agenda Item	Responsibility
7:00pm	Call Meeting to Order	Tracy Reeder
	Approval of the Minutes Anne Binney motioned to approve minutes, Rachel Gilles seconded	Gail Weiss
7:05pm	Officer's Reports President	Tracy Reeder
	Thank You's Thank you to Anne Binney and Whitney Langas for all the time and energy they put into making a fun, festive benefit. One of our biggest turnouts in years. So many people had such a wonderful time. Thank you to Laura Floyd for getting volunteers and oranges for JRFH despite never having attended the event herself!	Tracy Reeder
	PTA Board Nominations Executive Board for 2017-18: President - Sharon Bux 1st VP - Anne Binney 2nd VP- Maria Stephan 3rd VP - Dana Palmer 4th VP - Shari Issacs Secretary - Gail Weiss Treasurer - Kara Kline Asst Treasurer - Evelyn Caliendo	Sharon Bux
	Open Postions Art Enrichment - x 2 Benefit - x 2 Book Fair - PR Spring x 2 Electronic/Paper Directory - 1 5th Grade Picnic - 1 International Night Asst - 1 or more Literature Alive - 1 or 2 Membership Database - 1 Parent Educator - 1 or 2 Student Needs @ LY and PR - 1 per school	
	Board of Education Recap	Maria Stephan

Finance Status

Kara Kline

Benefit- \$43,000. Budget will be pretty much on target.

7:15pm

Spanish in the Elementary Schools Update

Presentation by Beth Tsoumas, Asst. Superintendent of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction

Kara Kline called district this fall asked if is there any way to start Spanish in the schools (K-5).

Beth shared what language programs already exist in some of the buildings currently. The district needs to have these so that they compliant. 20 or more bilingual students in a building they have to program offered. Goal is that bilingual students will be more fluent in English by 5th grade. Mongolian would be the next language to have a program D34.

See global language study from her survey/study.

They looked at surrounding area districts. We are large at D34. Some of the other districts offering language are much smaller then D34. Some of the school days at the other school were longer then ours. Time to fit in might be a challenge. Budgets are a concern, new staff, overall finance status are also to be considered.

7:35pm

Second Step Program Overview

Presentation by Hayley Gargula, Pleasant Ridge Psychologist, and Eva Ginis, Pleasant Ridge Social Worker

Second Step is a social emotional learning program to help improve student outcomes. Developed by Committee for Children, a non for profit agency. All D34 children will receive this curriculum. It was approved though the school board. It is running on a pilot right now so it isn't currently consistent throughout schools or classrooms. Some class rooms have done more lessons then others. Starting next year, every student will be getting Second Step instruction regularly. Each teacher gets a kit for the lesson. K-3 will get one set with cards and posters, 4th grade and up get a binder and a video component. Students receive 30-45 minutes once a week and there are other activities that can be done for about 5 minutes a day. There are also home links to work on with parent at home. There are some codes for <http://secondstep.org> for parental access to program. You should have received at beginning of year but are listed on presentation. **See PTA website for presentation.

Eva has been working in D34 for 11 year and social/emotional learning has been state requirement for 15 years and now finally we have a program and curriculum for social emotional learning.

8:00pm

Committee Chair Reports – Recent Events

Benefit

Anne Binney, Whitney Langas

Thank you for all the volunteers. I think everyone had fun. It brought everyone together. Great evening.

Jump Rope for Heart

Laura Floyd

Jump Rope for Heart raised \$52,381 for the American Heart Association. The Happy Heart Award went to Mrs. Kirsch's class and the Most Participants were in Mrs. Hoye's class.

8:10pm

Committee Chair Reports – Upcoming Events

School Supplies

Rebecca Richards

Finalizing lists of the supplies. Order forms will be out after break and sent via e-mail blast.

Spiritwear – Lyon & PR

Gillian Murphy, Whitney Langas

All will ordered online now and we will have new items available. Order information flyers will go home after break and info will also be emailed out.

Environmental

Sarah Airola, Jamie Stevens

Eddie is up and thriving at Lyon. Edible Eddy has been growing great and harvested six times, one time by Mrs. Parker's 1st graders. Crayon and marker drive is going and boxes are schools. Earth week Starts April 15th.

Cultural Enrichment

Cynthia Reeder, Natalie Stanzi

At PR-The Science Alliance will be putting on two assemblies at PR on April 20th during Earth Week. Natalie has worked with Tommie Arens at the district and other staff members to tailor the assembly to common core, next generation science standards, and Earth Week. Teachers are currently signing up for the assemblies.

At Lyon will have in house artist. April assembly will be TDB

Debra Gelfand Fund

Kristi Mariani

Looks like we will have the movie night next year. Just too much going on to plan it now and no Friday afternoons to work it out now. Will probably be during the winter months.

Spring Book Fair/Literature Alive

Tricia Hall, Holly Higgins

Book Fair at PR will be May 17-18. May 18th will be Literature Alive. Food trucks on will be there on 18th—Little Louies, a taco truck and a cupcake truck. We will have a teacher picks table (teacher book requests). After May PTA meeting will be set up day so please stay and help.

Troops Collection Week

Kara Kline, Marg Plante, Kristi Mariani

We are going to be doing a Troops care packages collection. The week of Memorial Day there will be care packages per home room. Sending info home with parents so that we can send in goods for the care packages.

Staff Appreciation Week

Kaylee Durow, Rachel Gilles

Will start the week of May 1st. Looking at the theme. Want to shake things up. Maybe we can do a food trucks (instead of food delivery), maybe workout classes before or after school. Next meeting will have sign up sheet. Maybe chair messages for staff.

8:30pm

Principals' Report

Kevin Dorken, Lyon Principal

Erik Friedman, will become the next principal at PR. He was approved last night at meeting. Good guy and will fit in well here at PR. Kevin knows him already professionally.

3rd week of April — story bus arrives arranged by Erin Lappe.

Starting to prepare for class placement after break in April.

Benefit was fun and amazing.

Memory project is in progress and it is so wonderful to see the children and seniors interact.

Mark Walther, PR Interim Principal

Benefit was SUPURB! Thank you!

Last night was the parent meeting for middle schools (for 5th grade parents).

April 5th—parent input forms for placement mailed out and due April 28th.

April 19th at 9am or 5pm—parent meetings incoming 3rd graders.

PARCC testing will be right after the break starting on Wed 4/5. Total of 5 days of testing. Give kids good nights sleep and good breakfast and give them positive encouragement. PARCC is a mandatory test.

April 20th—No homework night, district wide.

For 5th grade—took science test last week. Human growth and development (Robert Crown) programs went well.

Report cards went home last week.

Update from Tracy on PR: Drain tile at PR will be fixed this spring. Patrick lead the way on that. Patrick will be purchasing 2 game carts for each classrooms for indoor recess. Please donate any gently used games

8:45pm

Meeting Adjourned

Tracy Reeder

Next Meeting Tues, May 18th – General PTA Meeting, 9:15am @LY