

Lyon/Pleasant Ridge PTA
General PTA Business Meeting
February 10, 2015
9:15 a.m. PR LRC

TIME
9:15am

AGENDA

Call Meeting to Order Alison Sipe
Approval of the Minutes Maggie Rogula

Motion to Approve – Tarpey O’Rourke
Second the motion – Gail Weiss

9:20am

Officer’s Reports

President

Alison Sipe

PTA Council - meeting was last week. 34Next recommendations. Mike Nicholson was at the meeting and provided a hand out of recommendations. See Alison if you would like a copy. District 34 has launched a new site - "Our Story" - as a way to communicated a little bit more about the district. 3 Sections - Financial, Student Achievement and Strategic Plan - glenview34.org

Talked about transportation and change to Alltown and it's challenges. Only 2 routes remain without a permanent driver. Driver attendance has averaged 96% in Nov. and Dec. Working to implement a GPS system to track the busses in-house, so don't have to rely on Alltown to find the busses. Working on a FAQ handout that will be in registration packets for next year.

Board of Ed. election event - Sunday, March 15. League of Women Voter's holding a candidate forum at Lakeview Room and the Glenview Park Center from 3-4 for District 34. We have 4 candidates up for election slated by the caucus. One other person is running.

Thank Yous to:

Shari Isaacs and Dana Palmer - for organizing the staff appreciation events! Soup lunch at end of January and Breakfast at Lyon and

Beth Hager and Molly Kuhn - Cultural Enrichment events

9:30am

Committee Chair Reports

Jump Rope for Heart

Colleen MacKimm

This Friday - need a lot of volunteers for the event. Need people to cut/slice fruit, distribute fruit, rope turners and crowd control. Event should be done by 5:00. Money is due on Friday. Need volunteers to count money as week after the event. 1-2:30, 2:30-4:30, 4:30-5:00.

Student Needs Parent Liaison **Karen Hitzeman, Natalie Jachtowycz**

Last week had a Parent Forum - was well-attended - vendors, speakers
Regular meeting is tomorrow

Benefit **Dina Agarwal**

Things are coming together. Working on booklets. Will be looking for volunteers to help set up at Pinstripes the day of the event - around 3:00.

Debra Gelfand **Marg Plante**

Had a committee mtg. Jan 29, have \$127, 789 for the district.
For 2015-2016, the fund will be celebrating their 25th anniversary. Will do a fundraiser with quarters. Fund used to help families in need.

Empty Bowls **Shelley Reisenbigler, Rosanna Peterson**

Update from Brandy - should have received an invite in backpack from Lyon. Idea to teach children about hunger, making a difference. Tickets are selling. Looking for donations of water. Seeking volunteers to make an "easy" chicken noodle soup recipe. (recipe provided) Will serve chili, tomato basil and homemade chicken noodle. Needs volunteers to be onsite the night of event. Thursday, March 5 - 5:15-7:45.

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

Scheduled for Friday, June 5 at Cole Park. "#PR2015. Teaching Sixth Grade by Storm". Will need 55-60 volunteers to help things run smoothly on day of event. Looking for speaker/entertainment for pep rally. Send ideas to Tarpey or Tammy

School Supplies **Marianne Albovias, Shannon Marvel**

Finalizing the list and letter for Kindergarten registration. Other grades currently revising the lists.

Staff Appreciation **Dana Palmer, Shari Isaacs**

Held a soup lunch at PR - great success. 8 different soups, grilled cheese, desserts

Last Thursday did a breakfast at Lyon. Thank you to all who helped.
Staff Appreciation Week will be in April

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

Lyon - 105 lbs., PR - 112.7 lbs., February - Lyon at 13, PR at 11
Starting to work on Earth Week - mid-April, show kids how to recycle, something with electric cars/hybrid

School Board Liaison **Beth Pastor (January meeting),
Kim Yagelski (Feb meeting)**

Beth Pastor attended Jan. board meeting - Edco - past through years have

been compiling walk through data.. after every walk through, principals provided feedback to teacher. Unique to our schools - not many districts to this.

Snow Day Make-up dates - discussed doing that high school does – building extra day at end of holidays to use if needed.

Demographic report - purpose of report to monitor changes in student population and if educational practices have changed appropriately. No significant shifts have occurred.

9:50am Grants

Karen Friedman

Reviewed the grant process.

PTA targeted a \$16,500 investment. 11 grants received \$21,427 in requests.

Principals, parents, PTA Exec Board reviewed and ranked requests

Motion to approve grants - Sharon Pratt
Second – Halleh Akbarnia

All in favor

10:15am Principals' Report

Frank Rottman, Kevin Dorken

Frank Rottman - Big thank you for the efforts that went into the grant process. Grants that were approved have a direct impact on learning. We appreciate the time and effort and funds that went into the process.

PARCC - have been thinking about it at PR since September. How to prepare staff and students for the exam. What resources, time is needed? Since November, no big changes to PARCC. CPS has opted out of PARCC. We are going to give the PARCC test. Think it is a good test for children - will provide useful data. If we don't follow-through and give test, may cost district, state \$ in federal funds. Have created embedded lessons and tests based on PARCC format. Are we teaching to the test? Common Core teaches to the test...

Keyboarding - is done through the curriculum. Teachers asking students to type using keypads. Grade levels are sharing the key pads.

Testing was rigorous. Teachers creating good environment for testing.

Difficult to assess data because districts opting out, use of technology for testing. Preparing the teachers and students and encouraged to do the best they can.

How are we going to continue to measure student growth - will still do NWEA in spring.

More information on PARCC on website

Kevin Dorken - Lyon

This week is Random Acts of Kindness week - schoolwide

Social-Emotional Committee

Follow-up to RED Day - how do we keep it going beyond the day. Refer to RED Pledge - Lion with red shirt is going to travel to rooms to "catch" students doing good... "Rojo" (Clyde "Rojo" Lion). Will move from classroom to classroom...

10:45am Meeting Adjourned Alison Sipe

Next Meeting is March 17 at Lyon @ 9:15 - Beth Tsoumas or Molly will be coming to discuss PARCC

Calendar Overview

- ***Feb 11** Parent Support Group, Glenview Youth Services, 9:30am
- ***Feb 13** Jump Rope For Heart, PR, 2:30 – 4:30pm
- ***Feb 19** Incoming Kindergarten Registration, LY, 4:30 - 7:00pm
- ***Feb 20** 4th Grade Musical at PR
- ***Feb 21** PTA Annual Benefit, 7:00pm-Midnight at Pinstripes
- ***Mar 5** Empty Bowls Service Project, LY
- ***Mar 12** Principals' Coffee, PR, 9:30 – 11:00am
- ***Mar 17** **Next PTA Meeting, Lyon, 9:15am**