

Lyon/Pleasant Ridge PTA Agenda
March 18, 2014
General PTA Business Meeting
7:00 pm Lyon

In Attendance: Mandy Chiarieri, Allison Sipe, Anne Burke, Maggie Rogula, Mike Nicholson, Lisa Doyle, Tarpey O'Rourke, Shane Bill, Barb Hill, Karen Hitzeman, Gloria Pedrelli, Cindy Hackl, Kathy Lawler, Brandy Isaac, Kimberly Yagelski, Karen Friedman, Kevin Dorken, Frank Rottman

Meeting Called to Order - Alison Sipe

Minutes Approval:

Motion to Approve - Karen Friedman
Second - Kim Yagelski

Officer Reports:

President - Mandy Chiarieri

Thank You's - Huge thanks to Lisa and Dina for awesome benefit, to all who attended, bid

PTA Council - Maximizing how PTAs collect funds for different things, do registration, etc.

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. Will have a rep from GSB come and demonstrate ways to efficiently manage funds.

Vice President - Alison Sipe

2014-15 Slate - emails going out after Spring Break to see if people are interested in continuing in their roles, switching roles or phasing out. Please send any referrals for people who want to get involved to Alison

Treasurer - Anne Burke

Distributed overview of budget - snapshot of where we are

Benefit - \$11,000 does not include money made the night of the event. Waiting for numbers to come in for that

Fall Book Fair - received check from Scholastic - \$5,100

Expenses - let Anne know if you have any questions;
programming expenses will be coming in
Budget to come in at a -\$17,000

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.

Jump Rope for Heart - Colleen MacKimm –
raised \$65,000. Huge success.

Benefit - Lisa Doyle

Raised approx. \$55,000. Closing in on final numbers.

Teacher Appreciation - Brandy Isaac

- Holding it in April. Week of events to say thank you.
Surprise gifts, raffles, catered lunch. Notes from home.

Requesting donations to help with the week - raffle items, etc. Let Brandy know if you would like to help.

Environmental Team –

plastic bag recycling continues until end of April

Earth Week - April 21-25. Will be looking for volunteers

Fifth-Grade Picnic –

Theme "What does the fifth-grader say". DJ booked.

Giving back project - will collect gently used backpacks and books to donate to schools with need

School Supplies - Schedule set. Ordering dates - April 1-May 9. Flyer going home after spring break. There will be no TREE kits. Kits by grade only.

Spring Book Fair - Shane Bill, Tarpey O'Rourke

Will coincide with Literature Alive. Will start soliciting volunteers in April. May 21-22. If books can be delivered on May 20, PTA meeting that day. Can help after luncheon.

Literature Alive –

will be an author/illustrator in residence. Eric Rohmann. Lives in Oak Park. May 22. Will work with kids during the day. Will be there to sign books that night with Bill B. (poet) and some musicians.

School Board Liaison - Kim Yagelski

Board Mtg. - Proposed budget guidelines - reviewed budget, expenditures - \$350,000 k-8 science and social studies curriculum.

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.

Report on Operations - building capacity. Not safety capacity - educational capacity. Different projects going on over the summer.

Art Abrego spoke on Safety and Security - eliminated the SRO in favor of TOA (teacher on assignment). Tracking and looking at types of infractions - disciplinary or educational. Talked about 5 Essentials Survey - Outlined the scores - showed strong performance. Students reported about feeling safe - 97-98% felt safe. Nice reflection of character counts standards.

Cultural Enrichment - Gloria Pedrelli

Getting ready to start mosaic at PR. Shared draft of mosaic. Will start April 7. Will need volunteers April 21 during the school day. Will be completed by May 30.

Mike Nicholson - State of the District

Principals Report -

Kevin Dorken - Cultural Enrichment at Lyon - tomorrow Aaron Reynolds (author) visiting, talking with kids, etc. "Creepy Carrots". Get to ask questions, interact with an author. Today and last week - 2nd graders went to Art Institute. Kids focused on message artist was conveying about the place in the artwork. First grade all day experienced an artist-in-residence Epic Improv - with an improv artist in drama class. Last Friday, amazing choir from Czech Republic - boys - performed in assembly.

Report cards went home on Monday. Haven't redone report cards to align with Common Core, yet. Letter went home with report cards about this on Monday.

Frank Rottman - Starting to look at schedule for next year. Class placements for next year. Will be requesting input from parents. Want to create more transparency and less anxiety. 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade parents will be receiving information from PR about class placements, requesting feedback, etc.

Continuing with anti-teasing/bullying. Color for next month is purple. Every week addresses anti-bullying/teasing and share messages. Socio/Emotional committee will be sending out a survey on how students and staff feel it is going.

Addressing running in the hallway at the end of the day.

Meeting Adjourned - 8:55 pm