

Lyon/Pleasant Ridge PTA Agenda
September 17, 2013
General PTA Business Meeting
9:15am - 11:00am Lyon LRC

in Attendance: Mandy Chiarieri, Alison Sipe, Noelle Pontarelli (guest speaker), Dilshad Tajuddin, Dina Agarwal, Kerri Bels, Cindy Robbins, Alec Knight, Marg Plante, Nora Orr, Dana Ward, Gloria Pedrelli, Frank Rottman, Rachel Gilles, Anne Burke, Cindy Hackl, Shari Isaacs, Dana Palmer, Paris Kaghian, Jen Chastain, Mara Caplan Pierce, Andie Harrigan, Karen Friedman, Marianne Albovias, Julie Sisto, Nazzi Khadahari, Halleh Akbarnia, Jihad Jarad, Lara Andersen, Laura Jenny, Wendy Ban, Rebecca Wills, Amy Eccleston, Sally Claffey, Laura Olson, Laura Bauerschmidt, Anne Carreon, Meg Costigan, Natalie Jachtorowycz, Sharon Bux, Jill Nottage

Mandy Chiarieri called the meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report

- Cindy Hackl reviewed the budget
- Meg Costigan motioned to approve
- Gloria Pedrelli seconded the motion

Reimbursement procedures

- Anne Burke will be at events to provide petty cash, etc.
- Cindy Hackl will handle deposits, entering info to QuickBooks
- Form is on PTA website
 - o Complete form, attach receipts and drop at school office in PTA mailbox
 - o Turnaround will be quick

Website - Check out brand new website. Thanks to Cynthia Garcia!

Thank You's

- School supplies already set for next year
 - o Online sales in April and May
- Karen Posey mentor program – thanks to those who volunteered
- Halleh Akbarnia and Michele Langenbach for lice check
- Volunteer coordinators
- Spiritwear sales
- Cynthia Garcia for website
- Lara Froehlich Andersen for chess
- Kim Kay for Global Language

PTA Council

- Monthly meeting held at Admin building
- PTA pres and VP from all clusters
- District personnel (Brett Clark, Mike Nicholson, etc)
- At least one principal
- Reps from Debra Gelfand, Character Counts

- CC Food Drive: 10/21-25
 - o PTA already has reps to help
- Parents in Partnership Nov. 16th at Attea
- Mike gave update on District
 - o Elaborated on Schoollook that was mailed in summer
- Beth Tsoumas gave overview of Common Core State Standards
 - o Let Mandy know if you have any questions
- Debra Gelfand Fund
 - o Raises money to support any family in need in the district
 - o Work closely with social workers
 - o Selling coupon books for Carson's

Principals Coffee

- October 10 at Lyon at 9:30
- Open forum
- No agenda
- All are welcome
- Bring any questions
- Another will be held in Spring

eBlasts

- Trying to send out on Monday mornings
- Please send to Mandy Chiareri or Maggie Rogula by Friday

Looking for a volunteer to take over school newsletters

- templates already done
- please contact Mandy if you are interested
- good way to get involved from home

Vice President - Alison Sipe

- she will put together agendas
- please let Alison know if there's something you'd like on the agenda
- successful mentoring group gathering

Room Parent Coordinator - Wendy Ban

- All is handled

Art Enrichment - Jen Chastain

- website is updated
- orientation letter will go out
- calendar is set
- only have received 5 emails from room parents

Benefit - Dina Agarwal and Lisa Doyle

- off to a great start
- most positions filled

- still need decorations
- still need premium auction chair
- Feb. 22nd at The Glen View Club
- Working on a theme
 - Should be set by end of month
- Team meeting on Sept. 26th

International Night – Catherine Gray, Lauren Bauerschmidt

- lots of volunteers
- China, Columbia, Germany, Austria and more!
- Food in rooms rather than in cafeteria
 - No nuts in the rooms!
 - If homemade, please bring ingredient list
- Irish dancers, Norwegian dancers, Indian dancers, ethnic dancers from the HS

Book Fair – Dana Palmer, Shari Isaacs

- Nov. 13th and 14th at Lyon
- Reading Oasis: a Cool Place to discover Hot books
- Presale for new Diary of a Wimpy Kid book
 - Will send first week of October
 - Will also be for sale at the Book Fair
- Sign Up genius was great for volunteers last year
 - Will use again

Environmental – Marg Plante, Jen Reis

- Oct. 11th – Bike/Walk to School
- Looking for volunteers to help cheer in the kids
- Considering Trex recycling bag challenge again this year
 - Well received by parents
- Considering a waste-free lunch audit
 - Helping kids to be more informed about how to make their lunch more waste free
- Considering reducing use of plastic bags
 - Could a drawing be done of those who bring their own bag?

Chess – Laura Frohlich Andersen

- 2 classes at Lyon school
- 1 class at PR
- Will continue to run as seasonal sign up

Global Language – Kim Kay

- still taking registration for all languages and all days
- French class at Lyon will not take place if there are not more enrollments
- Link to registration forms on home page of PTA website

Spiritwear – Cindy Robbins, Kristin Pilant

- Cindy Robbins doing PR
 - o Sold at class list posting and Curriculum Nights
 - o Already brought in over \$1400 gross sales
 - o Order form in sept. newsletter – can also be found on PTA website
 - o Orders were due this Friday, but deadline may be extended to Friday, Sept. 27th

Cultural Enrichment – Beth Hager, Gloria Pedrelli

- Mosaic project at PR
- Will start Jan/Feb and will go on for 3 months
- Will likely be installed near old entrance
- There will also be a few assemblies

Special Needs Liaison – Karen Hitzman

- parent support groups have started

Directory – Sally Claffey

- waiting for info from the District and then work will begin

Ways & Means – Sue Patton

- please remember to update your eScrip registration or you can enroll for the first time
- will continue to include in eBlasts
- Wendy will mention it to room parents as well
 - o If they have a communication to send to parents, please also mention eScrip

Guest Speaker - Noelle Pontarelli, MS “Executive Functioning and Your Child: What It Is and How to Build Skills for a Successful School Year”

Principal’s Report:

Kevin Dorken: Lyon Update

- changed set up in library for kids – more conducive for them
- new assessments at primary level based on pilots from the last few years
 - o NWEA MAP assessment given 3rd-8th grade
 - What’s the right assessment for primary level
 - Kindergarten: STAR assesment – combined literacy concepts, only takes about 15 minutes
 - Will see how it goes this year
 - Has an audio component – not expected to be able to read. Lots of adults in the room to assist.
 - Dynamic assessment
 - Taken on laptops

- 1st grade: MAP for primary grades
 - also has audio component
 - dynamic assessment – changes as they answer questions
 - taken on laptops
- 2nd grade: same MAP assessment as we currently give in 3rd grade
 - took test on ipad. Went well.
- still learning how to best use this information at the primary level. 3rd-8th has been using this for a long time.
- Parents will receive scores
- Will consider dropping some assessments if they seem redundant given these new assessments

Frank Rottman: PR Update

- test anxiety
 - many kids experience this
- one of our largest attendance of our Hispanic population at Curriculum Night
- staff concerned about noisy hallways interrupting learning
 - messy hallways – clothes scattered everywhere
 - trying to make a bridge from PR to Attea/SP
 - Focusing on Be Kind, Be Respectful
 - Interpreting what this means at the 3rd-5th grade level
 - seeing great improvements
 - also focusing on lowering the amounts of teasing and bullying
 - Mr. Rottman speaking about this in each class
- Created crisis team to look at drills
 - Model already being used at Attea/SP
 - Police were present during drills – they were run so well!
 - Mr. Rottman wanted to celebrate the kids and acknowledge their success – brought in ice cream for the kids

Meeting adjourned 11:13am by Mandy Chiarieri. Luncheon to follow meeting.