

**Lyon/Pleasant Ridge PTA Agenda**  
**January 21, 2014**  
**General PTA Business Meeting**  
**9:15am - 11:00am Lyon**

**In Attendance:** Mandy Chiarieri, Allison Sipe, Anne Burke, Karen Posey, Halleh Akbarnia, Maggie Rogula, Wendy Ban, Karen Hitzeman, Sue Patton, Lisa Doyle, Rachel Gilles, Paris Raghian, Jill Nottage, Natalie Jachtorowycz, Dana Palmer, Mary Ayaleanos, Kim Yagelski, Laura Olson, Karen Friedman, Kevin Dorken, Frank Rottman

**Meeting Called to Order** – Mandy Chiarieri

**Minutes Approval:**

Motion – Karen Posey  
Second – Karen Hitzeman

**Officer Reports:**

**PTA Council – Mandy Chiarieri**

- Jill Brickman - Food Pantry - gave update about needs and services they provide
- have changed their need requirements
- 750 families qualified for free/reduced lunch in district
- shelves are less stocked than usual/ summer hard
- get no taxes

District updates - 2/28 conference day is now a school day

- Character Counts - partnered with Family Action Network in fall
  - Will do a presentation with Hilary Friedman

- GEF - Goal is \$150,000. Now at \$121,000
  - Fall grants approved in December
  - Newsletter went out on approvals

- Winter show DVDS available; Deadline is Friday; \$15

- Update photos on website - currently stock photos. Would like to update with real photos from PTA events. Please send to Mandy if you have any

-PTA registration will be done differently this year. Kindergarten registration is coming up. Going to try to do online registration ourselves rather than through the district. Online registration will be through Volunteer Spot.

### **Committee Chair Reports:**

#### **PTA Grant - Karen Friedman**

- grants due to PTA (from teachers or staff for materials or equipment, subscriptions)
- due January 24
- Parent input meeting - can rank the grants, Feb. 6 at PR at 9:30
- Feb. PTA Meeting - 2/18 - Grant presentation and will vote on grants

#### **Jump Rope for Heart -**

- 2/14 at PR 2:30-4
- Let Colleen MacKimm know if you are interested in volunteering
- Suggestion that more detailed information goes home to parents about event

#### **Environmental Team -**

- TREX recycling still going; send in your bags
- Group of people is collecting bags, weighing, taking to

Jewel

- if interested in helping, let Marg Plante know

#### **Special Needs Parent Liaison - Karen Hitzeman**

- continuing support group for entire district
- next one is 2/19 - 9:30-11 -Brian Simmons of GYS coming to tell about other options/social groups for kids
- better at Glenview Youth Services - get to see other program offerings
- GYS great community asset

- has offered group access to the building
- have homework help
- Planning a Diversity Day on 4/30 - district wide; diversity awareness

**Benefit** - Dina Agarwal, Lisa Doyle

- invites coming soon
- would like more sign-up parties
- will be looking for volunteers for the day/night of event
- basket write-ups due 1/24
- baskets due weekend of 2/14-17
- booklets may be sent electronically; could save \$2000 in printing costs

**Board of Education** - Laura Olson

- 2 school board mtgs.
- 2014/15 calendar and fees approved
- sale of bonds - 7-8 buildings will receive improvements
- discussion about full day kindergarten. in the vetting process. WILL NOT be a full day kindergarten in 2014-15

**Teacher Appreciation** – Brandy Isaac

- Lyon/PR PTA - 2/4 - offering a hot lunch to staff - crock pots of soup, bread for teachers and support staff. Already has volunteers for this event. Will be looking for volunteers for Teacher Appreciation Week in April.

**Principal Reports** -

**Kevin Dorken, Lyon** - Thanks for coming out in this weather.

- Changes in conference schedule due to 2/28. Will communicate that to parents.
- GEF Grant - team at Lyon put together grant for Lyon Learning Center. Oldest untouched space in district. Want to change space to fit learning - flexible for large group, small group, individual learning. Grant submitted to work with consultants call Third Teacher (space is 3rd teacher). Kids have been involved already. Started reorganizing space already.

- Please get word out that kindergarten registration is in a month - 2/20. Also for new 1st and 2nd graders.

-Instructional Leadership - Principal walk throughs. Past 3 years Focus on the learning targets that teachers share in the classroom. Shift in December - principals looking for more depth when talking to students. In-depth list of questions - want to hear how teachers are asking students to demonstrate their learning of the target. How well to show their knowledge/understanding of the target. Helps kids self-evaluate. Kids taking ownership of their learning

**Frank Rottman, Pleasant Ridge** - Thank you for coming out in this weather.

- Thank you for feedback on Jump Rope for Heart

- Baseline Data Collection System (Principal Walk Throughs) - see kids becoming more aware of their learning. Makes data valuable. Helps teachers

- Dad's Club - has been very successful. Dad's Breakfast on Friday was v. successful. Kids excited to "buy" breakfast for dads. One more this year. January 31 - Dad's Club movie - Despicable Me 2. 6:30.

- Trying to focus on limiting the amount of tardies. Trying to get kids in a good habit. Flexible in bad weather. School day begins at 7:55. Want to start on time. Started collecting data - had 16 tardies on a Monday, by Wednesday had only 4. Building opens at 7:35, can enter classroom by 7:40 - 7:45.

- Wednesday color for anti-teasing/bullying is blue. Talk about seeing the colors. Tying it in with a character counts statement every day.

**Guest Speaker - Carolyn Collins, Nutritionist** – “The Best and Worst Foods for You and Your Family: Practical Tips for Improving Your Health”

**Meeting adjourned** – 11:15 a.m.

