

Lyon/Pleasant Ridge PTA Minutes
January 19, 2016
General PTA Business Meeting
9:15 a.m. Pleasant Ridge

ATTENDANCE: Julia Marquardt, Maria Stephan, Beth Hager, Annette Price, Vicky Todorova, Gail Weiss, Sharon Pratt, Jane Devine, Anne O'Neill-Binney, Rachel Gilles, Alison Sipe, Anne Burke, Marianne Albovias, Maryellen Cozad, Natalie Sepahdari, Marg Plante, Andie Harrigan, Lauren Bauerschmidt, Sally Claffey, Katie Chasen, Sharon Bux, Tracy Reeder, Brandy Isaac, Maggie Rogula

TIME

AGENDA

9:15am	Call Meeting to Order	Brandy Isaac
	Approval of the Minutes	Maggie Rogula
	Motion to Approve - Sharon Pratt Second - Julia Marquardt	
9:20am	Officer's Reports	
	President	Brandy Isaac

Thank Yous -

- Exec team for December meeting;
- Liz DeMattia and Amy Eccelston who led Holiday Helper for the fourth and final year. Andrea Downing and Ramie Robbins will be taking over and shadowed them this year;
- Rachel Gilles - Staff Appreciation Chair. Upcoming events;
- Benefit - Invites went out. Thank you to Anne Binney and her team.
- Tracy Reeder - for all of her help and support.

PTA Council Update - group of PTA leaders from district. Meet at district offices once a month to share and receive updates.

Student Needs Liaison, GEF Liaison, Debra Gelfand, etc...Currently have a need for key roles - Vice President, President, Secretary, Treasurer and Debra Gelfand. Can attend just to see what it's like. No prior PTA experience required.

Intro to Special Ed NSSED is doing in Highland Park

GEF approved grants in excess of \$75,000

redDAY - recharge for winter months

Slating Process Update - creating something new this year to provide guidelines to the process. In past, no formal process was followed. Now have a nominating committee - will reach out to individual currently holding a position to see if interested in continuing for a 2nd year. After 2nd year, position will be open to others who may be interested. Forms will be distributed in February with open positions and interested parties may apply.

CEC - Consortium for Educational Change - will be coming to conduct an assessment of Lyon/PR. How are we doing district-wide. Professional from other districts come meet with educators, administrators and parents with goal of improving school system. Need to talk to parent community. Need about 20-25 people at Lyon in a.m. and PR in p.m. Will meet with leaders from other districts and ask us about our perspective/opinions on schools and districts. Taking place on Thursday, 2/18 - 8:45-9:30 - Lyon; 1:45-2:30 - PR.

Vice President

Tracy Reeder

Kindergarten Registration/New Student - 2/18

2nd Vice President

Maria Stephan

Board of Education Recap- Evaluation of Kindergarten Program main focus. Held a community meeting - about 30 attendees. Mike Nicholson indicated that regardless of outcome of committee, there will be "enhancements" to the current kindergarten program. No decisions made. Another community meeting planned for January 26 at Park Center. Operational costs to add full day kindergarten - \$1.5 million - not including building costs and there currently isn't space in buildings.

Treasurer

Sharon Pratt, Jane Devine

Reviewed summary Profit and Loss handout. Benefit is our big \$ generator. Submit expenses to Sharon.

9:35am Committee Chair Reports

PTA Grants

Anne Burke

Deadline for submission of grants is today, 1/19/2016. Anne will be picking up. Meet with principals 1/28 to go over grants received. 2/2 Grant Parent Input meeting, 9:30 at PR. Will be presenting grants on 2/23 at PTA meeting for approval.

Jump Rope for Heart

Dee Schwallie

2/12 after school. Need volunteers to twirl ropes and count \$ the following week.

Student Needs Parent Liaison

Karen Hitzeman, Natalie Jachtrowycz, Carrie Marquardt

May be doing a redDay "recharge" in February

Staff Appreciation

Rachel Gilles

Week is April 18. Soup luncheon will be hosted at PR and breakfast at Lyon. Lunch at PR is 1/27 from 11-1 and Lyon breakfast is 2/4 from 8-9:30. Most needs have been met.

Cultural Enrichment

Beth Hager, Katie Chasen

Beth - going to book Improv group from last year. Make 'Em Ups - group thru Second City. Very well-received last year. End of January/early February. Do 2 shows.

Closer to spring break - get a music group in - percussion of some sort

Katie - 2/17 - History of Dance - Ballet to Break Dancing. Theme is "Little Humans". Show every stage of dance in one performance.

Benefit

Anne Binney

Invites out. Can purchase tickets and raffle tickets. Have 40 class baskets. Missing 2 from PR and 1 from Lyon. Have over 40 teacher

and staff gifts secured. Brandy working on securing sign-up parties. If anyone is willing to host a sign-up party - please see Brandy.

10:10am Guest Speaker: Terry Sofianos, Exec Dir of Student Services
“Bullying and Other Behavioral Challenges”

10:40am Principals’ Report Kevin Dorken, Frank Rottman

Frank Rottman - Happy New Year. Reflect and resolutions. At the halfway point of school year. Already looking ahead to next year - class placements. Do not place friends with friends. Do not choose teachers. Want to know learning characteristics of child. Look at what we can do better - please complete 5 Essentials survey. Provides valuable feedback. But - if you have an issue, please don’t just put in survey. Talk to Frank so it can be addressed before end of the year.

Kevin Dorken - CEC and 5 Essentials. Leads to positive things - social-emotional curriculum came out of that and science curriculum. Always looking to improve practices.

11:00am Meeting Adjourned Brandy Isaac

Calendar Overview

- *Jan 23 PR Science Fair, 8:30am -11:00am
- *Feb 1 Read To Succeed forms due
- *Feb 2 PTA Grant Parent Input Meeting, 9:30am at PR
- *Feb 4 PTA Council Meeting, 9:15am at D34 Administration Bldg
- *Feb 12 Jump Rope for Heart, 2:30pm – 4:00pm at PR
- *Feb 18 Incoming Kindergarten/New Family Registration, 4:30pm – 7pm at LY
- *Feb 23 **Next PTA Meeting, 9:15am at Lyon**
- *Feb 26 4th Grade Musical at PR
- *Feb 27 PTA Annual Benefit, 7:00pm at Valley Lo Club