

Lyon/Pleasant Ridge General PTA Agenda
February 21, 2017
9:15am – 11:15am, Lyon School

Attendance: Dana Palmer, Whitney Langas, Anne O’Neill, Laura Floyd, Patrick Hoefft, Gail Weiss, Anne Burke, Tracy Reeder, Kim Prada, Crosbie Lind, Maggie Rogula, Kevin Dorkin, Julia Marquart, Heather Hopkins, Rachel Gilles, Kristi Mariani, Jamie Stevens, Alicia Cios, Elyce Ventura

Time	Agenda Item	Responsibility
9:24am	Call Meeting to Order Tracy called the meeting to order at 9:24am	Tracy Reeder
	Approval of the Minutes Anne Burke motioned to approve minutes, Sharon Bux seconded	Gail Weiss
9:26am	Officer’s Reports	
	President	Tracy Reeder
	Thank You To Staff Appreciation Rachel and Kaylee To Kindergarten Registration (25 sign ups), and Spiritwear (15 Sales)	Tracy Reeder
	PTA Council Report Meeting was on Feb 2nd. Main subject was safety at all D34 buildings - will be discussed further by Kevin Update on areas PTA happenings A Guest Speaker from Village of Glenview- Doesn’t see the village growth to effect schools to effect schools too much.	Sharon Bux
	Board of Education Recap Math task force meeting - March 6th at Board of Ed.	Maria Stephan (via TR)
	Finance Status Currently down 15K, but will level out in the next month after benefit. The directory ads out preformed expectations. International night also out performed	Kara Kline (via TR)
9:30am	PR Principal Search Update	Heather Hopkins, Exec Director of HR at D34
	Dr. Delli will select the next principals. He is currently working on it with the District. Currently on Parts 3-4 in the process. Around 70 people applied for PR Principal. She still saw about 6-8 people last week for the position.	

There will be a committee set up (teachers, admins and parents, and others) to interview candidates. There will be a few prep sessions to take place next week with teachers/admins/parents to get ready for the interview process. About 5 candidates will move forward to this step. The PTA will be sending two parents to join committee. Will prepare just under 20 questions to have ready for candidates and should take about an hour for each interview. Finalized prep committee will be made by 2/24. Interview Prep sessions will take place on: Mar 1st from 12pm-3pm, Mar 2nd from 8:30am-12pm, Mar 6th from 8:30am-3pm. Westbrook search is totally separate from PR search. Westbrook principal has already been selected.

9:45am

Committee Chair Reports – Upcoming Events

Staff Appreciation

Rachel Gilles

All the staff at PR thought the soup lunch was great. Sue sent a note to Rachel about appreciation (might be the PR staffs favorite). Thank you to all.

Student Services Liaison

Ann Jankey/Carrie
Marquardt (via TR)

There will be an open position for this next school year.

Benefit Update

Anne Binney/
Whitney Langas

So far will will have 318 Attendance. Uber has been notified is ready for pickups! There are about 100 extra items that were not packaged in big baskets and will be at lower price. Lots of cubs tickets, lots of wine/beer, lots of fitness baskets. 10 sign up parties. Need people to sign up for the Poker Chip Sales. Get ready for a fun time!

9:55am

2017 Grant Approval

Anne Burke

Teachers submit grants in January. There was a total of 11 grant applications this year. There is about a \$20K investment (in the PTA budget). Process goes through 3 meetings: 1st meet with Principals and then they score grants, 2nd a parent input meeting and then they score grants, 3rd meet with PTA board and then they score grants. Finally all of the scores are added up to rank the grants overall. All 11 applications added up to \$27K. It went down to 8 eligible applications (some were taken out because they didn't meet D34 requirements/standards) for just over \$19K and then final approval needed today will be just over \$18K. Only change to a grant application was for Gifted ELA class down to 6 Hokki stools from 10.

Total approval for today would be \$18,169. Approved by majority vote.

10:20am

Committee Chair Reports – Upcoming Events

Jump Rope For Heart

Laura Floyd

Light on 4-5 grade volunteers only 4 of 12 filled. 3rd grade has 12 of 14 filled. Donation of oranges had been secured by Sunset foods

School Supplies

Rebecca Richards (Via TR)

Just waiting to get it up and running. Kindergarten is ready to be ordered now. Other grades will be ready soon.

Spiritwear

Whitney Langas

All will be online very soon. We have a new vender (from Glenview). All orders will be placed online and delivered to school and delivered to students in classrooms. Lyon and PR staff wanted new items for them that says "Staff".

Environmental

Jamie Stevens

Eddie is up and growing at Lyon! YAY

Cultural Enrichment

Natalie Stanzi/Cynthia Reeder (Via TR)

Working on getting programs up and running for the spring.

Art Enrichment

Marney Schager
Laura Lane (via TR)

Send all new lesson programs to Chairperson so it will be open for people to use next year.

Debra Gelfand Fund

Kristi Mariani

At January Meeting there are over \$2000 raised for the area schools. Talking about doing a movie/pizza night to help with the fund. Would be asking for more donations would be too much donations for the year? Maybe a \$3 donation and maybe a can food drive for the movie night. Kids will get a water and a snack in the intermission. PR would be a hosting. Need to formalized the ideas. Maybe just after school would be easiest. Probably around April or May.

10:30am

Principals' Report

Kevin Droken (Lyon)

Topic: Safety and security at the schools. The current superintendents brought up that we are the only school that has no outside buzzer or locked door (before you get into office). These changes will be across the board for all D34 schools. There are 4 different choices that can be made to help security.

The options are:

- 1) A buzzer to get into school at all at the most exterior door. Buzzer will remain at the door into school from the office.

- 2) A buzzer from the internal door (before entering office) and stay in vestibule. No buzzer at the outside door. Buzzer will remain at the door into school from the office.
- 3) A buzzer at all 3 doors, outside building, inside door (before you enter office) and inside office to enter into school.
- 4) No changes at all

Most of the PTA attendees here today voted for option 2—allow people to come into vestibule and then get buzzed in. This is not approved, just getting input from parents.

On training staff:

Where can we grow at Lyon. Peer to peer teacher leaning and learning from each other. They will watch see each other teach. Peer (teacher peer) observations.

On indoor recess:

If we have lots of days inside- they rotate. Kids can draw, play chess and games. No running inside for the safety. If it is drizzling or snowing they still go outside for recess. 10 degrees is about the coldest to have to stay in. He makes a day to day decision. He also makes decision based on how long they have had indoor recess.

Patrick Hoefft (PR)

Part of the social emotional learning at PR is creating student expectations when there is no structure. Indoor recess is one of those areas.

At beginning of year was focused on hallway behavior. Now, still on hallway but more on lunchroom and recess but more now need to focus in indoor recess.

Judgement on whether it will be indoor or outdoor recess is a game time decision. Patrick usually walks the building to make decisions just before recess begins. There are a few drainage issues on the grounds. Safety is the first priority. Looking forward to working with PTA to get indoor recess better for all students. Ideas are maybe a game cart that can move room to room. There aren't really any games at the school or the ones we have are very used. He's going to work with the PTA and staff to get some ideas up about recess.

Thank yous-

Soup lunch was great. All stuff was happy and loved it.

Around April 7th the information sheet for parents input will be sent home.

Week after spring break will be PARCC tests.

5th grade ambassadors—

They had a presentation from a person from the Cubs management team. Two things he told the kids: You should always play for the name of the front of shirt (jersey) not the back and talk less and listen more.