

**Lyon/Pleasant Ridge General PTA Agenda**

**April 18, 2017**

**9:15am – 11:00am, Lyon School**

Attendance: Tracy Reeder, Gail Weiss, Kara Kline, Sharon Bux, Dana Palmer, Dena Chamberlin, Rebecca Richards, Sarah Airola, Natalie Sepahdari, Alison Sipe, Tricia Hall, Elyse Ventura, Lisa Hanneman, Amy O'Leary, Jenny Bergeron, Maria Stephan, Halleh Akbarnia, Kaylee Durow, Kevin Dorken, Patrick Hoeft

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
9:20am	<b>Call Meeting to Order</b> Tracy called the meeting to order at 9:20am	Tracy Reeder
	<b>Approval of the Minutes</b> <b>Whitney Langas</b> motioned to approve minutes, <b>Rebecca Richards</b> seconded	Gail Weiss
9:20am	<b>Officer's Reports</b> <b>President</b> <b>Thank Yous</b> Rebecca Richards for School Supplies Whiney Langas for Spiritwear Natalie Stanzi for PR Science Alliance assembly Cynthia Reeder for LY Cult. Enrichment Jamie/Sarah for Earth Day activities	Tracy Reeder
	<b>2017-18 PTA Board/Calendar</b> Open positions still needed for next year: Art Enrichment, Benefit (2) Chair, International Night Chair, Parent Education, Special Needs Liaison at Lyon and PR, Spring Book Fair Chair, Troops Collection Chair	Sharon Bux
	<b>Finance Status</b> Over 46K for benefit! Looks like we are pretty close to budget, grant requests are coming in. Plus getting started for the budget for next year.	Kara Kline
9:34am	<b>Empty Bowls</b>  This is a grassroots effort to build community and feed the hungry. Kids have worked as teams and create bowls in past years. Then night of event we have soup dinner in the bowls and the proceeds got to Northfield food pantry. All food is donated for that night. Looking for 2 PTA parents to help spearhead the efforts. Staff works the night of dinner so families can be together. The soup is made by Lyon families and you are given the recipe and its easy to make. Looking to do this around Mid-November.	Mary Tapia, Lyon Fine arts

9:47am

### **The New Math Placement Process**

Jennifer Bergeron,  
D34 Math Inst. Coach

Presentation given to us to define the updated math placement process from the info from the Math Task Force.

- Math task force is made up of teachers from both D34 and D225, D34 Board Member, parents and GBS staff.
- March 20th placement plan was approved with the knowledge that there can be changes made if needed. Looked at scores of kids in all math levels.
- Use a matrix that will determine what level math student will be placed.
- The student performance rating scale is on D34 website. Max is 40 points. 30 is the lowest score you can receive to get any points on the matrix.
- The math task force altered the original matrix so that more students will become eligible for advanced math.
- This was done a little late this year since they had to approve the process with Board first, but math placement will usually take place in February.
- Regarding appeals: the district appeal committee will review and make final decision. You will be notified by end of the current school year of students placement.
- This new math task force has definitely widened the pool of children who may qualify for advanced math. The pool currently has 500 kids for who can take the extra testing. Not sure if all of these students will file an appeal.

All information (matrix and phases) discussed at meeting can be found here: <http://www.glenview34.org/curriculum/math>

10:35am

### **Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook**

Lisa Hanneman, Lyon  
Parent / YSGN Staff

Amy O'Leary, executive director of Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook (YSGN). Amy was a clinical social worker in past but now doing more of administrative role at YSGN. She has been with YSGN for 4 years. Illinois is the 3rd in nation for budget cuts for services. YSGN lost all their state funding but lucky to have lots of fundraising efforts to keep going. Currently, youngest child to receive services is 5 and the oldest is 19. What they do: Individual and group therapy, Psychiatric services, Juvenile Diversion, Crisis intervention, Boys and Girls Clubs, Academic supports. Dinner provided every night (about 70 kids weekly). The facility on West Lake has homework study buddies program, art therapy room and gym. They are reliant on lots of volunteers. There are no geographic boundaries on where kids are from to use YSGN, they have youth from all over the area.

Visit <http://www.youthservices-gn.org> for more information

10:50am

### **Committee Chair Reports**

#### **Environmental**

Sarah Airola/Jamie  
Stevens

Lyon activities tomorrow at recess. Students will be challenged to pack a "waste free lunch" will get a sticker as reward. They will be at PR on Friday.

**School Supplies**

Rebecca Richards

By now you should have received flyer. Supplies can be purchased online only. Received a bunch of orders already. The sale will end on the last day of school June 8 so order now.

**Spiritwear**

Whitney Langas

It is all online and flyers went home last week. Sale will be extended until 28th. Fall sale will have more items available.

**Cultural Enrichment**Natalie Stanzi/  
Cynthia Reeder

PR will have the Science alliance presentations next week. Lyon will have a dance assembly on Monday.

**Spring Book Fair/Literature Alive**Tricia Hall/Holly  
Higgins

Spring Book Fair is May 17-18. Food trucks (2) and cupcakes trucks will be there again on Thursday, May 18. Literature Alive program will be May 18th as well. Table will be out with teacher/staff picks. Will possibly be tax exempt this year (working on that). Will need people to help and signup will go out soon. At next PTA meeting books will arrive so please stay and help.

**Troops Collection Week**Kara Kline, Kristi  
Mariani, Marg Plante

Troops donation project around Memorial day and will put together care packages together for troops. Working with IL-USO. Communication will be out in e-blast next week.

**Staff Appreciation Week**Rachel Gillies, Kaylee  
Durow

Theme this year is superheroes "iTeach". Each teacher will get an iTeach clipboard on first day. Lunches will be from 2 food trucks (taco truck and Little Louie's). Parents can donate \$10 for lunches for teachers. At Lyon: Wednesday- teacher lounge snacks will be provided. Thursday- message chairs will come in and Thursday PM- Dailey Method class. Friday lunch will be from Michaels. At PR: Teacher lounge snacks will be on Tuesday and lunch food trucks will be on Wednesday.

**5th Grade Picnic**Dana Palmer, Dena  
Chamberlain

Picnic Friday June 2nd at the Joy of the Game. Kids will be bused there. Will have 5th graders make goodies bags for homeless and students will bring in items needed to make bags.

### **Extracurricular Update**

Natalie Sepahdari

A few changes in policy:

- Streamlining the arrivals and dismissals and all the classes will also be on same calendar schedule for the next sessions. All class will start and end at same times. This will help with carpool lines.
- All venders will be tightened up. We will be keeping closer eye on teachers — make sure they arrive on time and are teaching lessons. This will also be used for a warning system to teachers and venders so that expectations are set.
- Survey for parents will also be given out.
- Send note with child when your child has extracurricular or will not be in attendance.

### **Student needs Liaison**

Carrie Marquardt/  
Ann Jankey (via TR)

Luau is planned for students moving to PR from Lyon.

11:10am

### **Principals' Report**

#### **Kevin Dorken (Lyon)**

The bike unit is amazing! We are so lucky to have such a great community to have so many different roles and they all work together. Continue to always want to improve.

#### **Patrick Hoefft (PR)**

- Author of *I Survived* books came in to present to kids. She told kids this story: She decided to try and write a book when her son said he can't find a book to read. She was already working in publishing industry so she tried to write which ended up terrible! Then she met JK Rowling. And JK shared that she wrote lots of "bad" books before she wrote the Harry Potter series. The presentation was totally free. No cost to us.
- Over spring break drains were installed on grounds. All around the school and the PR "pond". One more drain still needs to be installed but overall huge improvement in the playground.
- All school read next week.
- Parking lots will be resurfaced next week so no parking in the lots.

11:20am

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Tracy Reeder