

**Lyon/Pleasant Ridge PTA Minutes
General PTA Business Meeting
November 18, 2014 7:00 PM
Lyon LRC**

Attendance – Alison Sipe, Brandy Isaac, Maggie Rogula, Anne Burke, Bobby Rubin, Chris Von Helms, Beth Debaker, Mike Nicholson, Alec Knight, Jamie Stevens, Karen Hitzeman

Meeting Called to Order – 7:08 Alison Sipe

Officer's Reports

Secretary Maggie Rogula
Approval of the Minutes: Please review minutes on website prior to meeting start
Motion to Appove - Brandi Isaac
Second – Alec Knight

President Alison Sipe

Thank Yous

Book Fair – Rebecca Richards, Liz Kimball, Kim Prado
Character Counts - Tara Kall
Directories - Aimee Walters & Shelley Reisenbigler
Holiday Helper – Liz DeMattia and Amy Eccleston
Parents in Partnership - Lauren Baur Schmidt
Environmental – Gail Weiss, Jamie Stevens, Laura Lentz
RED Day - Karen Hitzeman

PTA Council/CC

Summary of 34Next
Transition from ISAT to PARCC - Beth Tsoumas and Molly Anderson will come to March PTA meeting to discuss. Assessment will take place in March and May
Partnership in Assessment in Readiness for College and Careers
March - performance based assessment, hand-scored, 75% of instruction will be completed
May - computer scored test, 95% of instruction completed

Character Counts - 891 items collected at PR; 700- at Lyon. Very successful Character Counts week

Parents in Partnership

Held last Saturday. Over 200 in attendance. Many speakers giving advice on parenting techniques

Next Parent Ed. Event - Monday, Dec. 8. Jennifer Senior. At Attea. Author of book "All Joy and No Fun

Treasurer

Anne Burke, Sharon Pratt

Book Fair -went really well. Pizza night made over \$600. \$200 went to Debra Gelfand fund.

If anybody has any outstanding expense reimbursements, please turn in before end-of-the-year

Committee Chair Reports

Book Fair

Rebecca Richards, Liz Kimball, Kim Prado

Huge success. Thanks to many volunteers that helped set up, worked it, came to shop, donated books to Bernie's Book collection bins

Holiday Helper

Liz DeMattia, Amy Eccleston

Full speed ahead. Over 50 families participating and all have sponsors. Outerwear pick up last week. Holiday books, gifts, etc. due 12/5. Are other ways to help. Food drive underway at both schools. Guidelines sent home by grade. Will be used to make food boxes for each family. Goes until 12/5. Also looking for grocery store gift cards - donations from Jewel is preferred. Cash donations also appreciated. Pack up event is Dec. 6. All families welcome to participate.

Spiritwear - did set up at the book fair. One night and made \$500.

Environmental Team

Jamie S, Gail W, Laura L
Started the TREX recycling. Bins at entrance of the schools.

Benefit

Dina Agarwal

Planning in full swing. Raffle ticket sales coming up in December. At PR concerts and Lyon Winter Program. Feb. 21 at Pinstripes

Student Needs Parent Liaison* Karen Hitzeman, Natalie Jachtorowycz

- SNAP - Student Needs Advisory Panel. Dec. 10 is next meeting.
- RED Day is Thursday. Get your red out! Great number and quality of poster entries. PR and Lyon had highest number of entries. RED Day is going to continue throughout the year. Feb. 5 - parent information night with keynote speakers. Also a panel discussion on anxiety.

Presentation on Empty Bowls Project - Mary Tapia

Choose Kind initiative - school-wide at Lyon. World-wide, grass roots effort. Great community building, social awareness project. In art classes, everyone teams up and creates bowls. Bowls are used in a soup supper event for the community and contribute a donation to take home a bowl. Individual ticket or family ticket. Lot of volunteers. Parents make and bring in soup. Parents and teachers help serve. All money earned goes to Food Pantry. Evening event March 5. Shelley Reisenbigler and Roseanna Peterson have offered to be parent volunteers. If you have suggestions for the event, contact Mary.

Guest Speaker: Mike Nicholson, Dist 34 Superintendent, "D34 Strategic Plan Made Real"

Principals' Report Kevin Dorken, Frank Rottman

Kevin Dorken - Conversations about RED Day - broadening beyond one day

How can we support primary kids in understanding RED Day - met with teachers - so much of their impressions of the world are shaped by the adults in their lives. "Person First Language" - avoiding statements like "the special needs kids" or "ELL kids..." - use the kids names, instead.

RED pledge can be done anytime - not just on RED Day. Keeping momentum all day long

Winter Program - not a traditional holiday program. Theme is about giving and kindness. Will be wonderful.

Frank Rottman - Time of family. Family includes our communities. RED Day is helping us build a stronger community. Tie it into social-emotional piece - being kind.

Changed the website. Some math assistance materials is on PR website. Also, link to PARCC information. Will be looking at how to take the test. Keyboards coming in January so kids can work on keyboarding skills.

Importance of professional development for teachers. Teachers given 1/2 days to help prepare units based on Common Core.

Meeting Adjourned – 9:00 Alison Sipe
Next meeting December at PR

Calendar Overview

- * Nov 20 RED Day
- * Dec 4 PTA Council meeting, Admin Building, 9:15am
- * Dec 5 Last Day of Holiday Helper Food Drive
- * Dec 5 Holiday Helper Holiday Gifts due to Lyon School
- * Dec 6 Holiday Helper pack-up, Lyon, 9:00am
- * Dec 8 Parent Support Group, 9:30-11:00am
- * Dec 9 Band Concert, PR, 7:00pm
- * Dec 10 Chorus Concert, PR, 7:00pm
- * Dec 11 Orchestra Concert, PR, 7:00pm
- * Dec 16 PTA meeting, PR, 9:15am
- * Dec 18 Lyon Winter Program, 10am and 1:30pm