

**Lyon/Pleasant Ridge PTA Agenda**  
**December 17, 2013**  
**General PTA Business Meeting**  
**9:15am - 11:00am Pleasant Ridge**

**In Attendance:** Mandy Chiarieri, Alison Sipe, Anne Burke, Karen Posey, Halleh Akbarnia, Maggie Rogula, Wendy Ban, Dina Agarwal, Dana Palmer, Beth Hager, Paris Raghian, Amy Eccleston, Lauren Bauerschmidt, Karen Friedman, Kevin Dorken, Frank Rottman

Mandy Chiarieri called the meeting to order.

**Guest Speaker:** Mike Nicholson and Mary Wehring: Pleasant Ridge Potential Project Discussion

- Gauging level of interest on potential revenue-producing project for district
- Cell Tower on school property
- AT&T has approached district and sub-contractor National Wireless and presented a proposal for a cell tower to be on the PR property
- want to get feedback from parents
- a structure in front of school - power source and cell transmission would be near current flag pole; 40x8 concrete slab with 40 foot pole
- revenue to district \$25,000/year
- 30-year agreement
- Asked for input from attendees at meeting – many expressed concerns. Informal vote was taken – majority do not want the cell tower – feel that possible negative impacts outweigh small revenue. District will tell AT&T no.

**Minutes Approval:**

Motion – Dina Agarwal  
Second – Karen Posey

**Committee Chair Reports:**

**Holiday Helper - Amy Eccleston**

- wrapped up another Holiday Helper season
- 48 families who participated - 38 children - 250 people in all

- 70 families as sponsors
- 25 families donated cash
- Family Video donated 20 turkeys
- Target donated turkeys
- Gloria Pedrelli donated toothbrushes and toothpaste
- families received coats, hats, gloves, one book, gift, grocery gift cards, Target
- food box with non-perishable food, turkey, clementines, potatoes

### **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

### **Cultural Enrichment - Beth Hager**

- Allison Keller, drama @ Lyon applied for a GEF grant for company called 3rd Teacher
- helping redesign the LRC at Lyon - ed. design consultants
- help with usage, set-up, seating, flow for best fit
- have workshops to work with the kids - 2nd graders
- working with company called Thodos Dance - assembly program for kids
- Poetry Month - getting some speakers in
- Mary Tapia just won an award - Jacobs Educator Grant and Fellowship through Indiana University
- innovative uses of tech. in educational settings
- sent in a video showing how she uses tech. (iPad based) to document their work
- will get access to a 3-D printer as part of this award

### **Special Needs Parent Liaison – Karen Hitzman**

- the next support group meeting is 1/8 at Glenview Youth Services

### **Benefit - Dina Agarwal**

- started selling raffle tickets and chorus, band and orchestra night and close to \$700
- will sell at Lyon Winter Program
- invitations are at printer - will be out in January

**Book Fair - Dana Palmer**

- Total -\$23,976 sales
- Total profit - \$5,215
- Food income - \$560 (pizza night)
- \$1 from every pizza package went to Debra Gelfand Fund

**Treasurer - Anne Burke**

- Book Fair report
- Benefit under way

**Principals Reports -**

**Frank Rottman -**

- Happy Holidays to all
- Thank you for my birthday celebration
- Zerull's class wrote 50 pieces of advice for his 50th Birthday
  - you should retire
  - you shouldn't buy girl stuff
  - don't jump off a cliff
- Looking forward to new calendar year
  - working on anti-bullying
  - staff introduced to program called "On Eagle's Wings"
  - want to recognize the good behavior
  - mirrored off recognitions at Attea and Springman
  - staff will vote on it in February and begin implementing
  - already thinking about ISAT
  - starting to look at next year for staffing, scheduling and class placement
- everyone looking forward to a well-deserved winter break

**Kevin Dorken -**

- Hopes break allows all some good quality time with family
- excited for Thursday's Winter Program

- Show is not a typical holiday-themed program
- very artsy, student-driven
- 2 ticket/per family policy is strictly enforced
- looking forward to putting the new sound system to put into place
- very excited about GEF grant - Third Teacher
  - off-shoot of Cannon Design
- looks at how the "third teacher" in a student's learning process is the space.
- looking at how to best utilize the space
- how can it be used down the road for hands-on science activities?
- the most impressive sites they saw for ideas were Third Teacher designed space
- will be a multi-year process
- grant includes design only
- once back from break, begin looking ahead to next year - budget, staffing, curriculum needs
- second round of assessments will take place in February

**Closing** - Next month's meeting will be on January 21 with guest speaker nutritionist, Carolyn Collins on "The Best and Worst Foods for You and Your Family: Practical Tips for Improving your Health". Luncheon to follow at Mandy Chiarieri's home.

**Meeting adjourned** - 10:50 a.m.