

**Lyon/Pleasant Ridge PTA Minutes**  
**General PTA Business Meeting**  
**December 16, 2014 9:15 AM**  
**Pleasant Ridge LRC**

**Attendance:** Alison Sipe, Brandy Isaac, Maggie Rogula, Anne Burke, Alec Knight, Natalie Jachtowycz, Karen Hitzeman, Amy Eccleston, Jamie Stevens, Marianne Albovias, Kimberly Yagelski, Mandy Chiarieri, Catherine Gray, Gail Weiss, Halleh Akbarnia, Karen Friedman, Laura Olson, Sally Claffey, Sharon Pratt, Kevin Dorken, Frank Rottman

**Call Meeting to Order** - Alison Sipe - 9:25

**Approval of Minutes** - Maggie Rogula  
Motion to Approve - Sharon Pratt  
Second - Karen Hitzeman

**Officer's Reports**

President - Alison Sipe

Update - Thank you to Amy Eccleston and Liz DeMattia for all of their hard work on Holiday Helper.

Thank you to Karen Hitzeman for a very successful Red Day!

No PTA Council Mtg this month

Jennifer Senior spoke at Attea last week through FAN and District 34. They are working on a partnership to bring more speakers to District 34. Co-sponsorship Our PTA, along with other PTAs, provided funds to bring speaker to the District.

Lyon Winter Program is this week. DVDs can be ordered in Jan.

Read to Succeed (Six Flags tickets) will be coming home

Grant process going on right now. Teachers putting together their requests. Requests are due January 23. Parent Input Meeting will be on January 30th at Pleasant Ridge from 9:30-10:30.

**Vice President** - Brandy Isaac

District 34 BOE Caucus - have seven candidates who came forward and went through the caucus process. Steering committee of about six people interviewed the candidates. Two incumbants were slated and two newcomers were endorsed by the caucus. Election is April 7.

**Treasurer** - Anne Burke

No report this month

## **Committee Chair Reports**

### **Holiday Helper** - Liz DeMattia, Amy Eccelston

Wrapped up last week. 56 families participated this year. 65 sponsor families. Donations were about 1/2 of last year's. Were able to cover the families. Give about \$9,000 of Jewel gift cards. Food drive went great. Family Video donated 20 turkeys. Liz negotiated with Target and got great price on turkey, oranges and potatoes.

Pack up party was great - 50-60 people. 9-10:30.

Next year form will be updated next year. Specific request for coats. Katie Siegel works very hard on the project. Vicky at Lyon helps a lot, too.

### **Student Needs Parent Liaison** - Karen Hitzeman, Natalie Jachtorowycz

Holiday Lunch for special needs teachers and their associates at PR. Catered food in from Salerno's.

Both schools will revisit Red Day theme after the Winter Break. February 5 - Special Needs Parent Forum at Attea. Non-profit vendors from the area will come to give parents ideas about resources in the community, ideas for activities. Keynote speaker from Have Dreams (autism based group)

Next support group meeting is January 14 at Youth Services

April 15 - Panel on Anxiety at Attea. Forum for any parents to come.

### **Benefit** - Dina Agarwal, Kim Yagelski

In good shape. Contracted with BidPal to do tickets and bid processing. Need more people to host sign-up parties. Needs someone to spearhead the parties, as well. See Dina.

Tickets will go on sale mid-January.

Still need a parent volunteer for a few class baskets at Lyon and PR

### **School Board Liasion** - Laura Olson

34 Next - community engagement process. Made recommendations to the Board. Five recommendations. (<http://www.34next.org/>)

Fees for 2015-2016 were approved with no increase except for K

Lunch fees going up 5 cents

Calendar has been proposed with 2 weather days built into school year

Bus transportation - new procedure. If Dist. 34 hears of an over 10 minute delay - message will be sent over emergency alert system and schools will be alerted

Board approved 2015 tax levy

**Environmental** - Gail Weiss, Jamie Stevens

TREXX recycling is going very well. If anyone would like to help with collecting bags, they are looking for volunteers. goes until April 15. Will be planning activities for Earth Day.

**Dad's Group** - Alec Knight

Gearing up to run the science fair - January 24, 8:30 a.m.

Feb. 6 - movie night at the school - Dolphin Tale, 2

**Principal's Report** - Frank Rottman, Kevin Dorken

Frank Rottman - update - Enjoying and appreciating the season with children. Wish you all happy holidays.

Kevin Dorken - Holiday Helper - community at its finest. Huge thanks for all the help. Very excited to get together with Third Teacher on Friday to discuss plans for Learning Center. Presenting four ideas. Winter Program this Thursday. 2 tickets per families - necessary for safety issues. Live feed to the Learning Center as an extra viewing room, live feed over internet, DVD available for purchase in January. Very exciting week for the kids. Routine and structure is different this week.

**Meeting Adjourned** - Alison Sipe - 10:15 AM