

**Lyon/Pleasant Ridge PTA Agenda  
January 16, 2018, 9:15am  
General PTA Meeting - Pleasant Ridge School**

**Attendees:** Anne O'Neill, Elyse Ventura, Evelyn Calliendo, Vicky Todorova, Sharon Bux, Gail Weiss, Whitney Langas, Alisa Cios, Alison Sipe, Laura Floyd, Jeanine Maurice, Maria Stephan, Patrick Hoefft, Kevin Dorken, Erik Friedman

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
9:15am	<p><b>Call Meeting to Order</b>— Sharon Bux Sharon called the meeting to order at 9:15</p> <p><b>Thank you's</b> — Sharon Bux Ramie Robbins, Maryellen Cozad, Andrea Dowing for all their hard work for holiday helper. Erika Sullivan and Anne O'neill for hosting Sue's Retirement Party Sue Procopowitz - all her hard work over the years Alicia Cios - Science Fair</p>
9:25am	<p><b>Officer's Reports</b></p> <p><b>Financial Highlights</b> — Kara Kline (via Sharon) Budget is on track for the year. Will make up after benefit.</p> <p><b>PTA Council Report Overview</b>— Anne O'Neill (via Erik Friedman) New report cards coming out starting next year. They will be more standard based report cards. Old ones were lined up with Common Core. Feb 10th Parents in Partnership probably at Attea.</p>
9:35am	<p><b>Committee Chair Reports</b></p> <p><b>Benefit</b> — Tracy Reeder, Gail Weiss Things are moving along as usual. Tract working hard on donations and Karen Kim is doing well with sponsorships. Decor is lead my Megan Cless and Laura Freund and they will be great. Looking into adding a pop a shot basketball but not sure is it can fit in space. Just hoping to make some money for the PTA.</p> <p><b>Box tops</b> — Bobby Rubin (Via Sharon) Reminder to clip and send in.</p> <p><b>Environmental team</b>— (via Sharon) They are looking at something to do in spring.</p> <p><b>Extracurricular</b> — Natalie Sephadari (via Sharon)</p>

Spring sign ups should be out first week at February. Might add Yoga to PR. Might need extra laughing academy at PR, going to decide on that.

**5th Grade Picnic-** Shari Issacs, Kelly Blair(via Sharon)  
Starting to get working on things for Picnic.

**Garden-** (via Sharon)  
Looking into doing a spring fundraiser.

**Science Fair** — Alicia Cios  
Finalized the rubric for judging, will be on paper copy for judges. Students will have 3-5 mins to present for judge and then judges can ask questions. Need one new judge, someone backed out last minute. 1st, 2nd 3rd place for each grade. They will order extra metals for the groups that win. Each participant will get a certificate and a free ice cream cone at Oberwies. Event will be at PR in multi-purpose room this Saturday, Jan 20.

**Jump Rope for Heart** — Laura Floyd  
Waiting for rep to come and meet with us today. Date is March 9th at PR. Going to spread out the jumping on time between the grades. Feb 1st will be the kick off for students.

**PTA Grants** — Alison Sipe  
Process is starting up for the grants. Kicked off in November. Jan 26th is grants deadline for teachers to submit. Parent input meeting is Feb 9th in the AM, parents get information on grants and are able give feedback. PTA budget is 20K for grants.

**Spiritwear** — Whiney Langas  
There will be spring sales.  
Any new items? Maybe knee socks, zip up hoodies, athletic shirts.

**Staff Appreciation** — E. Sullivan, A. Miller, K. Chasen (via Sharon)  
Getting ready for winter lunch.

9:40am

**Principal Reports—**

**Kevin Dorken, Lyon Principal-**

All is busy again at Lyon. 2nd grade went to Chicago Art Instiuite this week. Mary Tapia has organized this trip for a few years. It is very good.

CBMs are starting. CBM is a quick one min testing/assessment. Complements the NWEA testing. That is also start this week and next.

Thinking about the Food Services Presentations we will have— I tell the kids the lunch meal is intended to fuel your body. When things start to seem off kilter with kids, the very basics (foods and sleep) are what

usually we need to go back to and look at. It's so basic but those can make the biggest difference.

**Erik Friedman, PR Principal**

All good and getting busy again at PR.

Students took a tour around the school (and in school field trip). They went around building and learned about what the expeditions are in each of the different areas of building (quiet in the library).

NWEA starting this week. A lot of testing has started.

9:50am

**Special Guest Speakers**

**Kim Cleveland, D34 Food Services—“Feeding the Future”**

We are a part of the National School Lunch Program- have to following federal and state regulations. School meals are balanced and healthy. Limiting fats and serving 1/3 daily allowance for children in protein, calcium, iron and vitamins A and D.

We use “Offer vs Serve”. We offer of options and kids can choose instead of just serving. If students choose something they are more likely to eat it. We like offer so kids will eat and less waste.

D34 goes above and beyond the recommended. We serve a minimum 5 fruit or veggies, only use whole grains, use low fat cheese. Next year will be all natural. Chicken is all white meat (Tyson). No high fructose corn syrup except in syrup for breakfast because she can't find it without HFCS yet.

Staff at D34: 20 full time cooks, 10 part time cooks and 3 subs. Full time staff is Certified Food Service Sanitation. Part time staff and subs have a food handler certificate.

How are meals planned? By: budget (\$1.90 food cost), dietary guidelines, USDA and ISBE regulations, acceptable, participation history of meals and what are top sellers, by trends of foods, product availability, facility restrictions (ovens or stoves).

Current lunch participation in District:

HE 43%, WB 42%, LY 33%

GG 51%, HO 48%, PR 38%

Springman 30%, Attea 28%

Going to look into offering a 1/2 cup serving of fruits or veggies as an option at PR, GG, HO level of school. Not really good option, for Lyon, WB, HE.

We use local produce when we can. The produce distributor gives her update as to when things are good price and from local farms.

10:38am

**Jump Rope from Heart**—Patrick Hoefft

Two representatives and from JRFH gave presentation.  
Took some feedback from last year and makes some changes.

We want to share this - what is JRFH?

JRFH is a good way to help 1) your heart 2) others 3) have fun

This year were using "Scare Squad" to reinforce heart healthy messages.

JRFH is 40 years old. PR has been top 10 schools from 2002 , PR has been participating it for 30 years.

Last year, nationally PR was #3 @ \$54,706 and #1 in Illinois.

In 2014- \$65,042- best year for PR

In 2016- PR cumulative total was \$1 million raised over the years (only about 5 others school have ever done that)

11:00am

**Meeting Adjourned** — Sharon Bux