

**Lyon/Pleasant Ridge PTA Agenda
September 19, 2017
General PTA Meeting 9:15am and 7:00pm - Lyon**

AM Attendees: Sharon Bux, Anne O'Neill Binney, Gail Weiss, Kara Kline, Elyse Ventura, Shari Isaacs, Galia Polyanovsky, Laura Floyd, Niki VanVuren, Karen Kim, Tracy Boyensky, Whitney Langas, Erika Sullivan, Tracy Reeder, Jennifer Havill, Ramie Robbins, Evelyn Caliendo, Kristi Mariani, Maria Stephan, Raquelle Torres, Alisa Cios, Kathleen McNeela, Bobbie Rubin, Karla Robinson, Kevin Dorken, Erik Friedman

PM Attendees: Sharon Bux, Anne O'Neill Binney, Gail Weiss, Sam Friedman, Lance Driskill, Priyanka Naie, Jenny Gitelson, Rebecca Herlitz, Susanna Gevorgyan, Krystle Bassler, Evelyn Caliendo, Elizabeth Clifford, Alissa Luck, Karen Friendman, Elyse Ventura, Kevin Dorken, Erik Friedman

Time	Agenda Item
9:15am	<p>Call Meeting to Order— Sharon Bux Sharon called the meeting to order at 9:23am</p> <p>Approval of the Minutes—Gail Weiss Whitney Langas motioned to approve minutes and Laura Floyd, second</p>
9:20am	<p>Officer's Reports</p> <p>Request Approval of 2017-18 budget and Reimbursement Procedures — Kara Kline -On the budget each of the chairs has a line with your budget. -Not a lot going on yet since its the beginning of the year. -Goal is to budget to zero. This year we have a surplus. -\$65,000 is what we have to spend. Majority is from benefit, book fairs, Heinen's rebates, spirit wear, PTA membership. (see slide sheet) -Most is spent on PTA grants and others is spent on programs. -Motion to vote to Budget, Budget passed by majority.</p> <p>Reimbursement/Payment Process: Form found on PTA website. Turn in to PTA mailbox and then you will be reimbursed in a week. All Deposits go to Evelyn. She has a locked mailbox so you can leave at her home. Please always use tax except letter when purchasing.</p>
9:35 am	<p>Thank you's — Sharon Bux</p> <p>Gail Weiss - PTA signup/membership database Rebecca Richards - school supplies Maria Stephan - Mentor family coffee meet and greet Dana Palmer/Shari Issacs - rooms parents Staci Emerson/Jenny Gitelson- First grade lunch. Picture day Natalie Sepahdari- Extracurriculars Whitney Langus and Jenny -Spritiwear Robin Cohen- Art enrichment Jennifer Havill - Website Updates</p>

Kara Kline / Evelyn Caliendo - Budget
Anne O'Neill Binney- working with me by my side
Tracy Reeder- Mentoring me this year

PTA Council Report Overview— Anne O'Neil Binney
Overall take is that it has been a great start to year - very positive.
Council Meetings are open to public. They take place 1st
Thursday of month.
Nov 15 GEFs Phone-a-thon will begin.

9:45 am **Mentor Program Update** — Maria Stephan
Thank you to everyone who could come. Thanks to the principals
who came out. Just now just reach out once in a while to your
families when special events come up or just to check in.

9:50am **Room Parents Update** — Shari Isaacs, Dana Palmer
Thanks to everyone for your time. All going smoothly. All classes
have assigned room parents

9:55am **Committee Chair Reports**

Art Enrichment — Robin Cohen (Sharon)
If your area room parent please send in your art enrichment chairs
to her as soon as possible. A parent volunteer to teach an art lesson
once in a while in classroom.

Benefit — Tracy Reeder, Gail Weiss
Thanks to Whitney and Anne for helping us out. "Let the Good
Times Roll" will take place on February 24 at Valley Lo Club. Will
have Casino games again this year. Dress up in costumes. Turn in
chips for auction items. One big change is not doing class baskets
—just donations from classrooms to be in silent auction. DJ will be
there. We might open up auction 1 week early.

Fall Book Fair — Rebecca Herlitz, Niki VanVuren
Dates Thursday Nov 9 and Friday Nov 10 until 8pm
Thursday night food trucks and Friday will be night pizza night
Looking into online sales before and after.
All for books - kids would collect money and buy a pencil gram and
use the money to purchase books for ELL. Teachers baskets-Just
have them for out Lyon teachers, unless PR teachers want one.

Box Tops — Bobbie Rubin
Collecting for box tops for November.
Collection is just for Lyon school. PR does their own thing for box
tops.

Character Counts — Elyce Ventura
Food Drive will be Oct. 16-20

Goal is to stock the shelves at pantry. No money involved. Contest between the district and other area schools for items for pantry. The 5th grade ambassadors get very involved in the process. Looking for a person to be a larger liaison to help with CC.

Cultural Enrichment — LY:Cynthia Reeder, PR:Rachel Giles (via Sharon)
Working on assemblies that will go on during International Night.

Debra Gelfand — Kristi Mariani
The sale of the carson book at curriculum night raised \$270. Will also be at International night and book fair. Looking to do another fundraiser later in year.

PTA Directory — Karen Kim
Working on getting transitioned. Thanks to Gail and Tracy for helping me so far.

Empty Bowls — Jane Karr
Date is evening of November 15th
Might be easier to just have the soup donated this time. Feeding 500 people. We may not be doing the food drive this year. Ticket sales are only fundraising. Also will be auction off "special" bowls. Maybe do 5 bowls and make them thanksgiving style bowls/basket to will help drive up cost of bowl auctions. Concern that the kids didn't get to keep the bowls they made last time but the goal is get the kids to think about giving. Maybe pair the food drive part with holiday helper or do change donations.

Extracurricular — Natalie Sephadari (via Sharon)
All went well this year. Only little problem with Laughing Academy at PR being on same day as choir which is a conflict for a lot of kids. Looking into moving the day.

Fifth Grade Picnic — Shari Isaacs, Kelly Blair
Will have one date only as an option this June 1st. Need indoor place so that we don't have to worry about rain date. Kids seemed to love last year inside.

Holiday Helper – Maryellen Cozad, Andrea Dowing, Ramie Robbins
Katie and the social workers are getting out letters to families. Getting emails and stuff ready to send out for donations. Coats drive will be November 7-8. Food drive will be Nov 6. Dec 4-5 will be for package drop off
Food drive - Anyone can do a charitable donation to donate a larger amount of something.
Dec 9 will be pack up date.

International Night — Galia Polyanovksy, Jennifer Havill
Friday, Oct 6th 6pm-8pm
Thanks to Sharon and Anne for starting things off. There will be 11 rooms. Korea, Philippines and Ireland- could be a go if we have helpers for these rooms. There will be performers. They will be staggered and they will be interactive. Still looking for decor people and clean up help.

Jump Rope for Heart— Laura Floyd

Getting all in order. Meeting with Mrs. Gruba and Mr. Hoeft to get things rolling.

PTA Membership Database – Gail Weiss

Deadline to signup is Oct 1. Currently have around 350 members. New process is seems to be working well.

Newsletter – Anne O’Neill Binney

Make sure to read. Lots of useful info that is not just PTA related.

PTA Grants – Alison Sipe

Starting process in November. Teachers apply for grants. Principal and PTA look over grants and then pick out some to be voted on at February. That meeting we will review and approve.

School Supplies – Rebecca Richards (via Sharon)

Things didn't show up on time and things didn't get sent correctly. Looked to be a national problem with Staples. Looking at new ideas for next year.

Science Fair – Alisa Cios

Have a date on hold for January. Will need to find a staff member to work with us on fair. Looking to work with the science curriculum.

Spiritwear – LY: Whitney Langas, PR: Jenny Gitelson

On line store closes on Oct 10th. New items winter hats, Baseball Ts (for teachers) reusable bags double sided with Lyon on one side PR on other. Going to have them at Book fair. Lyon made just over \$1000 for curriculum night and class list posting day.

Staff Appreciation – Erika Sullivan, Andrea Miller, Katie Chasen

Meet and Greet with PTA will be Oct 13 or 20.

Student Needs Liaison – Open

Need someone to fill. RED day (Nov 16) is involved in this.

Troops Project— Kara Kline, Kristi Marinani, Jennifer Preston and

78 packages were shipped last year. Collection will be earlier April 23-27. Partnered with IL ISO. Ms. Lattanzio has a friend who received a package from our students.

10:34 am

Principal Reports— “Getting to Know Your Principals”

Kevin Dorken, Lyon Principal

-12th year at Lyon. 20th year in District.

-Having a new superintendent the are lots of positive things going on. —

-The leadership needs to focus to have things work and move forward.

-SEL learning: Second Step is fully up and running in all classrooms.

-Professional Learning is working on Focus. No room professional growth if/when there is too much going on. Need to have more focus to keep helping teachers what do they need to help staff grow.

-New parking lot is great!

Erik Friedman, PR Principal

-Thank you for the warm welcome. Thank you to Kevin for all the help.
-12 years as a teacher. Worked as social worker, Asst Principal and Principal.

Focus areas:

-SEL: Foundations as a building what expeditions do we need. What areas do we need to improve around building. Last year we focused on hallway. This year lunchroom will be looked at. Second Step-Looking forward to getting that rolling.

-Getting more kids to read during the day. Just reading and talking about the books. Across D34 there is more talk about writing. Working on getting a gage on how we asses writing. New district-wide rubric for this.

PR Garden: Need a parent liaison to help get garden up and running. Maybe have seniors come in or maybe GBS kids help.

11:00am

Meeting Adjourned — Sharon Bux