

Lyon/Pleasant Ridge PTA Agenda
February 27, 2018 — 9:15am
General PTA Meeting - Lyon School

Attendees: Anne O’neill, Sharon Bux, Gail Weiss, Whitney Langas, Evelyn Caliendo, Erik Friedman, Kevin Dorken, Kara Kline, Leisl Bonakdarpour-Jaberg, Natalie Sepahdari, Catherine Gray, Alison Sipe

Time	Agenda Item
9:15am	<p>Call Meeting to Order— Sharon Bux Sharon called the meeting to order at 9:15</p> <p>Thank you’s — Sharon Bux Alison Sipe - PTA grants Anne Binney, Andrea Miller, Erika Sullivan - Staff appreciation Alicia Cios, Erik Friedman - Science Fair The Benefit Committee: Cyndi Baumgartner and Niki Van Buren for organizing the signup parties, Liz Lapp and Michelle Vorhies who helped to organize the teacher parties, Megan Cless, Laura Freund and Jane Karr for the beautiful Mardi Gras themed décor, Missy Amrol, Tracy Elsasser, Evelyn Caliendo, Kara Kline, Kathleen McNeela, Tracy Reeder, Elyce Ventura, Bethany Woods and Kristen McGargill who procured items for the silent auction, Karen Kim and Tracy Reeder for obtaining sponsorships and to Galia Polyanovsky for the sponsorship signage, Jennifer Havill and Gail Weiss for managing online bidding, communication and other tech items, Anne Binney, Whitney Langas, Sharon, Cara Murphy, Laura Burns, Jessica Plopper for helping out where ever needed and supporting our chairs, and Allie Lipert for the elegant take home boxes.</p> <p>Parent Concerns — Sharon Bux Extracurriculars- Looking at solutions for drop offs for extracurriculars at PR. Kids have been crossing Sunset Ridge so there is a safety issue.</p> <p>MEETINGS- There are three more PTA meetings for the remainder of the school year. Next one is an evening meeting at PR. Speaker will be Christine Somervill, Ph.D. program director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, Cook County North Suburban chapter.</p> <p>UPDATE- from Kim Cleveland from D34 food services. She talked to and looked at other districts looking at ways to vamp up our lunch program. She's been looking other ideas as well.</p>
9:25am	<p>Officer’s Reports</p> <p>Financial Highlights — Kara Kline Current Net Income is (\$3,492) Benefit Reconciliation will occur in March</p>

Spirit wear is down (\$2640)
PTA membership is down (\$1868)
Other areas making up is school supplies and the Benefit.

PTA Council Report Overview— Anne O'Neill

D34 Hired a architect firm to look at all buildings so see what we can do to bring classrooms/schools up to speed. Two classrooms at each building will get a re-vamp (teachers will have to apply to get chosen). Will be innovative and these classrooms will have to show other classes how to use the new classroom design.

9:35am

Committee Chair Reports

Benefit — Tracy Reeder, Gail Weiss

All went well with party. Hope everyone had a good time. Have a few packages and party spots left over but we will open auction again tomorrow. Hopeful we did well and that everyone had fun. Thank you to all who helped us.

Box tops — Bobby Rubin (Via Sharon)

Reminder to clip and send in.

Environmental team— (via Sharon)

They are looking at something to do in spring. Looking for ideas for earth week. They will need help for activities.

Extracurricular — Natalie Sephadari

Sign up is on going. Sessions starts next Monday. New class -yoga at PR.

Trying to streamline it so that you can contact a person if you kid is missing class. There will be contact info put out so if you child is absent you will know who to contact. Need to put on a start and end dates when registering.

5th Grade Picnic- Shari Issacs, Kelly Blair(via Sharon)

New date May 31st. Going to be at cole park this year.

Garden- (via Sharon)

Tracy Boyewsky and Mrs Brown are looking into starting off something for the garden.

Jump Rope for Heart — Laura Floyd

Will be on Friday the 9th. Looking for volunteers on sign up genius.

Science Fair - Alicia Cios (via Sharon)

Lots of 3rd graders entered. It was a good day and kids enjoyed it.

Spiritwear — Whiney Langas

There should be a flyer going out soon for spring sales

Staff Appreciation — E. Sullivan, A. Miller, K. Chasen (via Sharon)

Last Friday we had a breakfast at Lyon. Yesterday, there was lunch (soup lunch) at PR. Teacher appreciation week will be coming up soon.

Troops projects- Kara Kline, Kristi Mariani, Jennifer Preston

4 chairs this year will help things go much smoother and easier.

Will take place the last week of April now. Coordinating with IL USO.

There is a list that will go out after spring break as to what we are collecting.

School Supplies- Rebecca Richards

We will be ordering school supplies for the teachers this year- no more kits. Will be less waste and you will not get a lot of stuff back at end of year. Price will be set per grade (and will be about the same as years past). Everything will be ordered in bulk for more cost savings. Teachers will order supplies and the PTA will pay for them. Parents will be paying a fee to the PTA for supplies. More info will come after spring break. Plan to have it ordered by the last week of school. Then people will have a chance again at beginning of year.

9:45am

Principal Reports—

Kevin Dorken, Lyon Principal-

Thank you for staff breakfast. Claire Gerding usually has a once a month spirit day and it was same day so the staff was all wearing plaid.

At Benefit, we got a lot of nice comments and positive feedback from parents and we are so appreciative of the community.

After the events that happened in Florida, it really puts an emphasis on the social emotional learning and that it is a foundation for learning. Teachers are putting more than just the SEL programming into their teaching. They think it is an important part for kids to have good social emotional skills to learn.

Erik Friedman, PR Principal

We are doing a 3rd, 4th, 5th feedback survey. We are going to look at the data and go to a meeting March 14th to get some professional help understanding/interpreting the data. Overall, students say they feel positive about their school experience.

Also got lots of good/positive feedback at benefit.

Starting to look at next year already and thinking about class placements for next fall.

10:00am

PTA Grants- Alison Sipe

We received 15 grants this year for consideration.

The PTA budget \$20,000 for the grants this year.

First, the Principals rank the grants. Then, there is an open parent input meeting where they give a rating. Finally, the PTA board gives a rating.

The Grants (10) up for approval this year are:

- 1) Kindergarten Classroom Play Materials - \$764
- 2) Math Skills Board Games for PR 3rd Grade West Team - \$200
- 3) Leveling Library Books for Independent Reading in PR ELP Classroom - \$600
- 4) Drama Costumes/Props for PR -\$400
- 5) Lyon/PR All School Read -\$775
- 6) Readiness and Success Program at PR- \$1,884
- 7) 3 desk Bike Pedal Exercisers at PR - \$477
- 8) Theme Based Picture Books Mentor Texts for PR LRC - \$972
- 9) Flat Screen TV in PR gym with Apple TV - \$3,871
- 10) Lyon School Book Room - \$10,580

Asking for approval of \$18,639 not including Readiness and Success Program (item 6).

Passed by Majority vote at 10:24am

10:30am

Meeting Adjourned — Sharon Bux