

General Meeting
Tuesday, November 28, 2023
PR

Attendees: Stephanie Killian, Stefanie Shefler, Erik Friedman, Julie Selner, Katie King, Jaylee House, Emily Alexander, Casey Cullen, Anne Phister

1. Welcome and Introductions - looking at making the general meeting via zoom to include more working parents who can listen in.
2. Principal Comments
 - a. **Stefanie Shefler, Lyon Principal:**
 - i. 4 weeks until winter break! Reviewing behavior expectations now and continuing to review.
 - ii. Winter show is coming up. Tickets will be sent a week before the show. Everyone gets 2 tickets per family. The fine arts team has worked hard with the kids on the performance and the kids have had a big voice in the show.
 - iii. Author visit with Andrea Beaty. The kids researched her with the librarian before her visit and pre-read her books.
 - iv. Teachers are about to start learning walkthroughs where they are able to observe other teachers in their element teaching writer's workshop and other curriculum.
 - v. Lyon assessments will be right after break.
 - b. **Erik Friedman, PR Principal:**
 - i. Rush to winter break right now.
 - ii. School wide goal of working on lunch time behavior. They are working towards extra recess.
 - iii. Winter assessments will happen before winter break at PR. This is different from what has happened in the past. Some benefits are that kids are still in the school mode and also able to start interventions needed earlier after break.
3. Board Reports-
 - a. **President - Stephanie Killian**
 - i. Katie Jones - Grant cycle now open. Will be brought to the PTA in February. The budget for this year is \$20,000. The PTA tries to distribute it as best as they can among the two schools.
 - ii. Update on past events
 1. Community Winter Wear Drive- Jessica P shared that there was a high need from the community and not enough coats. They ran out by noon on Friday and had planned for all weekend. Will make changes for next year.
 2. Holiday helper gifts were due this week and will be distributed next week.
 3. Fall Book Fair @ Lyon - Jaylee House and Emily Alexander will be helping out with the Fall Book Fair next year. Will continue to do

the same format but adding some other fun fundraising activities as well. Wondering if membership numbers increased from the push during the book fair?

4. Family Bingo at Lyon was a success. Megan Spathis ran the event and it was loved by attendees and raised some money for the PTA!
 5. Happening Now: Holiday Helper - holiday helper gifts due yesterday. Will be distributed next week.
- iii. Board Openings and Volunteer Opportunities
1. Assistant Treasurer - in most need right now!!
 2. Annual Spring Benefit - Will be held at Valley Lodge. The PTA will run the benefit and be chairs for the committees and create sub committees. Please consider volunteering! More information to come!
 3. Character Counts (Food Drive)
 4. International Night - still need a chair
- iv. Community Engagement
1. Family Bingo Night - It was a success, but capped at a certain number. However, not all the families that signed up actually showed up. How to fix this for next time?
 2. January Family Night
 3. March Free Skate
- v. Room Parents
- vi. Membership Drive: Goal is 300, Annual Renewals
- vii. Questions