



**Lyon & Pleasant Ridge PTA General Meeting – 10/15/2024 @ 12:00PM  
Held at Pleasant Ridge**

**Present:** Jen Havill, Leisl Jaberg, Ann Pfister, Erik Friedman, Stefanie Shefler, Lisa Hanneman (Guest from Youth Services of Glenview), Katie King, Sarah Waggoner, five others (Holiday Helper chairs, and two others. )

**On Zoom:** Kelly, Rosa Aiello Scianna, Lynne Shutan

**1) Lisa Hanneman, Director at Youth Services of Glenview**

- Youth Services is under construction near Kohls Children's Museum. YS uses an activity-based treatment model. They serve preschool through college-aged students. Contracted under insurance, but they offer financial assistance. They offer such things as an art room, Lego wall, cooking in the kitchen, play therapist, ping pong room, etc. There is a certified play therapist on staff. Snacks for kids.
- Waitlist is at 25 currently. When back in the building January 6, 2025, this will be mitigated.
- Group work is special – social skills groups from 1<sup>st</sup> grade up, plus Pride program for kids and families with LGBTQ+. Summer programming is offered. Kids are sometimes paired up with homework (especially ESL.)
- Making sure kids feel a strong sense of community. Several languages are spoken in the center.
- Special relationship with D34 to do crisis response work. YS can see some kids during school during the day. Over 100 students participate in Sale program in at Attea and Springman.
- 3:30pm to 9:00 are the hours at the center.
- More high school students now than in the beginning, groups, social skills. Kids may be on the spectrum, or neurodiverse students. Support skills, and then processing groups, where individual settings are not working. (Issues such as bullying, divorce, etc. to create safety.) Also volunteer opportunities for Teens.

- Does YS do SEL assemblies, especially with D34 partnerships?

IT depends. If we think this is something we think the PTA wants, they will work with us. "We do a ton with the district." However, If we have anything we feel would be helpful. There is a lot going on behind the scenes. PR uses YS behind the scenes. The goal is to have waitlist under a month.

-Kids that come are dealing with depression, anxiety, bullying, something systemic at home, with a friend group, but YS does not work with children with drug issues and eating disorders, so YS will refer out for those things.

- YS relies on fundraising. Pride, after school programs, etc, are free. Almost \$500,000 in scholarships per year. If anyone wants to volunteer, YS is looking for volunteers! Still in need of sponsors for holiday gifts.

- Work with Glenview Police Department with kids who are first offense, to do community service, etc, to help alleviate the Police Department. Teens are under the supervision of some of the staff. Some end up using services, or volunteering more as a study buddy, etc.

What would bring a family to youth services?

-Schools refer, word of mouth, getting more well known in 5 – 7 years. A lot of kids like the activity, but also space for teens to sit on the couch and chat.

-Study Buddies is open to anyone who wants to come! You don't have to be from a traditionally under resourced household. Kids learn about it from other kids and families. This is a Spanish speaking support group.

Adults can volunteer?

- The youngest age to volunteer is high school, officially. However, groups can volunteer for jobs to do (like make thank you cards.)

Can the PTA help YS initiatives?

- Specialists

- 100 needed for Holiday help at YS yet this year.

- January 31' 2025 – Concert for YS at Loyola Academy – buy tickets?

- Make sure we don't duplicate programs. Sometimes we do, so try to work together.

- Lisa left flyers and impact printouts at the meeting

## **2) Principal Reports:**

Erik:

- Teachers are very busy.

- Executive Functioning Training – Last year, some Pleasant Ridge staff members were sent to training, and now are teaching the rest of the teachers how to do different related programs. Coming out of winter break, they will share lessons with all students. The pandemic exacerbated emotional regulation, for example. There is a two to three year goal in rolling this out. The team wants to share with parents as well, such as planning homework time. Small groups in some classrooms. Tier 1 – Lessons to all kids, but some kids are already in small groups.
- One of the lessons is “Make a Plan”. Make three bullet points, and line up the plan, and teach the kids.
- During the pandemic, this became worse. Erik will share websites teaching kids and parents how to do these things.
- “Teachers need to exhale more.”
- “Thank you always for your support.”

Stefanie:

- Executive functioning is also a need in K-2. Late start Wednesdays are utilized well with meetings and planning. Using divide and conquer strategies, culturally, goal based, SEL focused strategies. Mary Hoyland, Alison, etc, head up the Interest Group.
- There are Nine Subsets of executive function. Working Memory, impulse control, flexibility, etc, little brains still learning. 20 Teachers joined this interest group, so even principals and teachers discovered they have some issues.
- Just submitted school improvement plans to board of education yesterday.
- SEL – They look at logs, and panorama data. Non-compliance data , what is the definition?? Talking about using 3 to 1 positivity ratio. Correcting fluently. Acknowledgement but re-directing. Training around that this year.
- Report cards coming out this week. Standards based is how we grade.
- Winter show is Dec 19<sup>th</sup>. Tickets arrive on Dec 5<sup>th</sup>. 10 am and 2 pm shows. 2 tickets only per family, even for lap babies/kids. Cannot share tickets! Do not sell tickets.

### 3) **Holiday Helpers -**

- Everyone has been very generous. Drop-off is December 2, 2024, in the morning at Lyon. 9:15 to 11:15 am. Chairs spend that week organizing.
- Do they need help with organizing? No. Just make sure the number of family is clearly on what you drop off. Thank you to those who have donated, to families, gifts cards, monetary. Chairs are blown away with generosity. There might be left over funds. Maybe donate to Youth Services? Can it be kept for next year in case it is leaner next year?
- The chairs and Jen will look at the options.

Erik – Families are so grateful!

Stefanie – Seeing the impact is great.

- 4) **Ann – DEI meeting** – More teacher involvement in the PTA?? What is the typical involvement? Did it drop off with Covid?

Stefanie – Larger conversation needed about this. Teachers like the book fairs, etc. After school is better.

Jen – Is not pressuring benefit attendance by staff.

Ann – More parents need to understand how our PTA meetings, and grants, are benefiting the teachers and schools. How to form a stronger alliance.

Jen – We try with our email, website, social media, etc.

- 5) **Jen** - Happy with turnout with Screenagers showing. Too much Q and A.  
Email her or exec board with any PTA questions.

**Meeting Adjourned at 1:05 PM.**

**Leisl Jaberg, LYPR PTA Secretary**