General Meeting

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

9:15 at Lyon Staff Lounge

Attendees: Stephanie Killian, Jessica Pritzker, Jennifer Havill, Julie Selner, Casey Cullen, Stefanie Shefler, Erik Friedman, Megan Spathis, Katie King, Ann Phister, Alison Alden, Jori Swartz, Joel Holland, Danielle Vance-McMullen, Ruth Deeken

1. Welcome from Board President, Stephanie Killian
2. Principal Comments
   1. **Stefanie Shefler, Lyon Principal**:

-Thank you to the PTA for our recents events including a visit from author Carolyn Crimi and an assembly last week with dancers.

Griffin’s Tale, a Northwestern improv group, will be joining us soon. They will take students’ writing and act it out for the school during an assembly.

-Cogat testing coming up next week for 2nd grade and benchmarking coming up for the whole school

-Please make sure to read class newsletters as there are a lot of events coming up.

* 1. **Erik Friedman, PR Principal:**

-Thank you for all the events the PTA helps run.

-Last week we had a movie event at PR and watched the movie “Trolls”.

-This weekend we have the science fair. We will have around 70-80 students involved.

-Had incoming 3rd grader meetings yesterday. Looking forward to next year and starting to place students for classes.

- Stefanie said, a lot of events coming up and keep an eye on the calendar

1. Board Reports-
   1. **Community Events - Megan Spathis**

-Movie Night - Thank you to Megan Spathis and Ann Phister for the event. It was a great event and we will definitely do it again. It skewed on the younger side, not many PR kids, so perhaps need to look at movie choice for next time

-Toy Drive - we are supplementing the PTA grant. Collection will extend through this week. Check wish lists for last minute donations. The PTA will see what is needed from teachers at the beginning of the year for soft start/indoor recess games and send out a sign up at the beginning of next year. It is too busy right now and we’re afraid any requests will get lost in the communications.

* 1. **Science Fair update - Jessica Pritzker**

-Will set up in MP room and gym

Have 35 projects - still need 2-3 judges if anyone is available

Start judging around 9-10:30.

* 1. **Teacher Appreciation - Allison Alden**

-Almost ready for the week. Schedule is as follows:

Monday bundt cakes and sparkling water

Tuesday lunch from Forza meats

Wed/Thurs coffee cart and teacher gifts/snacks (Gift is a mug from

Artsonia)

Friday will be donuts from dip n sip donuts, yogurt and OJ. Megan will pick up the OJ from Costco.

-$3000 has been pledged so far for the teacher appreciation. Our goal is $7000.

* 1. **Jen Havill - PTA Open Board Positions**

Have filled a few positions so far. Welcome to our new members for next year:

Joel Holland - International Night Chair

Katie King - will be VP next year

Amy Kieckhefer - Room Parent chair

Ann Phister and Stephanie Herrera - Benefit chairs

Directory chair and school supplies chair should be filled soon

Still Need:

Parent Liasion for special needs @ PR

Spring book fair chairs

* 1. **Upcoming Events**

Spring Book Fair

Will have children preview on Wed, 5/1 and will open to the public Wednesday night. Then the fair will be open on 5/2 in the afternoon and again from 5-8. Have Literature Alive and food trucks. Need some more volunteers for the evening time slots.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, May 14 @ 9:15am at Pleasant Ridge**