

General Meeting
Tuesday, September 19th
9:15 at Lyon Staff Lounge

Attendees: Stephanie Killian, Jennifer Havill, Faye Rice, Julie Selner, Jaylee House, Michelle Reider, Sarah Schoeneberg, Casey Cullen, Stefanie Shefler, Erik Friedman, Ashley Yosay, Stephanie Herrera, Abby Stuebe, Molly Schultz, Natalie Carson, Jori Swartz, Emily Abitbol, Megan Spathis, Katie King, Katie Jones, Mary Rhodes, Safine Posen, Susie Moore, Zikra Mian, Dana Dressler, Wendy Guyer, Kelsey Hoffman, Amy Kieckhefer

1. Introductions- Exec Board, General Board, and Attendees; sign in sheet passed around
2. Principal Comments
 - a. **Stefanie Shefler, Lyon Principal:** Welcomed all in attendance. School year is off to an exciting start with our routines. We just finished our academic benchmarking using AIMSweb
 - Data Days = grade level teams get together and look at how students have performed on Aimsweb to identify need for interventions
 - Plaque - The PTA provided money to purchase play materials for the playgrounds. Stefanie had a plaque made to thank the PTA for this generous gift
 - b. **Erik Friedman, PR Principal:** It's been a great start to the school year and a lot of enthusiasm for the new learning spaces. They are still finishing up a few spaces, but the kids have barely noticed
 - Teachers are gathering data for the fall conferences and to set goals for the school year
 - The "honeymoon" is over, and students are starting to feel comfortable in their classrooms and in the lunchroom/recess.
 - Thank you to parents for all of their support
3. Board Reports-
 - a. **President - Stephanie Killian**
 - Welcome
 - Theme of year- "We Celebrate"
 - Our year ahead - looking to increase our community wide involvement to bring students and families together
 - Open positions: Assistant treasurer, Annual Benefit chair, Kids Heart Challenge chair and International Night chair needed- email Stephanie Killian if interested
 1. The Annual fundraising Benefit will be on 3/2. More information to come soon
 2. International night will be moving to Lyon this year.
 - The PTA will be feeding teachers and staff on conference night again this year

b. Treasurer - Faye Rice

Present proposed budget

1. 70% of funds coming from annual membership and are expected to be flat compared to last year
2. Largest amount spent is in grants that we provide for the teachers
3. Looking to do some more cultural enrichment and funds supporting student and family program services are expected to increase ~\$27K. This is due to timing and deferred costs from the prior year. The goal is to fully utilize the allocated funds

Vote for Approval: **Budget Approved**

c. VP Community Engagement- Megan Spathis

Report on Parents Night Out

1. Already had 2 events - Popsicles at the park before school started and new parent coffee last week
2. Lyon parents night out is at Ten Ninety @7pm on Thurs. 9/28

Future events

3. Family bingo - 11/16 @ 5pm at Lyon
4. Family trivia event in winter
5. Free ice skating event in March

d. VP Room Parents- Katie King and Casey Cullen

Room parent kick off meeting

1. Explained funds and classroom activities at curriculum night
2. Anyone that did not get picked to be a room parent, their names were sent to room parents to make sure they could get into the classrooms sometime during the year

Room parents will be getting a list of field trips so they can let parents know to plan ahead for the trips if interested in chaperoning

Halloween celebration

3. Lyon - parade in the parking lot @2pm. Room parents will be in contact. There will also be a winter party the week before holiday break
4. PR - parties in the classrooms

Want to bring back the snack weeks for the teachers. Room parents will send out a sign up genius to bring in snacks on Mondays. More info to come soon

Please let room parents know if you have any additional ideas or questions

e. Book Fair (Ashley Yosay)

Will be back IN PERSON at Lyon from 10/18-10/20!

1. 10/18 3:30-7:30. Kids will come during the day for a book preview
2. 10/19: 3:30-7:30. Stefanie will read a book. There will be pizza sales and kona ice truck

3. Coloring contest sheet to come home. A winner will be selected from each grade.

f. Holiday Helper (Michelle Reider and Sarah Schoeneberg)

This program provides outerwear to families in need.

1. This year will be teaming up Gelfand Fund and the Glenview Necessities Network
2. Drive will be Oct 9-19 to collect coats and outerwear. Lyon will be a drop off location
3. Oct 20-22 @GBS outerwear drive
4. It will not be replacing Holiday helper, but just taking out the LY coat drive and joining the wider district initiative. We will continue to do the same holiday helper initiative as usual. Hoping to streamline the process for families so they won't need to go to multiple sites.
5. You will still be able to sponsor a family and purchase gift cards to donate for the families. Gift drop off date will be 11/28.
6. The Village of Glenview and the Chamber should also be sending out information about the program in their communications.

g. Membership Drive

Last year we won a bronze award from the IL PTA for increasing our membership. We would love to see it grow even more!!