

# LYPR PTA Meeting Minutes

Time: 9:38 AM - 10:50AM

Date: September 12, 2025

Location: Lyon



## 1. Welcome and Opening Remarks - Katie King (PTA President)

- 3 areas to focus - connection to peers, connection to growth (student growth and giving opportunities to thrive, connection to schools and staff (happy teachers = happy kids = happy parents)
- Set the record straight - all we ask is for your support, thank you for your memberships this year, membership does not equal an obligation - you don't have to volunteer, plenty of opportunities to come out and volunteer if you do want to. Big bites, small bites- will be in newsletter
- Build the LYPR family and look forward to a great year ahead
- Back to school was awesome success
- Rock painting was a hit
  - Out front at Lyon School
  - In garden at PR

## 2. VP Remarks and Membership Update (Ruth PTA VP)

- Here to show you what we all do and how we can get involved in the community
- Thank you for the Champions
  - The rest of the lawn signs and magnets will be delivered soon
  - 211 members- striving for more
  - We have more money from just the membership drive than we did last year!
  - List of memberships going around
  - Appreciate you being here and signing in online
  - If you know any friends- please encourage them to join and support

Katie- your funds enable us to do so many things and maintain the wonderful initiatives that we have- take a minute to look at the handouts at the table to show what we support

## 3. Directory Information- Chi Hu

- Introduced herself
- 2nd year doing membership directory
- You do not have to be a PTA member to see the directory of LYPR families
  - You'll get an email at the start of the school year (during registration) asking if you're willing to share your family information and if you say yes, then your information is published in the app
  - District is in the process of updating the directory now
  - Katie pointed out the Link to it on our homepage called "Membership Hub" - you can use this as a broader directory
  - If your kid comes home asking for a playdate with a child, then you can look up the information on here and set this up
  - A lot of inquiries last year about people saying that they cannot see it, thinking they had to be a part of the PTA to see it, but wanted to pass on the info that you do NOT need to be a part of the PTA to see this information
  - Asked that email be sent out with this information - Katie will be sending out a link in her newsletter

#### **4. Treasurer's Report - Kyle Giglio- PTA Treasurer**

- Introduced himself and mentioned children's ages
- Budget Report:
  - Top fundraising sources:
    - Membership - already a great start to the year
    - Benefit-
    - Book fair in Fall and Spring
    - Sponsorships
    - Dining for Dollars
  - 11% is administrative costs
  - 2/3rds going back to the students almost 1/2 going to grants
  - Cultural enrichment, literacy programs, school wide scholastic membership
  - Meals for staff appreciation, teacher retirement fund, principals discretionary funds for things not funded by District, i.e playground equipment
  - International night, community events
  - 50k budget this year - really pushing to get there so we don't have to go into reserves
  - Katie pointed out that we had a really successful year last year with fundraising- moving forward not asking for more, just asking you to keep doing what you're doing so we can keep up these same initiatives
- **Budget put to a vote:**
  - Budget approved by members present

#### **5. Exec Board Introductions** - Katie shared that at the end of the meeting time to mingle and see if there is anything that sparks your interest and see where you could get involved

**Intro passed president** - Thanked for her hard work following year

#### **Room Parent Coordinators - Georgette Katsoulis**

-introduced herself coordinate room parents and each month you'll receive an email about events, keep everyone in the loop and see fun opportunities coming up

**Secretary-** Julie Cremieux

**Leisl Jaberg** - maintaining website, and uploading to peach jar,  
(Katie mentioned that calendar link was just updated!)

#### **6. PTA Chairs Introductions:**

##### **Spirit Wear Chairs:** Jory Novak for Lyon -

- goal to build a sense of community and pride
- offered some discount pricing to drive up sales
- deliveries expected next week
- spirit day Fridays to build sense of community in students so buy more spirit ware!

##### **Community Events Chairs- Sarah Wagoner, Ashely Stanley, & Emily Abitbol**

Sarah intro

- Running all the fun events and goal is to make them free and inclusive for as many people as possible and build the community
- Emily mentioned upcoming event is **Pizza in the Park on October 3rd**
- Make friends for kids but also the adults to make some friends- widen social circle
- Emily introduced herself

- We will be taking on volunteers for each event because we get a lot of attendance so 4 volunteers for Pizza in the park with clean up, passing out pizza,
- Pizza will be free!
- PTA Member asked if gluten and dairy free pizzas will be made available
  - Sarah said that the allergies will be back on her radar
- Katie mentioned - sensory friendly room will be made accessible to anyone who might need a break
- Asked if the board members emails are available on the website
- We can make a PTA specific email for each chair or an info email that will be sent to the
- We have the Lyon email - [LYPRpta@gmail.com](mailto:LYPRpta@gmail.com) -
  - info email to be created so that it's not overflowing
- Pizza in the park- please use the QR code and register to inform the pizza count

#### **Dining for Dollars Chair - Natalie Carson (not here) presented by Katie King**

- This month is back to school Dip & Sip Donut kits
- 10 back to the PTA for every kit
- That sale goes through the 18th and then you pick up your donuts on the 25th and 26th
- Panera, Culver's and another Dip and Sip coming up for Valentines Day
- Shop night too for people at the new Runner's Republic in the Glen percentage of sales going back to the school

PTA member asked if PTA is looking for more opportunities for shop nights?

- Katie confirmed that we are looking for more opportunities and mentioned the benefit and the sign up parties are great opportunities for this -pass along ideas to lyprpta email account t

#### **Fall Book Fair Chair - Jaylee House**

- October 8th and 9th
- 3:30-7:30 both nights
- Wednesday Stephanie will do a special reading
- Thursday is fun night with food trucks (Culinary Gangster 3:45 so teachers can eat)
- Kona Ice Food truck will also be present
  - Diners will pay for their food and a percentage comes back to LYPR PTA
- Sign up Genius coming out- we do need a lot of volunteers
- Come and have fun
- D34 Cares so our theme is Bring Someone You Care About and find a cool story together
- Qr code on the book fair flyer to the signup genius
- Preview day for the kids - they come in and write down things they're interested in- so we have some slots during the school day (although not guaranteed that it will be during your kids slot)
- We will all wear our name tags and a great way for people to get together and hang out

#### **Lyon Year Book Chair- Kelsey Hoffman**

- Cover art contest - about 40 drawings submitted a year at Lyon
- Purchase your yearbooks - wonderful keepsakes that they'll cherish forever
- PR the art teacher helps get the kids involved so maybe we can get the Lyon teachers to help out
- They get their name in the yearbook that they did the cover art!

#### **PTA Grants Chair- Katie Jones chair (Not present) presented by Katie King**

- Every year we open up the grant cycle and teachers at both school submit applications
- Past grants have been:
  - Stock up and revamp the teachers lounges
  - New comfy chairs into the classroom
  - Dual language books to help out kids who aren't native English speakers
  - Costumes for the PR drama program
  - New Lyon sound system
- Shifting the timeline up to incentives more teachers to submit grants- hoping to get them the funds by December so they have the whole back half of the year to spend them
- We will also be opening up the voting process for these grants PTA wide so that everyone has a voice
- Exec board will vote on a final set through a scoring process and then it will be opened up to the rest of the PTA
- Katie Jones will be at the October PTA meeting to discuss the grants program further

#### **Character Counts Food Drive - Casey Cullen**

- End of October - more a district initiative
- Might need help counting cans but otherwise more info will be sent out as we get closer

#### **Holiday Helper Chairs- Michelle Reider & Sara Schoenberg**

- Have been running holiday helper for the past few years
- Families who have kids at LY or PR
- clothing, shoes, diapers, toys, gift cards, books
- This year it will look a little differently than in the past
- Will be sharing more information about ways you can volunteer and contribute coming up
- Katie shared that this year it will primarily be gift cards:
  - We want to empower the parents to provide the gifts themselves and they know what their kids want
  - Goal to distribute things more evenly
    - the District will divvy up the gift cards so its spread more evenly across all schools in the District
- Start time will be around Mid October it will get started
- Question about whether or not essentials will be a part of the gift card or if they can be purchased separately
  - Whitney Langas mentioned that GELFAND provides the essentials for anyone in need - shared that she can send out the Amazon wishlist for the District

#### **Cultural Enrichment Chairs -Davey Raja (Lyon) & Leah Grillio (PR) presented by Katie King**

- If you are or if you know any local artists to help out with the show she would love to know
- Past Example at PR: Last year brought in a scientist from Stepan company to teach kids

#### **Kids Heart Challenge Chair - Katie Masterson**

- PR - grades 3-5
- Kids will have a really cool kick pff and all funds will go to the American Heart Association
- Kids will take a class online and learn CPR
- PR Principal spoke in and said that the classes are all optional
- End they have a big final celebration and jump rope competition and athletic competition

- Competition amongst classrooms and grades
- Fun way to make kids aware of the need out there and gets a little competitive

### **International Night Chair - Joel Holland**

Around the world interactive experience different classes representing different countries of the world

- 1) world feels weird and dark and we need to embrace and love cultures
- 2) One of the most fun and well attended events of the year
- 3) Easy way to take a step to be involved
  - 1) Need lots of help need people to host the room
  - 2) Starting a new structure
    - 1) Introdcuide more senior chair and a new junior chair and maybe a co-chair
  - 3) Friday Feb 6th - it will be hosted here at Lyon

Last year we had almost every country represented

Irish Dancing, Greek Dancing

If you want to host a room- please reach out, we will give you a budget to run your room - we just want to see everyone there and celebrate the different cultures within our community

PR principal Eric- doubled down on how it is a source of pride for students and how well attended the event is

16 rooms-

15-20 rooms per year depending on budget

1-3 families hosting the room

Whitney Langas asked about the Passport and mentioned that people from other schools and districts are envious of the passports

Asked if it is open to the whole community-

400 people attended one year- so we try to keep this just to the LYPR schools

It is a family event not a kid drop off but it is for the students and families within =LYPR

World is a crazy place- could one room be about just loving all cultures - idea put in motion to include this at this year's event!

### **Student Needs Chairs - Whitney Langas and Stephanie Herrera**

- Whitney: Help families with children with 504 IEPs, anxiety issues
- If you hear your friends talking about their child struggling tell them to reach out to us because we have the resources to get them the help that they need
- Stephanie- this week we hosted coffee meet and greet at Corner Bakery - 30 families from the district
- Tomorrow the library is hosting a sensory friendly movie night - you do have to register - they're providing popcorn - the lights will be up, room to move around
- Also will be meeting with APs to talk about ways that we can be more inclusive to children and families regarding things like concerts that the schools hold
- Great community for parents who are looking for support and guidance

### **LYPR Annual Benefit Chair - Ann Phister & Stephanie Herrera**

- Some exciting changes- location change this year
- Love the interactive parts so fun theme in mind that will be interactive
- Lots of volunteering opportunities

- Day off- take down and set up
- Marketing help in the lead up
- 
- Stephanie Herrera - mentioned that last year was a casino night and a lot of people really liked it so
- Considerable amount of businesses that came our and supported (10k in sponsorship) so we are looking for similar sponsors again this year
- Already starting with the planning so we are looking for help- graphic work, creating the invites, build the silent auction,
  - 3k at the silent auction- fire department bring your kid to school
  - Glenview police department will also and bring your kids to school
- You can bring several friends
- Katie- If you work at a business or run a business we are looking for the sponsorships
- 
- Sign up parties - parents pick a fun event and host it and the teachers do this as well

#### **Sponsorship and Fundraiser Chair -Rosa Scianna**

- When you get the PTA newsletter- you'll see different companies, it will go out to 2k people so it gets you exposure - right now we only have Willowlake Dental
- Does not have to be a local business - especially for the benefit

#### **Science Fair Chairs - Jen Rubin and Bill King (neither here)**

- Parent judges and then you vote on the kids projects
- Will need volunteers to help set up the room and be some judges and that comes later in the year

#### **Spring Book Fair Chair - Rosa Scianna, Stephanie Killian (on the line)**

- Takes place at PR - 2 days with fun activities filled evenings
- Evening of food trucks, Kona Ice, Encore Night- gym, drama, music, library - extra classes showcase and plan actives for hands on activities for kids and families to do together.

#### **Staff Appreciation Chairs- Alison Alden & Fernanda Torres (not here) Katie King Presented**

- Provide conference meals for the teachers for spring and fall and huge staff appreciation week where each day of the week we have coffee truck, juice and donuts..
- Will probably need help making deliveries during the week

#### **5th Grade Picnic Chair - Dominique Berlin & Megan Spathis**

- Huge exciting awesome tradition that kids look forward to - funded by the PTA with some donations from 5th grade parents
- Bounce houses, food, dunk tanks, kids really looking forward to it

#### **7. Snack Squad - presented by Katie King:**

- Rolling out snack squad again- a year where everyone can get involved
- A sign up genius will be going out to deliver snacks to Lyon and PR
- Savory and sweet categories
- Deliver about 60 items to each school-
- Will open up Amazon delivery directly to the school- if you want to do a Costco run and deliver right to the school or deliver on your selected day-
- Notes are encouraged with deliveries so please select as a gift so you can leave a note so front desk knows what it is for!

Ryan Introduce Mary for assistant treasurer

#### **8. Thank Yous & Acknowledgements :**

- Thank you to Renna for the Dunkin' Donuts at the meeting today and upcoming meetings
  - Special thanks to all board members, volunteers, and attending parents

#### **9. Principals Update**

##### **Stephanie (Lyon)**

- Best start to carline yet!
- Benchmark testing and goal setting complete
- **Halloween Parade:** 2 PM in parking lot
- Parent Square: Toggle texts if not receiving them
- **No School:** Sept 23 & 26
- Upcoming changes to parent teacher conferences- will no longer have 1 long night although after school times will still be available throughout the week
- Bus 7 issues being resolved - should have a permanent driver next week!

##### **Eric (PR)**

- New staff doing well
- Classroom mixes feel great
- Grateful for PTA support during assessment season

#### **10. Closing Remarks – Katie**

- Stay engaged—reach out with feedback via **LYPRpta@gmail.com**
- Future meetings: Topics emailed out in advance
- Follow us on **Instagram** and **Facebook**
- **Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 7** at PR