

Linden Hill PTA Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2011

Attendees: Kelly Adelman, Jeanine Antoine, Sheri Aukamp, Nina Balzarini, Debbie Brady, Ann Brubaker, Cheryl Cox, Barbra Creswell, Lisa Davis, Heidi Delloso, Lindsey Downer, Kim Fetrow, Martha Fong, Jamie Gilley, Nikki Graham, Susan Griesbach, Tricia Harling, Anitha Henry, Claire Johnston, Ilze Jooste, Priti Kamarth, TJ Kamenitzer, Melanie Kenney, Sukrit Kompella, Cheri Laor, Christina Lea, Christopher Lea, Kelly Longoria, Sarah Madison, Debbie Marinelli, Vandana Mehta, Mahalaxmi Narayan, Milton Palenque, Tara Palenque, Nathan Palkovitz, Myongsook Park, Annette Pic, Silvana Pineda, Fidelia Portillo, Abarna Ranganathan, Tatiana Rice, Sandy Sarjeant, Jackie Schaus, Anupa Smit, Jodi Sweeney, Laura Beth Taylor, Danielle Tiberi, Kim Winward, Man(Ruby) Zhang

Call to Order and Opening Remarks

- Jackie Schaus, Co-President, brought the meeting to order at 7:16 PM.

Approval of Minutes

- Nikki Graham, Secretary, presented the Summer Meeting minutes. Kim Fetrow motioned to approve and Jackie made the second motion. Minutes were approved.

Budget & Auditor's Report

- Renee Paoli, Treasurer, presented the budget & auditor's report for the 2011-2012 school year. Barb Creswell motioned to approve and Grace Logemann made the second motion. All PTA voted & approved the budget & auditor's report for the 2011-2012 school year.

Committee Activity Updates Provided by the Vice Presidents

[Committees Reporting to Grace Logemann-1st Vice President](#)

[5th Grade Activities\(Nikki Graham & Maureen Carp\)](#)

- Nothing to report

[Directory \(Harolyn Temeng\)](#)

- The Directory Committee met last week to discuss directions and plans in an effort to streamline the process.
- The problem in the past years is that only a few forms were received back from the first wave, so the committee being proactive sent out another request to families. This school year, only 1 request for information will be sent home with a very strict due date. Before that end date, we will ask Mrs. Brady to send out an Alert Now to remind families that the form is due.
- We are planning to send out the forms within the next week, and have additional forms available for completion at PTA meetings and the Open House on September 22nd.
- An ambitious delivery date of November 22nd has been set for the directory to go home with students.

[Fundraising \(Barb Creswell & Grace Logemann\)](#)

- 9th Annual Walk-a-Thon: Thursday, October 6th (raindate Wednesday, October 12th). The theme will be "Walking on Sunshine". This is our major fundraiser again this year. Volunteers are needed for this fun day. JR Fleet wood will be the DJ again this year.
- Silent Auction: Save the date! Our 2nd Adult Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, March 12th at Hartefeld. More details to come. Looking for volunteers interested in working on this committee. We will be having our first meeting later this month. It will be loads of FUN!
- Penny Drive: Pennies for a Purpose, our Penny Drive last spring, raised over \$640. This money was split between 2 charities: Movin' for Mallory (Cystic Fibrosis) and Rainbows for Rachel(Brain Cancer patient). Thank you to everyone who generously donated and to our 5th grade volunteers.

Legislative (Kim Colburn)

- Large report sent in. Anyone interested in looking at it can email Shannon Marroni, and she will give you an update.

Library (Nikki Graham)

- * Nothing to report

Membership (Shannon Marroni)

- Shannon will need volunteers for the membership table at the open house, Thursday, September 22. If interested please see Shannon.
- Membership Contest will be starting November 1 through November 30. The class with the most members will receive a class party (teacher's choice). Shannon wants to thank everyone who has helped at the membership table for both the kindergarten orientation and the welcome back social.

Playground (Kim Winward)

- New mulch is now in place and the kick-ball field is done. We're still considering seed/sod for the bare areas on the playground (a possible fall activity).
- According to Marcin Michalski (the Red Clay Manager of Facilities and Maintenance), "The drains were cleaned out prior to the storms; I also have been in contact with a gutters contractor to address the area around the new addition, as soon as I work out the details of the work the contractor will perform the work. I hope to have this done in September)".

Product Incentives (Shannon Marroni)

- Ziploc bags were sent home. Please remember to trim your box tops.
 - Box Tops Contest will be in January 2012.
- Incentives- Box Tops, Campbell's, Zingo's Receipts, Target & My Coke Rewards.

Student of the Week (Maureen Carp)

- Each Student will get a book. Mr. Pal/Mrs. Brady will read to them.

Theater

- Anyone interested in being the theater chair, please see Grace Logemann.

Committees Reporting to Melanie Kenney - 2nd Vice President

Book Fair (Harolyn Temeng & Fidelia Portillo)

- The Book Fair will be held the week of November 14, 2011. More information will be available next month.
- Committee will be open for anyone interested for next year.

Kindergarten Orientation (Silvana Pineda)

- There were over 100 attendees at the KO.
- Looking for an incoming kindergarten parent to fill the committee chair position for next year.

Newsletter (Claire Jose)

- The newsletter will be on the Linden Hill PTA website (lindenhillpta.org) and it will be sent home to families soon.

Reflections (Vincenza Pilla)

- The theme will be "Diversity Means..."
- They have not yet posted deadlines.
- There will be fliers to go home at the end of September/beginning of October.

School Beautification (Eileen Bernart & Ann Brubaker)

- McDonald Landscaping really came through for LH on getting mulch laid and cleaning up a bit for the Welcome Social. We talked to Mike McDonald several times the day before the event and thanks to Ann Brubaker, she was able to get our price more reasonable and get them there the next morning.
- Mums are on order from AI DuPont High School for our urns in front of the doorways. They will be here soon.
- We are thinking of getting bids for doing the mulch in front of the school playground. We will coordinate with the Playground Committee on this to determine the most cost effective choice.

School Programs (Stephanie Barry)

- Haven't received any available dates from the administration, so I can't book anything yet. But here are the programs they have approved(PTA will sponsor three programs this year):
 - (1) Author visit- TBD (and coordinated by Mrs. Marinelli)
 - (2) Walnut Street Theater Program- March 14, 2012- *The Bully Buster Rides Again*(Following up on our most successful outreach program ever are the continuing adventures of Nate, Sam, Zoe and Bob the Bully Buster from The Boy Who Cried Bully. Students will laugh and learn from Nate and his friends as they dream of escaping school bullies using light saber duels, Harry potter's magic, by being a cowboy and a super hero. In the end bob teaches the kids that only respect can make a school safer.)
 - (3) Jonathan Sprout-American Heros 2- Spring Date TBD- Featuring stories and songs about Thomas Edison, Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Benjamin Franklin and Pochahontas. This concert continues Jonathan's theme of introducing children to great Americans using his instructive, fun and interactive style. Stunning 30" x 40" photographs of each of the heros flank Mr. Sprout's elaborate stage sound system. This concert concludes with the inspiring "Heros" song.

Staff Appreciation (Karen Brakeley/Amy Malick/Kristin Armstrong/Angie Melasecca)

- First Breakfast will be Friday, September 23rd. Please donate breakfast items by 7:30am that morning.

Yearbook (Karen Brakeley)

- The yearbook will sell in November and April. Any pictures that you take, please send to Karen throughout the year.

Committees Reporting to Laura Beth Taylor - 3rd Vice President

Carnival (Jen Teal-overall/Jane Yan McMullen-food/Shannon Marroni-games)

- The theme is "Pirates of the Carribean". We've sent a note to Mrs. Brady to see if we can confirm the date of January 28th.
- I've spoken with the fundraising committee and they cannot do the baskets at the carnival and the Auction. So, we will need a volunteer to do the baskets if we would like to continue that tradition this year(maybe Sheryl Chang).
- Need a volunteer to run the bake sale at the carnival.

Family Activities (Holly McReynolds & Sheri Aukamp)

- McPrincipals Night is Tuesday, September 27th from 4:30-7:30 pm at Midway Plaza McDonald's. Linden Hill PTA will receive a portion of the proceeds from all counter sales (Drive Thru orders are not included). Mrs. Brady will attend. Mr. Pal has a conflict but will do his best to get there. Flyers will be sent home the week of Sept. 19th and we will ask for an announcement to remind the students. An email was sent to Mrs. Brady and Mr. Pal asking if they can coordinate teacher attendance.
- Looking into hayride options for our next family activity.

Field Day (Cathleen Noonan)

- Nothing to Report.

Post Office (Barb Creswell & Angie Melasecca)

- The lion's Pride Post Office will be up and running in early October. Once we can visit the new cottages, we can install new mailboxes for those classrooms.
- Feel free to stop in the main lobby and drop a note to your child.
- If anyone is interested in helping out of Wednesday between 11:30 am till 1:00 pm, please let Barbra or Angie know.
- Any Stationary donations are welcome!
- The post office operates on Wednesdays during the 3rd grade recesses.

School Pictures (Fidelia Portillo)

- Picture Day is October 4, 2011. More information will be available soon.

School Store (Tammy Jackson & Theresa Barbato)

- Dates TBD.

Spirit Wear (Kim Fetrow)

- Sales have been unbelievable-in may I placed an initial stock order to get ready for the Welcome Social-I sold out of most of the T-shirts I had at KO. Then Welcome Social pretty much wiped out the rest of the stock. I have placed a large order to fill all orders taken at both KO and Welcome Social as well as to have on hand inventory. Hoping the order will arrive in the next week or two so I can fill the pending orders for our families.
- I will be at Open House and could use some volunteers to help man the table with me.
- Items on sale will be hoodies, visors, hats, water bottles or T-shirts (possibly getting magnets).

TV Turnoff (Kelly Longoria)

- Nothing to Report.

Website (Silvana Pineda)

- Website Address: lindenhillpta.org
- Send forms to Silvana if you want them on site.

Welcome Social (Haroyln Temeng)

- The Welcome Social for the 2011-12 school year was a great success. It was the committee's pleasure to organize with Woodside Creamery, the administration, teachers and staff at the school.
- It was very important before the end of the school year to have a date and send home notices with students to alert families of the Social. Equally as important, it was good to repeat the notice via a post card at the beginning of August.
- An email blast was sent to request volunteers and many, many volunteers came to help. Having past Linden Hill students as initial ice cream scoopers was a lot of fun, and they worked very hard to serve everyone.
- The event was held indoors due to weather and the school was very full, however many lessons were learned as to how to handle the event (indoors) in the future. Details will be in the final report. Woodside Creamery was as always a pleasure to work with and they extend their thanks to Linden Hill for their order.

Principal's Report (presented by Ms. Brady)

- Mrs. Brady thanked everyone for attending the Kindergarten Orientation and Welcome Back Social.
- To the Playground Committee (summer work invaluable) it's instrumental for making it safe for the children.
- There are 826 students(35 classes/9 lunches)
- On Tuesday the cottages were opened to the classes.
- Dr. Bradley is retiring(there will be an announcement in the newsletter)
- New Teacher for KN is Hartmann, because Moore left
- New teacher for 1st grade is Downer
- New teachers for 2nd grade are Lambert & Zimmerman
- New teacher for 3rd grade is Szedga
- New teacher for 4th grade is Pellicano
- New teachers for 5th grade are Deal & Windsor
- Dougherty will be counselor
- Rawstrom is leaving/ Jackson will be with McKenna
- New teacher will be Doyle who will work with KN & 1st grade.
- Sammio will be guidance.

Old Business

- Chair needed for Theater.

New Business

- Shadowing for committee that will be vacant in 2012-2013 school year- Book Fair, Website, School Pictures, Theater, Spirit Wear, Field Day, Welcome Social, TV Turnoff, School Programs, etc. Please see the Shadowing Letter for 2012.
- Fundraising for 2011-2012 School Year-Silent Auction(3/14 @ Hartefeld) & Carnival(1-28? in school gym). Jen Teal (Carnival Chair) needs a lot of volunteers for day of and need co-chairs for activities. Class baskets back to carnival (themed). Need chair for raffle.
- New Product Incentives Opportunity (Coke Rewards).
- Staff Appreciation "meal" on September 23rd - Breakfast or late afternoon/early evening meal - confirmation from Mrs. Brady

Announcements and Reminders:

- **Please remember to fill out your membership applications (chairs must join) & directory forms.**
- September 9th (Friday) - Pride day is Tomorrow!
- September 14th (Wed) - LHH Articles for October issue Due
- September 21st (Wed) - School Board Mtg. 7PM - Warner Elementary
- September 22nd (Thurs) - LHE OPEN HOUSE-K-2nd 6PM, 3rd-5th 7:30PM-General Mtg. 7PM
- September 23rd (Friday) - Staff Appreciation Breakfast hosted by PTA
- September 29th (Thurs) - NO SCHOOL- Rosh Hashanah
- October 4th (Tues) - Picture Day
- October 4th (Tues) - Parent Volunteer Workshop - 6PM
- October 5th (Wed) - Parent Volunteer Workshop - 9:30AM
- October 6th (Thurs) - WALK A THON

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 6th at 7PM

Jackie Schaus closed the meeting at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Marroni
Linden Hill PTA Secretary

