

# ***Linden Hill PTA Meeting Minutes***

**October 6, 2011**

**Attendees:** Jeanine Antoine, Kelly April, Debbie Brady, Ann Brubaker, Maureen Carp, Kim Colburn, Barbra Creswell, Bess Creswell, Dana Davis, Lisa Davis, Scott Davis, Kim Fetrow, Jamie Gilley, Nikki Graham, Ilze Jooste, Priti Kamarth, Melanie Kenney, Dru Kuratle, Grace Logemann, Karen MacBride, Sarah Madison, Shannon Marroni, Jen Mathe', Nathan Palkovitz, Donna Paproth, Annette Pic, Vincenza Pilla, Silvana Pineda, Fidelia Portillo, Michael Ramone, Aaryaa Shaikh, Allyson Short, Anupa Smit, Jodi Sweeney, Haroyln Temeng, Kim Winward

## **Call to Order and Opening Remarks**

- Kim Fetrow, Co-President, brought the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

## **Approval of Minutes**

- Shannon Marroni, Secretary, presented the September Meeting Minutes. Grace Logemann motioned to approve and Nikki Graham made the second motion. Minutes were approved.

## **Committee Activity Updates Provided by the Vice Presidents**

### Committees Reporting to Grace Logemann-1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities (Nikki Graham & Maureen Carp)

- They had a committee meeting prior to the PTA meeting. They are actively planning the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Social, which will be held on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.
- They will need many 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent volunteers.

#### Directory (Harolyn Temeng)

- The Directory Committee is hard at work collecting, collating and entering in to the database student/staff information. We have had out final for information via forms sent home to families who we have not heard from.
- We have been very grateful to all the families who have returned the almost 375 forms.
- Monday will be the deadline. It will take 2 weeks to print.

#### Fundraising (Barb Creswell & Grace Logemann)

- October 18<sup>th</sup> pledges are due for the Walk-a-Thon.
- Silent Auction
  - The date will be March 10, 2012 @ Hartefeld.
  - Many volunteers needed.

#### Legislative (Kim Colburn)

- Referendum is on hold. They are waiting on a certificate of necessity.

#### Library (Nikki Graham)

- Quite a few members have come back this year.
- Need many volunteers.
- Library is going well.

#### Membership (Shannon Marroni)

- As of October 6<sup>th</sup>, we have 177 PTA members. The membership contest will start November 1<sup>st</sup> and run through November 30<sup>th</sup>. Membership cards are being worked on and will be sent out in the next couple weeks.
- **Please note that not all PTA chairs have signed up as of this date and, since it is mandatory that all chairs be PTA members, please get me your form as soon as possible.**

- Thank you to everyone who helped out at the membership table at the Open House. And a special thanks goes out to Abarna for helping and learning the membership chair responsibilities.

#### Playground (Kim Winward)

- Hoping to have a committee meeting in November or February. Will check with members and hopefully get it on the calendar soon.

#### Product Incentives (Shannon Marroni)

- Collection bags were all sent home with students in the beginning of September. We are thinking about adding on one more incentive program. Shannon would like to get everyone's input to tell her what everyone thinks of the ideas. Either Terracycle or Tyson A+?

#### Student of the Week (Maureen Carp)

- Nothing to Report

#### Theater

- Anupa Smit has volunteered to take on the chair position.

### Committees Reporting to Melanie Kenney - 2nd Vice President

#### Book Fair (Harolyn Temeng & Fidelia Portillo)

- Harolyn & Fidelia are well on their way to having a successful book fair. They have met with the past chairs and will meet with the Scholastic reps. In a couple of weeks to discuss the "best practices" on how to have a successful fair.
- It is incumbent upon us to stress that we are in need of at least 2 volunteers that are willing to view (shadow) our planning process, book fair set up and other important details regarding this important event. It might be that these volunteers are unable to chair this Committee next year, but simply have a grasp of knowledge about the Fair. **(THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR BUT FEAR ITSELF!)** *Smile* (If you are interested, please contact Harolyn or Fidelia)

#### Kindergarten Orientation (Silvana Pineda)

- Looking for an incoming kindergarten parent to fill the committee chair position for next year.

#### Newsletter (Claire Jose)

- Nothing to report.

#### Reflections (Vincenza Pilla)

- Nothing to Report.

#### School Beautification (Eileen Bernart & Ann Brubaker)

- Nothing to Report.

#### School Programs (Stephanie Barry)

- Walnut Street Theater Program- *The Bully Buster Rides Again*
  - Dates:
    - Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 2:10 PM - Grade 1 & 2
    - Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:45 AM - Grades 4 & 5
    - Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2:10 PM - Grades KN & 3
  - Description: "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."

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

- Thanks to all that helped out with the set up/clean up crew and all food donations for the staff breakfast. Huge Success!
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Breakfast will be Wednesday, October 18th sponsored by the 2nd grade parents. Any help that day is always appreciated.
- November will be sponsored by the 4<sup>th</sup> grade on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Staff shirts have been handed out to all new members.

### Yearbook (Karen Brakeley)

- Nothing to Report.

### Committees Reporting to Laura Beth Taylor - 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President

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

- Nothing to Report.

#### Family Activities (Holly McReynolds & Sheri Aukamp)

- McPrincipal's Night had a great turn out and as a result earned \$1028.00! Thank you to the families that attended. Thank you to Sheri and Holly for coordinating this event. Thank you to Mrs. Brady, Mr. Pal and all the school staff that participated in the event!

#### Field Day ( Cathleen Noonan)

- Nothing to Report.

#### Post Office (Barb Creswell & Angie Melasecca)

- The Lion's Pride Post Office would like to get the wall-mounted small mailboxes for the cottages. Awaiting approval. Hopefully post office will up and running by the week of October 17<sup>th</sup>. Stationary will be sent to the copy center next week to stock up for the lobby and classrooms.

#### School Pictures (Fidelia Portillo)

- Many, many thanks to Melanie Kenney (the runner), Kelly Adelman (our prospective chair for next year) and Fidelia Portillo (the organizer) for a great Linden Hill picture day.
- Logistically, taking photos of over 800 students even with a schedule boils down to "do the best you can do", the teachers cooperated with a smile and understood if we were off schedule.
- Make up date for those who did not like or were not in attendance will be Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### School Store (Tammy Jackson & Theresa Barbato)

- School Store will be conducting their first round of shopping on 10/20 and 10/27. An initial order was placed and forms were sent in for copies. Forms will be sent home on 10/17 and 10/24.

#### Spirit Wear (Kim Fetrow)

- Spirit Wear sales continue to come in. Sold out of quite a few things and Kim is waiting for yet another replenishment order. Thank you to Grace, Renee and Jackie for the help at the table for Open House. Kim is bringing back the LHE car magnets - an order for 100 magnets was placed approx. 2 weeks ago and she hopes to have them in soon. The inventory will be split between Spirit Wear and School Store.

#### TV Turnoff (Kelly Longoria)

- Nothing to Report.

#### Website (Silvana Pineda)

- Silvana just thought she'd let you know that the website has been updated to show following important announcements, and both the walk-a-thon form and the linden hill happenings have been uploaded.
- In, addition, if at all possible, Silvana would like to get pictures of all the spirit wear items we have to put on the website (if Kim can bring them in).
- Also, Silvana is working on a box to put on the website that will allow people to sign up for the newsletter digitally (kind of when you sign up to get emails with promotions from a store). Hopefully she will have that up and running soon.

#### Welcome Social (Haroyln Temeng)

- Nothing to Report.

### **Principal's Report (presented by Ms. Brady)**

- Mrs. Brady thanked everyone for attending the Mcprincipal's Night and the Walk-a-Thon.
- Picture Day went well.
- The car rider line will probably be in the newspaper, but there were no interviews with the school. There were parents interviewed done that supposable went well. If anyone has any problems in

the car rider line, you may write down the license plate # of anyone who is not abiding by the rules.

- There are presently 832 students.
- Linden Hill Bus #25 was in an accident. No one was hurt. Children riding that bus got home late, but safely.
- Mrs. Brady apologizes for not telling everyone about Dr. Bradley retirement before they heard it through the grapevine. Her official day of retirement will be October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Mrs. Brady & Mr. Pal will be remaining in their positions for the rest of the school year. If anything is to change, they will make us aware.
- DCAS testing will have to be done at another time because the computers kept going down.
- Conference will be October 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. The next conferences will be in December.

### New Business

- Shoes 2 Share wants to work with Linden Hill again this year to donate to Haiti.
- The Can Food Drive will be in December.
- Referendum is on hold.
- RCPAS (Red Clay Program Action Committee) was presented by Sara Madison.
  - PAC (Parent Advisory Conference) meetings are 1 Monday a month. On October 24<sup>th</sup> a Home Access Rep will be at the meeting.
  - Dr. Daugherty puts distance labs in high schools, high schools to talk to 9<sup>th</sup> graders, about making college visits (there are 17 colleges in the area) usually for about 3 hour visits, talks to sophomores about SAT classes in evenings/drivers education.
  - Cab Calloway-If you're a 4<sup>th</sup> grader and thinking about Cab Calloway, you should think about an audition.
  - Family Resource Fair-November 19<sup>th</sup> at Dickinson High School from 10 AM to 1 PM.
  - Having a fundraiser at Rita's Water Ice.
  - Learninglinkde.org (trying to get parents to get more involved)
  - Homework without tears.
- Shannon discussed both new product incentive programs-Terracycle and Tyson A+. Everyone at the meeting decided it would be a good idea to start the Tyson A+ program now, which earns us \$.24 for every box or bag label we collect and send in to Tyson. We also discussed the Terracycle program, but decided we are going to look into it more before we make any decisions. Shannon will get the information about Tyson to Mrs. Brady to look over to make sure it's ok to send to the families.
- Dana Davis made an awesome suggestion about maybe starting pride points/lions bucks. Which is when students earn points/bucks towards things that they would like at school. Also, if parents volunteer at school or for a school event (including PTA meetings) they will also earn points or buck for the child. Great Idea Dana, we will definitely look into this!

### Announcements and Reminders:

- **Please remember to fill out your membership applications (chairs must join) & directory forms.**
- Don't forget to send in your paper recycling!
- **October 7<sup>th</sup> (Friday)- NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service Day**
- **October 12<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)-Linden Hill Happenings Articles Due (Nov. Issue)**
- **October 13<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)-Early Dismissal-Conferences-1PM**
- **October 14<sup>th</sup> (Friday)-Early Dismissal-Conferences-1PM**
- **October 19<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)-Staff Appreciation Lunch-Hosted by 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Families**
- **October 19<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)-School Board Meeting-7PM-Brandywine Springs**
  
- November 1<sup>st</sup> (Tuesday)-Walnut Street Theater-1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades-2:10PM
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> (Wednesday)-Walnut Street Theater-4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades-9:45AM
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> (Thursday)-Walnut Street Theater-KN & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades-2:10PM
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> (Thursday)-PTA General Meeting-7PM-Library

**Next Meeting: Thursday, November 3rd at 7PM**

Kim Fetrow closed the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Marroni  
Linden Hill PTA Secretary

