

Linden Hill PTA Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2011

Attendees: Theresa Barbato, Debbie Brady, Meghan Brady, Kim Colburn, Cheryl Cox, Barbra Creswell, Dana Davis, Lisa Davis, Martha Fong, Jamie Gilley, Nikki Graham, Tricia Harling, Claire Johnston, Kenney, Cheri Laor, Zohar Laor, Sarah Madison, Debbie Marinelli, Shannon Marroni, Angie Melasecca, Nathan Palkovitz, Renee Paoli, Vincenza Pilla, Silvana Pineda, Fidelia Portillo, Michael Ramone, Abarna Ranganathan, Isabel Rosenberg, Jackie Schaus, Allyson Short, Anupa Smit, Jen Teal, Haroyn Temeng, Kim Winward

Call to Order and Opening Remarks

- Jackie Schaus, Co-President, brought the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Approval of Minutes

- Shannon Marroni, Secretary, presented the October Meeting Minutes. Silvana Pineda motioned to approve and Nikki Graham made the second motion. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Renee Paoli, Treasurer, presented the report as of November 3, 2011. Melanie Kenney motioned to approve and Angie Melasecca made the second motion. Treasurer's report was approved.

Committee Activity Updates Provided by the Vice Presidents

Committees Reporting to Grace Logemann-1st Vice President

5th Grade Activities (Nikki Graham & Maureen Carp)

- The 5th Grade Social will be tomorrow, November 4th. The kids will be entertained by DJ J.R. Fleetwood and will enjoy snacks and drinks.

Directory (Harolyn Temeng)

- The Directory Committee has entered all the information. Siobian Hicks is proof reading. The proof sheet will go in next week. November 22nd the Directory will be getting sent out.

Fundraising (Barb Creswell & Grace Logemann)

- The Walk-A-Thon earned us \$16,100. The winning class will get their party the Friday before Thanksgiving. All the classes will receive an ice cream sandwich during lunchtime for meeting our goal next Thursday or the Thursday after.
- Silent Auction
 - The date will be March 10, 2012 @ Hartefeld.
 - The theme will be "Old Hollywood".
 - Anyone who knows a business who would like to donate, please contact Barbra Creswell or Grace Logemann.

Legislative (Kim Colburn)

- The information from the Red Clay Board meeting was very interesting. If anyone would like a copy of the report please let Shannon know and she can forward you a copy. It was too lengthy to put in the minutes.

Library (Nikki Graham)

- Library is moving along well. Book Fair will be in the library November 14th through the 18th.

Membership (Shannon Marroni)

- As of November 3rd, we have 211 PTA members. The membership contest has just started and the winners will be announced by the beginning of December. The membership contest

display will be put up in the next week or so. I will be getting the cards out to all the members that have currently signed up for the PTA 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.**

Playground (Kim Winward)

- Committee meeting planned for November 3rd at 6:30 pm.
- The landscaper fixed the divot on the kickball field.

Product Incentives (Shannon Marroni)

- The first deadline to get the box tops in was November 1st. We sent in over 2,000 box tops. Great job everyone who contributed. The Tyson A+ incentive program has just started. All the children just took home an information sheet and a product list. Anyone who can contribute, we would appreciate it. Anyone who needs more information for the Tyson A+ program can email Shannon Marroni @ smarroni@msn.com and she can get it to you.

Student of the Week (Maureen Carp)

- Nothing to Report

Theater

- Anupa Smit has volunteered to take on the chair position.
- Anupa, Grace and Beth met together and discussed what is included for theater. Anupa is looking over the manual and what type of equipment we have.

Committees Reporting to Melanie Kenney - 2nd Vice President

Book Fair (Harolyn Temeng & Fidelia Portillo)

- Fidelia, Mrs. Marinelli and Harolyn are working hard to produce a great book fair for November 14-18, 2011. Notices were placed in the Linden Hill happenings, and flyer distribution will occur within the next week to families.
- A volunteer request was submitted to Nikki Graham during the fair, and we are also in need of volunteers to help us setup. The setup of the book fair will be on Thursday, November 10th as soon as school ends. We are in need of at least 5 people to include a couple of male volunteers to help with placement of the cases, as they are VERY heavy. Please see Fidelia after the meeting if you are able to help with any part of this effort.
- New idea for this year to receive scholastics dollars to use because we will receive 50% of our total amount made at the book fair in scholastics dollars, instead of 25% back in cash. Made a motion to go ahead with doing the scholastics dollars instead of the cash for this year. Nikki Graham motioned to approve and Melanie Kenney made the second motion. Everyone at the meeting agreed and the new way of using the scholastics bucks were approved.

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* that was done on November 1st and 2nd went great.

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

- The committee had a successful spooky spectacular luncheon held by the 2nd grade families in October. November will be a Thanksgiving luncheon provided by the 4th grade families. We are also planning on trying out *Sign Up Genius* for our next luncheon. *Sign Up Genius* is an online web site that makes signing up for events very organized and easy to do. It is very user friendly and we think that it will be both well received and integral in keeping a nice variety of food across each luncheon.

Yearbook (Karen Brakeley)

- Look out for an "early bird special" form to purchase yearbooks at a discounted rate.

Committees Reporting to Laura Beth Taylor - 3rd Vice President

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

- Jamie Gilley has step up to take over baskets for the carnival. Thank you to her.

Family Activities (Holly McReynolds & Sheri Aukamp)

- Nothing to Report

Field Day (Cathleen Noonan)

- Nothing to Report.

Post Office (Barb Creswell & Angie Melasecca)

- Nothing to Report.

School Pictures (Fidelia Portillo)

- The School Pictures Committee is expecting the photos any day now. For those who would like retakes or did not take their photo in October, will be able to do so on November 15th. A notice will be sent within the next week.

School Store (Tammy Jackson & Theresa Barbato)

- Nothing to Report.

Spirit Wear (Kim Fetrow)

- Sales are starting to slow down a bit. We just brought in more Water Bottles and we also have the LHE magnets. Spirit Wear and School Store are splitting these items between the two committees. Spirit Wear will be sold at one of the family nights at the Book Fair, but I'm not certain which night yet- Kim can't make it to both. Would love to have at least one helper so that she can also shop for her daughter while there since she can only be there one night.

TV Turnoff (Kelly Longoria)

- Nothing to Report.

Website (Silvana Pineda)

- Silvana discussed some ideas new ideas to maybe start on next for the website. (Newsletter, Membership and adding regularly used documents for everyone to use)

Welcome Social (Haroyln Temeng)

- Nothing to Report.

Principal's Report (presented by Ms. Brady)

- There are 833 students as of this date.
- Questions have been asked about the letter that went home about the Tiers with Mrs. Brady name on it. Tiers just mean extra help. So anyone with a certain Tier by their name are explained below:
 - Tier 1-everyone in general
 - Tier 2-extra 90 minutes a week
 - Tier 3-extra 150 minutes a week
- Choice is closed for the year. The only choice students are siblings and those students finishing out elementary school. There are on 80 families that are choice that attend Linden Hill and 20 of them are car riders. Spoke with Mr. Oliver who is in the civic association for the development next to the school and he said a lot of nice things. Mrs. Brady wanted to talk to the rest of the association, but Mr. Oliver said she should just stay low till thanksgiving and see how it goes.
- Many students in the surrounding neighborhoods are walker and have to walk a far distance, so they are thinking about getting a bus.
- Teachers have been pulled from their classes during the day to do professional development for school. They work on writing curriculum and development knowledge. They are also being pulled out for DOE-which is DCAS for the assessment for the children.
- End of the marking period is coming up.
- Conferences will be in December.

Old Business

- PTA Convention

New Business

- Volunteers are needed to be parent representatives for the referendum. If you are interested please contact Jackie Schaus or Kim Fetrow.
- Pride Points- we need volunteers to be on the committee. (We should start not for next school year)
- Red Clay Parent Access Committee
- Sarah announced the Resource Fair would be November 19.
- Home Access Center-trying to change some things (need to get a committee together).
- Anyone interested in helping Sarah Madison, please let her know.
- Choice Open House will be held @ Dickinson from 6 to 8 pm.
- Fidelia donated a gift and it was raffled off.

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!
- **November 4th (Friday)- PRIDE DAY**
- **November 4th (Friday)-5th Grade Dance**
- **November 11th (Friday)-Veteran's Day**
- **November 14th-18th (Monday -Friday)-Book Fair**
- **November 15th(Tuesday)-Book Fair-Family Night-4:30PM -6:00PM**
- **November 15th (Tuesday)-Picture Retake Day**
- **November 16th (Wednesday)-Staff Appreciation Lunch-Hosted by 4th Grade Families**
- **November 16th (Wednesday)-School Board Meeting-7PM-Brandywine Springs Elementary**
- **November 17th(Thursday)-Book Fair-Family Night-4:30PM-6:30PM**
- **November 19th(Saturday)-Red Clay Family Resource Fair-10AM-1PM-Dickinson High**
- **November 21st(Monday)-LHH Articles Due (for Dec/Jan Issue)**
- **November 23rd(Wednesday)-NO School-Teacher In-Service Day**
- **November 24th(Thursday)-NO School-Thanksgiving Break**
- **November 25th(Friday)-NO School- Thanksgiving Break**

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 1st at 7PM

Jackie Schaus closed the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Marroni
Linden Hill PTA Secretary