

Linden Hill PTA Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2011

Attendees: Mary Bradley, Debbie Brady, Meghan Brady, Barbra Creswell, Nikki Graham, Noreen Hackman, Ilze Jooste, Sarah Madison, Silvana Pineda, Vincenza Pilla, Debbie Marinelli, Dan Richmond, Babu Ramadoss, Jackie Schaus, Laura Beth Taylor, Harolyn Temeng, Kim Winward

Call to Order and Opening Remarks

- Jackie Schaus, 1st Vice President, brought the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

Approval of Minutes

- Nikki Graham, Secretary, presented the February meeting minutes. Harolyn Temeng motioned to approve and Jackie Schaus made the second motion. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Laura Beth Taylor, 3rd VP, presented the February treasurer's report. Nikki Graham motioned to approve and Jackie Schaus made the second motion. February reports were approved.

Committee Activity Updates Provided by the Vice Presidents

Committees Reporting to Jackie Schaus-1st Vice President

Membership

- All membership cards have been sent out. If you have not received a card contact Shannon Marroni at smarroni@msn.com. There are still 6 chairs that have not turned in their membership dues. Please do so immediately.

5th Grade Activities

- Nothing to report.

Fundraising

- The Silent Auction will be held on March 12th at Hartefeld from 7-11 pm. 150 tickets have been sold so far.
 - Donations have included Disney Tickets, Keurig Coffee Maker, massages, sports items, etc.
 - Family Preview Night will be Friday, March 11th from 6-8 pm. Check out all the class baskets (silent action items will not be on display at family night). Raffle tickets will be on sale this night for children and those adults who can't attend Saturday night's event. Pizza and soda will be available by preorder for \$7 a pizza & \$1.50 for each bottle of soda.

Library

- Volunteers have been slow since December. There have been a few new interests, which is great! Even if you can only come in once a month all help is greatly appreciated. Contact Nikki Graham at nikgraham@mac.com if interested.

Theater

- Nothing to report.

Product Incentives

- The total number of box tops collected for the contest was 18,380 and was the best so far. The winning class was Mrs. Burrows with a total of 2,019 box tops. They will be receiving a party in the near future. The school qualified for a Hat Day to be held on March 25th.

Student of the Week

- Nothing to report.

Directory

- The Directory page that was not printed by the printer was sent home with a note to sleeve into the directory.

Legislative

- Nothing to report.

Playground

- There is a sign up sheet for the summer playground patrol. If interested please contact Kelly Longoria. Kelly will also be arranging a spring clean up day. It was presented to consider the clean up day in conjunction with TV turn off week or Earth Day.
- Ms. Cox will be presenting playground updates to the committee in the near future.

Committees Reporting to Kim Fetrow - 2nd Vice President (presented by Laura Beth Taylor)

School Beautification

- The daffodils are coming! The Brubaker & Bernart families came out on February 27th to cleanup the front entrance beds so we can all enjoy the spring flowers to come. Thank you for all their efforts.

Staff Appreciation

- 2nd Grade Families hosted the February Staff luncheon on February 16th. Appleton Catering supplied a Pasta Bar & the 2nd grade families contributed side dishes & desserts.
- March 16th Staff Appreciation will be a St. Patrick's luncheon hosted by the 1st Graders.
- The numbers of donations in February were up. Thank you to all that contributes.

Newsletter

- Articles for the April LHH are due on March 16th.

Book Fair

- Please see Tatiana or Janet if interested in taking over for the 2011/12 school year. Minimums of two people are needed.

Kindergarten Orientation

- Looking for new chair for this committee; preferably a current Kindergarten parent who has fresh thoughts to pass on. Please contact Shannon Marroni if interested.

Reflections

- Linden Hill proudly had a total of 8 State Winners. They will now move on to Nationals.
 - 3 1st Place winners:
 - Visual Arts - Rishith Ramamurthy
 - Dance - Tara Lennon
 - Music - Tara Lennon
 - 3 2nd Place Winners:
 - Visual Arts - Hyunjun Ahn
 - Photography - John Bonkowski
 - 2 3rd Place Winners:
 - Literature - Nyla Pugh
 - Photography - Antoinette Collazo
- Congratulations to all.

School Programs

- Nothing to report.

Yearbook

- Please send pictures of the carnival to Karen Brakeley.

Committees Reporting to Laura Beth Taylor - 3rd Vice President

Welcome Social

- Nothing to report.

School Store

- The next round of shopping will be in April.

Spirit Wear

- Sales are slowing down. A small stock order will be placed in a week or so.
- Aluminum Water bottles are an idea that we are considering:
 - 24 oz. wide mouth - \$3.97 each with a minimum of 50
 - 18 oz. wide mouth - \$3.67 each with a minimum of 50

- Bottles can be drinking spout or screw top (not mixed - one or the other must be chosen to order).
- Members discussed whether they are aluminum or stainless steel. All agreed on ordering 50 & monitoring the sales.

Post Office

- Mail continues every Wednesday with 3rd Grade Volunteers. Any interested parent volunteers can contact Melanie Kenney or DeAnne Foth. Times are Wednesdays from 12:15-1:30.

School Pictures

- School Chairperson is responsible for setting up the date for the 5th Grade class picture. Cami is in the process of booking that date. Generally takes place in April - around 2:30 pm. Risers are set up in the Cafeteria in order for all students to be seen. Photographer will get a CD copy of the photo for the Yearbook chair for inclusion in the yearbook.
- A date needs to be set for pictures for next Fall to ensure a slot.

Carnival

- Jackie thanked everyone for all their help throughout the Carnival from set up to clean up. Special thanks to all the students that helped trek supplies from the shed to the school & vice versa in the weather conditions we had.
- There is a possibility that the Carnival will move to the Fall in the future.

Family Activities

- Blue Rocks update: Family Fun Night at the Blue Rocks will be on Saturday May 21st with a 6:05 game start. Tickets are \$7 each. Fliers to go home late March.

Field Day

- Nothing to report.

TV Turnoff

- National TV turnoff week will be the week of April 18th. For Linden Hill Families, this is the 4-day week prior to Spring Break.
- There will be 2 Friendly's Family Night at the Lantana Square location. To avoid overcrowding this year Monday will be last names A-L & Wednesday for M-Z. We receive 10% back and last year had a great turnout.
- Tuesday evening the PTA will host a bingo night in the LH Cafeteria beginning at 7:30 pm.
- Kelly is looking in to sponsoring a No-Homework Family Game night, which would take the place of homework. Good luck to all the students who accept the challenge to turn off their TV's and screens and explore something new.

Website

- Please give Cami any & all dates so they can be added to the website www.lindenhillpta.org.

Principal's Report (presented by Dr. Bradley & Ms. Brady)

- Thank you to Vincenza for organizing Reflections.
 - Thank you Jackie, all Co-Chairs & volunteers for the Carnival. It was great fun!
 - Thank you Ms. Lim & Huckleberry for the hard work organizing the Science Olympiad for LH.
 - ARC was completed for 5th Graders.
 - Odyssey of the Mind Regionals will be held on March 19th. Good luck LH Teams.
 - Congratulations to Mrs. Huckleberry - Teacher of the Year.
 - 4th & 5th Grade Clubs have started.
 - The 2nd round of DCAS is currently taking place.
 - Please continue to follow all car rider rules.
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- Predicted enrollment means all current staff is able to choose to remain at LH. There has been talk of trailers in the upcoming school year. Discussion will ensue with the District, staff & parents in the future.
 - There has been no word on weather related make up days as of yet.
 - Mrs. Brady apologized for delays in email responses, as there has been a district wide email outage.

- March 7th begins the Girls on the Run program for 3rd - 5th Grade girls. Please register at girlsontherunde.com. Updates will be on Ms. Brady's website.

Old Business

- Silent Auction.

New Business

- Sarah Madison represents LH at the PAC meetings. The Family Resource Fair held in November was well represented with Linden Hill students & parents. Some other items discussed were:
 - Food quality - dealing with allergies, etc
 - HAC system (future grading policy) - subcommittee being formed
 - Welcome packets are available at the District Office
- Guest Speaker Lt. Gov. Matt Denn will be speaking at the April PTA meeting.
- Playground Spring clean up & weed patrol schedule is being organized.
- Thank you to Michelle Hughes for stepping into School Pictures & Kim Winward for Playground Co-Chair for 2011-12.

Announcements and Reminders:

- **Vacancies for 2011/2012 are listed below. There are many opportunities arising. Please contact a current board member or chair if interested.**
 - **President**
 - **2nd Vice President**
 - **Secretary**
 - **Book Fair Chair & Co-Chair**
 - **5th Grade Activities Chair**
 - **Product Incentives**
 - **Theater Chair**
 - **Kindergarten Orientation Chair**
 - **Newsletter Chair**
 - **Carnival Sub-Committee Chairs**
 - **Family Activities Chair**
 - **Website Chair**
 - **Welcome Social Chair**
 - **Legislative**
- **March 4th (Friday) - Pride Day**
- **March 16th (Wednesday) - Staff Appreciation Lunch Hosted by 1st Grade Families**
- **March 16th (Wednesday) - School Board Meeting - 7pm - Brandywine Springs**
- **March 17th (Thursday) - LHH Articles due to Karyn Usher for April issue**
- **March 21st (Monday) - SCHOOL (previously an in-service day)**
- **Next meeting: Thursday, April 7th at 7pm in the LH Library. Guest speaker - Children's' Initiatives - specifically Parent Involvement in schools.**

Jackie Schaus closed the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikki Graham
Linden Hill PTA Secretary