

Linden Hill PTA Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2011

Attendees: Eileen Bernart, Debbie Brady, Ann Brubaker, Maureen Carp, Cheryl Cox, Barbra Creswell, Kim Fetrow, Nikki Graham, Ilze Jooste, Kelly Longoria, Shannon Marroni, Holly McReynolds, Faith Newton, Michael Oboryshko, Nathan Palkovitz, Silvana Pineda, Abarna Ranganathan, Babu Ramadoss, Jackie Schaus, Laura Beth Taylor, Jen Teal, Harolyn Temeng, Karyn Usher Winward

Call to Order and Opening Remarks

- Jackie Schaus, 1st Vice President, brought the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Guest Speaker - Lt. Governor Matt Denn spoke about Children's Initiatives & Parental Involvement. Lt. Governor Denn also fielded questions and suggestions from parents.

Approval of Minutes

- Nikki Graham, Secretary, presented the March meeting minutes. Kim Fetrow motioned to approve and Kelly Longoria made the second motion. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Renee Paoli, Treasurer, presented the March treasurer's report. Nikki Graham motioned to approve and Shannon Marroni made the second motion. March reports were approved.

Committee Activity Updates Provided by the Vice Presidents

Committees Reporting to Jackie Schaus-1st Vice President

Membership

- Nothing to report.

5th Grade Activities

- The committee is wrapping up the end of the year. The moving up Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 8th in the afternoon followed by cake and drinks. Looking for a group of 4th grade parents to volunteer to help set up and serve the reception. Please see Barbra Creswell.
- 5th grade fun day will be from 12-3 pm on Thursday, June 9th on the back playground. Pizza, snacks, drinks, games, etc. 5th grade parents can volunteer.
- 5th grade pictures were taken today. All students will receive a copy. The committee needs to choose a gift for all 5th graders.
- Thank you to Nikki Graham & Maureen Carp for volunteering to co-chair this committee for next year.

Fundraising

- The Silent Auction was a big success. Everyone had a great time. Hartefeld was a wonderful venue. There were over 120 auction and raffle items. Mrs. Horowitz won the iPad! We raised over \$11,000. We are currently awaiting all expenses to come in before calculating the final number.
- Family preview night had a great turnout as well. \$2,100 worth of raffle tickets was sold in that night alone. Thank you to the Family Preview Committee!
- Thank you to everyone who attended both evenings and to everyone for their generous donations. The students who won the teacher outings are very, very excited!
- Thank you to Grace Logemann for volunteering to co-chair next year.

Library

- Inventory will be starting in the near future. This entails scanning every single piece of literature in the library. Even if only available for a $\frac{1}{2}$ hour please let Nikki or Mrs. Marinelli know. As many hands that we can offer will help make the inventory process efficient and timely. Thank you to all our faithful volunteers!

Theater

- Nothing to report.

Product Incentives

- The party for Mrs. Burrows top collecting class took place on Friday, March 18th and was a big hit!
- Thank you to Cami for organizing the party.
- Thank you to Shannon Marroni for volunteering to chair this committee for next year.

Student of the Week

- Nothing to report.

Directory

- Nothing to report.

Legislative

- Nothing to report.

Playground

- There is a sign up sheet for the summer weed 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.
- The playground committee met at 6pm to discuss new projects. One focus is getting the grass to grow & creating more flat surfaces as the students very much enjoy.
- Thank you to Kim Winward for volunteering to chair this committee next year.

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

School Beautification

- Nothing to report.

Staff Appreciation

- Staff appreciation has April off. In May the Kindergarten families will host a BBQ luncheon for the staff on Wednesday, May 18th. Any and all donations are welcome and greatly appreciated.

Newsletter

- April newsletters were distributed on April 6th. Thank you Grace. The final edition of the LHH will be a combined issue for May/June. Articles are due to Karyn by Wednesday, April 20th.
- Any interested volunteers for this committee next year please see Kim Fetrow or Karyn Usher.

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

- Thank you to Silvana Pineda who has volunteered to chair the Kindergarten Orientation for the upcoming year.

Reflections

- Nothing to report.

School Programs

- There will be an Author visit on May 26th.

Yearbook

- Karen is still accepting pictures from events throughout the year. Please send them to her at kbrakely@comcast.net

[Committees Reporting to Laura Beth Taylor - 3rd Vice President](#)

Welcome Social

- Nothing to report.

School Store

- The final round of shopping will be next week.

Post Office

- Thank you to Barbra Creswell who has volunteered to chair Post Office for the 2011-2012 year.
- 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.

Spirit Wear

- Sales are slowing down. Hats sold well - visors not as well.
- Aluminum Water bottle sample was shown (size & spout).
 - 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).

School Pictures

- Thank you to Michelle Hughes who volunteered to chair this committee for the upcoming year.
- The 5th Grade class picture will be taken on Thursday, April 7th. A copy of the photo will be made for inclusion in the yearbook. Barksdale is gifting a 5x7 copy for each 5th Grade student.

Carnival

- Nothing to report.

Family Activities

- Thank you to Holly McReynolds & Sheri Aukamp who has volunteered to chair this committee for the upcoming year.
- 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 next week.

Field Day

- Field Day will be held on Friday, May 27th (no rain date) with a theme "Catch me if you can". Many volunteers will be needed.

TV Turnoff

- National TV turnoff week will be the week of April 18th. There will be 2 Friendly's Family Nights at the Lantana Square location, Bingo night & game night. 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.

Website

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

Principal's Report (presented by Ms. Brady)

- Ms. Brady fielded questions regarding using pictures of "events in action" at the Kindergarten Orientation. In accordance to the picture policy you can only use your child's photo. You can present yearbooks.
- Report cards will be distributed on Friday, April 8th.
- The last round of DCAS is starting. This will be the first round for the 2nd graders.

Old Business

- Summer Weed Patrol schedule & sign up is floating around.

New Business

- Spring playground clean up date is WIP.
- Jersey's for Japan will be on April 15th - \$1 donation & wear your favorite team shirt or jersey. Thank you to Mrs. Sawdon's class for coming up with the great idea.
- Penny Drive was discussed. It was requested that the 5th Graders vote on where the money could be donated as the Auction this year was geared for the playground.
- Election of officers will be held at the last meeting on Thursday, May 19th.

Announcements and Reminders:

- Thank you to all who have come forward and taken on a *Committee Chair* or *Co-Chair* for 2011/2012. Current vacancies are listed below: 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
 - Legislative
 - Post Office
 - Theater Chair
 - Carnival Sub-Committee Chairs
 - Welcome Social Chair
- April 8th (Friday) - School Store
- April 13th (Wednesday) - Deadline for LAST issue this year of LHH articles to Karyn Usher
- April 15th (Friday) - School Store
- April 15th (Friday) - Jerseys for Japan
- April 18-April 24th - TV Turn off Week
- April 20th - School Board Meeting at Warner Elementary - 7pm
- April 22-April 29th - NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK

- May 2nd (Monday) - School Resumes
- May 6th (Friday) - Pride Day
- May 13th (Friday) - Early Dismissal - conferences - 1pm
- May 18th (Wednesday) - Staff Appreciation Lunch hosted by PTA
- May 18th (Wednesday) - School Board Meeting at Warner Elementary - 7pm

- Don't forget that your year-end committee reports are due and that your manual should be ready to turn over to the new committee chair(s).
- Last meeting and election of officers: Thursday, May 19th at 7pm.

Jackie Schaus closed the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikki Graham
Linden Hill PTA Secretary

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