Lyons Township Community Advisory Council
Minutes May 20, 2009

I. Business Meeting (7:14 PM)

A. Marilyn Kosin called meeting to order

1. This is the favorite meeting of the year, because we talk about next year.
2. Applications for new members are available; please take one and pass it along. They are available on the website as well.
3. Many members are returning next year, great to hear.
4. There will be a reception for Dr. Kelley on June 1st; an e-mail was sent out.
5. This is Dr. Kelley's last meeting; he has been a member for 11 years.
6. Ernie will remain the secretary; Marsha Poore will be the new Membership chair, which will make her the first faculty officer for the LTCAC.
7. This year to obtain more of a consensus, please come up with one topic we all want to discuss after what is said about what the Board wants. This will help us plan agendas for next year.

B. Approval of minutes

1. Correction-3 members have to retire Marilyn Kosin, Ernie Froemel, and Marsha Poore.

C. School Board Report (Mr. Pera)

1. The Board appreciates all the time and thought LTCAC has put forth. The hard work is very much appreciated. It is important to emphasize who we are. There is no other group committee that the board has for interaction. LTCAC was formed, and had its first meeting in 1998. After being on LTCAC, think about running for Board of Education.
2. Topics the board picked to cover next year:
   a. Response intervention (RTI)-No child left behind, 3 tier, next year will be the second year of doing it, will be fine tuning it, want to bring kids up from grade school level when they reach high school. Program is aimed at reducing the number of students in special education. The number of students in special education has tripled over the years.
   b. How do you define success at LT?
   c. Middle level student at LTHS-There doesn't seem to be a lot of focus on handling the "middle" student. They seem to be ignored. Sometimes it seems LT only worries about AP students and special education.
   d. Review of new programs-Ombudsmen: a location offsite (Joliet and Wolf Road) for special education students to take internet program to get the necessary school credit. All of the computers are self paced. Students are able to fulfill all LT requirements. The graduation rate will increase because of this program.-Alternative program: will drastically change next year. – S.C.U.B.A.- changes will come. It is one of the budget challenges of LTHS finances.-Also review the other budget challenges.

7:30-7:50- Discussion of Member's concerns and issues

E. Table Topics

1. Budget challenges-technology (Tablets)
2. Ignorance with Ombudsmen and Alternative programs
3. Is LT ignoring the middle student?-What defines an LT middle student?
4. RTI- what is the scope? Is it only academic or is it behavioral?-who is administering it?-articulation with feeder schools
5. Afternoon homework programs like Strive (could also be included in Board program changes)
6. Student and staff parking- put in review for programs next year.
7. Counseling, the numbers, the availability/ chance of getting in to see them.-guidance, some meetings felt a little too rushed.- How are the meetings formulated? What is the focus of the meeting?
8. Special education-support for students-Break down of the support

*Oct. meeting-RTI and review of programs
*Dec. meeting- How we define success at LT and midlevel student
*Feb. meeting- Budget challenges
*April meeting- We will adjust when it comes. (Possible review of Oct, Dec, Feb, meetings)

<u>Dr. Kelley Report</u>

1. There are two new board members: Todd Shapiro, and George Dougherty.
2. Ed Piotrowski will be taking Dr. Kilrea's position.
3. There is a new association principal.
4. Brian Nolan will be the chair person student services at dist 230- will need to replace his position.
5. Prom is June 4- Special needs children are able to go. (Dances are not exclusive to anyone) Prom is an example of one of the many subsidizing programs. There is a fund used to pay for programs that parents do not have the money for and children would like to participate in.
6. Spring athletic awards night is next week on Wed. May 27th.
7. The Senior honors assembly/breakfast will be held on May 29th
8. Friday June 5th is the last work day for staff.
9. The 123rd Graduation will be held Sunday June 7th. It will start at 2:00 and end about 3:02-3:07.
10. Relay for life is June 12-13th- it is not a fundraiser for LT, it is a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.
11. OPRF High School has a program similar to LTCAC. LTCAC has lasted so far for 11 years. It has made such a contribution and voice. It is very much appreciated.

Certificates were passed out to all of the leaving members including the graduating seniors.