

LYONS TOWNSHIP PARENT TEACHER COUNCIL
January 6, 2010

Welcome to our speaker: Lianne Musser, LT College Coordinator "Up, Up and Away: Preparing Kids for College and Independence". If anyone is interested in handouts please contact Lianne Musser via LTHS email.

Ann Porter called the meeting to order at 8:04 pm.

INTRODUCTIONS-Welcome and Introductions. In attendance were Ann Porter, Jen Burklow, Nancy O'Brien, Karen King, Gigi Birkeland, Lynn Dunn, Debbie Spanski, Barbara Wood, Joe ____, Lisa Straface, Judi Hogan, Sherry D'Amico. Carla Maley, Janaan Moore, May Lynn Economeu, Kate Brogan, Mary C. Borge, Lucy Lucas Christoffer, Rhonda Kubil, Rita Noe, and Karen Mulroy.

SECRETARY REPORT-Lynn Dunn presented the November 4, 2009 minutes. Nancy O'Brien motioned to approve. Kate Brogan second. Minutes approved.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY-Lisa Straface reported.

October: Congratulations to Sharon and Joel Gruizenga who welcomed Emma Clare on October 7, 2009, at 4:30 p.m. Emma weighs 6 pounds 11 ounces, is 19½ inches long, and already has her daddy wrapped around her little finger. As for Mom, she says it best . . . "I'm in seventh heaven!" All are doing wonderfully well. Sharon is a teacher in the World Languages Department.

Congratulations to Dave and Kim Paske who welcomed Abigail Grace on September 30, 2009. Abigail weighs 6 pounds and is 18 inches long. Everyone is doing well, and Bella is anxious for her baby sister to come home. Dave is a teacher in the Special Education Department. Congratulations to Tamiaka and Dawan Killins who welcomed Son No. 3 on Friday, October 9. Kevin Dale Killins weighs 7 pounds 5 ounces and is 20½ inches long. Everyone is doing well. Tamiaka is a teacher in the Math Department.

Congratulations to Bill and Katie Allan who welcomed Oskar Hendrix Allan on Tuesday, October 13. Oskar weighs 6 pounds 6 ounces and is 19½ inches long. Everyone is doing well, and big brother Angus can't wait for Mom and Oskar to come home. Bill is a teacher in the Language Arts Department and Supervisor of TV Services.

The father of Jacqueline Padilla (grade 12) and Gerardo Padilla (grade 9) passed away on 10.30.09.

Congratulations to Bob and Joni Sherman who welcomed Benjamin Harold Sherman at 1:34 p.m. on October 20. Ben weighed in at 9 pounds 11 ounces and is 21 inches long. Everyone is doing well, and Andy can't wait to meet his "little" brother. Bob is a teacher in the Science Department.

Patrick and Marlo King are new parents to Caitlin and Shane Patrick. The twins were born on Thursday, November 5, 2009, at 9:42 p.m. They both weigh 5 pounds 11 ounces and both are 19 inches long. They have dark hair and look very similar. Everyone is doing very well. Congratulations to Pat, Marlo, and big brother Connor, too! Pat is a counselor in the Student Services Department at North Campus.

November: Peter and Julie White welcomed Caleb James White on Wednesday, November 25th. Caleb weighs 6 pounds 5 ounces and is 19½ inches long. Everyone is doing well. Congratulations to Peter, Julie, and big sister, Emily, too!

Mynor Lewis on the death of his sister, Sandy.

December: Congratulations to Eric and Lisa Nuss on the birth of their daughter, Blakeleigh Laura. Blakeleigh was born on December 22, weighs 9 pounds 5 ounces, and is 21½ inches long. Eric is a teacher in the Science Department.

TREASURER REPORT-Nancy O'Brien reported. We are still receiving money from the bookstore for sales of additional calendars and directories. LT reimbursed us \$1,150 for the LT share of the calendar costs. She has paid the accountant \$450 for the tax preparation for which we had budgeted \$450 and he has given us a \$70 credit for next year. She has paid all the filing fees for the tax returns. She has given Parent University their budgeted amount of \$1000. The Bus Driver Appreciation had a bill for \$289. which she paid and that amount was still within their budgeted total amount of \$800. She has not paid any grant requests at this time; they typically come in 2 bursts, one after the first of the year and then in June. Karen King motioned to approve. Jen Burklow second. Approved.

PRESIDENTS REPORT-Ann Porter reported.

A request was asked as to why Christmas, Easter and additionally holidays are not listed on the LT calendars. Ann will follow up for the next meeting.

Brownstock-We need to plan for next year, this year Ann got a call a few days prior and was asked to provide 6 volunteers, she was able to get 2 for the morning and 2 for the afternoon. We think that a list of daytime volunteers is provided to the school from the scantron sheets and they could possibly get volunteers from that list for the daytime event. Ann wants to make sure the next president is aware of the event.

Second Semester Schedules-Ann is looking to get 4 volunteers to pass out second semester schedules at SC and NC January 20 from 7-9 am.

BOE Update-Student rep. commented on hope for changes to School Improvement Days. (We are not sure if she was referring to the early arrival of the bused students on late arrival days or the actual school improvement days in which students are dismissed at 11:30)

First annual School Board/Student Council breakfast will be this month.

Curriculum changes-several drops and additions including a Bio/English combo.

Calendar for next year approved-same as previous years.

Summer school tuition raised.

Thank you notes-we received thank you notes from Peaceable Schools Initiative, Lion Success Mentoring, Color Guard and PCN.

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

CHAPERONES-HOMECOMING-Kate Brogan reported. KOH is coming up and she will email volunteers just the same as she did for homecoming, she had great success with the email. Within 48 hours she had 30 volunteers and many people emailed her after the dance to volunteer for the KOH dance.

FUTURE FRESHMAN NIGHT-Gigi Birkeland reported. She gave Ann Porter the list of volunteers she collected at the event for parents interested in volunteering next year. They have a great location right outside the Fieldhouse and were very busy.

POST PROM-Barbara Wood reported. The letters asking for donations went out and they are now waiting to hear back from those. The charge for the buses has gone up and will be \$1,100 more. The cost will be split with LT student activities. When asked if the budgeted amount we have is needed at this time she said not now, she will let us know when they need the money, currently it is in interest bearing account and we will hold it there.

OLD BUSINESS- Ann Porter reported.

Email vote approved to add grant for the Lion Success Mentoring Program Field trip to see *Blind Side* for at-risk students. Eight students attended the movie.

Changes for revenue source for calendar and directory for next year-Do we need to worry about any revenue changes with the event of the online calendar. After much discussion we think the paper version is the best and we will continue to promote it.

NEW BUSINESS-Ann Porter reported. She received a request from Lianne Musser, who will be putting together a list of scholarships available for senior students in the next few weeks, asking if we will still be providing scholarships, we will continue with the 2 budgeted at \$500 each. If we can at a later date we will offer more.

Board Positions- We are currently looking for next year's board positions. If you would like to continue with your current position please let Ann know.

March meeting- request for a speaker. We would like to have Mr. Franson if he is available. Ann will see if he is available.

ADJOURNED at 8:50pm.