

Lyons Township Parent Teacher Council

October 6, 2010

Karen King called meeting to order at 7:08pm.

Attendance: Karen King, Nancy O'Brien, Stacia Kopplin, Kate Brogan, Gigi Birkeland, Diane Campion, Maria Pekar, Debbie Spanski, Barbara Shea, Ed Suarez, Peter Geddeis, Laura Winkler, Viki Gonia, Wendy Bastyr, Mary Lee Gosz.

Guest Speakers: Dr. Tim Kilrea and Mr. David Franson spoke about "Strengths and Challenges at LTHS." Strengths include the people (students/faculty/staff/parents) at LTHS, strong traditions, curriculum and co-curricular programs, community, test scores, fiscal responsibility by the school board, facilities and good relationships with associate schools. Challenges include maintaining tradition, academic achievement for *all* students, Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), transition to new Student Information System (Infinite Campus), and social/emotional issues. After their presentation, Dr. Kilrea and Mr. Franson took questions and concluded at 8:20pm.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Kate Brogan distributed minutes from the September PTC meeting for review. Nancy O'Brien motioned to approve. Diane Campion seconded. Minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: Gigi Birkeland sent a sympathy card on behalf of PTC to the family of Mrs. Kate O'Boyle, a longtime LT teacher, who passed away in September.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Stacia Kopplin presented the proposed PTC budget for 2010-2011. Revenue includes calendar/directory sales at registration, which total just over \$59,000. The largest expense is PTC funding of student activities, budgeted at \$35,000. Other expenses include printing costs for calendar and directory, postage, office supplies, scholarship grants, and staff/bus driver appreciation events. Nancy O'Brien noted that the Old Board/New Board amount should be \$100 rather than \$50, based on prior year's budget. Karen King said that grant requests for Student Funding are due in late October.

Post Prom Funding: Maria Pekar asked whether the Post Prom budget amount of \$6,000 would be enough to cover costs. Ed Suarez provided a draft Post Prom budget, based on 750 students attending, which had a \$4,500 deficit. The Post Prom committee noted that outside donations have decreased over the past year, so they need additional funding from PTC. Karen King has discussed fundraising options with LT Boosters, including sales of LT bricks. Nancy O'Brien encouraged Post Prom to sell raffle tickets at LT events, like Pack the Place. Post Prom is committed to keeping tickets affordable. Ed Suarez noted that the committee is small, so more volunteers are needed.

Motion: Ed Suarez motioned that the PTC budget for Post Prom be increased from \$6,000 to \$8,000. Barbara Shea seconded. The motion passed.

Motion: Nancy O'Brien motioned that PTC consider new fundraising options for Post Prom. Viki Gonia seconded. The motion passed. Maria Pekar, Debbie Spanski and Viki Gonia offered to help Post Prom brainstorm about additional fundraising options.

Motion: Viki Gonia motioned to approve the 2010-2011 budget with two changes: (1) increase Post Prom funding by \$2,000 for a total of \$8,000; (2) increase Old Board/New Board funding by \$50 to a total of \$100. Maria Pekar seconded the motion. The motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Karen King reported that the Open Houses at both campuses went well. The PTC table at SC Open House was well received. Parents purchased extra calendars/directories and signed up to be Homecoming chaperones. PTC table at NC had little response. Recommendation for 2011: set up a PTC table at SC Open House only.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chaperones – Homecoming – Anne Mulvaney reported that there were numerous Homecoming chaperones and a thank you email was going out shortly.

Staff Appreciation – Diane Campion and Debbie Spanski reported that plans for the Bus Driver Appreciation breakfast on October 13 are going well. Denise Christopher and Martha Elliott have been helping plan the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Communications – Viki Gonia requested any news for local papers be submitted 7-10 days prior to newspaper publication date. She plans to contact The Doings about the Post Prom committee to raise awareness of its fundraising needs.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

Stacia Kopplin motioned to adjourn. Nancy O'Brien seconded. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.