

**LYNDALE COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
PTO MEETING MINUTES  
April 13, 2017**

**PRINCIPAL TRANSITION PLAN:** Assistant Principal Mark Stauduhar gave update

- Ms. James took leave of absence as of April 10<sup>th</sup> and will retire at the end of the school year.
- Dr. Jean Neuman will be acting principal in the interim. Her primary role is to assure high level administrative needs are taken care of during the transition to a new principal.
- Interviews for the new principal are expected to be conducted around May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Some parents in attendance expressed concerns about smaller pool of candidates because of truncated timeline.
- Email [lyndalepto@gmail.org](mailto:lyndalepto@gmail.org) if you have any input on interviews – four parents will be able to participate in the interviews. Also on 4/27/17 at 6:00pm Lyndale will host a gathering to collect input on the selection of the new principal.

**UPDATE ON THE BUDGET:** Assistant Principal Mark Stauduhar gave update

- Mark stressed that with both the budget cuts and Ms. James retirement, the goal is continuity.
- Even with a reduction in funding for next year (around \$800,000), still able to:
  - o Maintain core programming
  - o Maintain specialists
  - o Keep 3 supplemental teachers (advance differential specialist, math support, and literacy support).
- Band/Orchestra position being decreased by .1, however, Mr. Scripps believes he will be able to maintain the same level of instruction.
- Arabic program will now only be offered to 5<sup>th</sup> graders and will operate as a specialist program
- Will be able to maintain ability to communicate with non-English speaking families by having 2 Somali program aids and 1 Spanish program aid
- Big factor is budget cuts is enrollment. Lyndale has the lowest capture rate in Area C of 32%. We need to continue efforts to get students to enroll. So far efforts that have been made are cold calls to families. Encourage families of current students to spread the word about Lyndale.
- PTO has committed to raising \$14,000 to maintain the Bridges program for next year. Looking for fundraising ideas

**NEXT MEETING:** May 11<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm. This will be Bridget Gernander's last meeting as president. The PTO is looking for someone interested in the position for the 2017-1018 school year.