

**LYNDALE COMMUNITY SCHOOL**  
**PTO Meeting Minutes**  
**March 10, 2015**

**WE NEED YOU!**

The PTO is seeking a new president. After 2 years as president, Carrie Swanson is stepping down, leaving a great opportunity open for you!

**MATH AND SCIENCE NIGHT**

Math and Science night was a great success with more science experiment participants than ever. Organizers received great feedback about the food and the leftovers were enjoyed by teachers who had parent conferences the following day. The only concern voiced was in regard to some science projects leaving messes that Lyndale staff had to clean up.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

- The PTO will be spending money to pay for the musician who plays the ukulele once a week while students are arriving for school.
- A few teachers have applied to be reimbursed for classroom expenses via the form provided by the PTO. To remind teachers about this program flyers will be put in all of their mailboxes in the next few weeks.
- If needed, the PTO may fund an artist to do henna for the kids on International night. The Arabic department might also be covering the costs associated with having a henna artist. As a popular attraction at International Night it is a great opportunity to raise money for the teacher reimbursement program.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Stay and Chat - Friday, March 20. After dropping your student off in the morning stay for coffee and talk with Principal James and Vice Principal Arrendondo. \*\*\*Note that due to Spring Break, this is not happening on the last Friday of the month like it usually does.
- Twins vrs. Chicago White Sox - Friday, May 1, 7:10 PM. Lyndale families are invited to Target Field for a fun evening of baseball! Forms were sent home with students last week.
- Parent Social Event at East Lake Brew Pup - Friday, April 10, 8 - 10 PM. Meet and mingle with other Lyndale parents at the new East Lake Brew Pup (owned by Lyndale parents who generously donated to the School Carnival raffle!). East Lake Brew Pup, inside Midtown Global Market, 920 E. Lake Street, Minneapolis.

**NON-LYNDALE EVENTS**

- FAM JAM - An all-age family dance party! Sunday, March 22, 2 - 5, at the Center for Performing Arts on 38<sup>th</sup> and Pleasant. Sponsored by the Kingfield Neighborhood Association. <<http://kingfield.org/>> \$5 donation

recommended

- iNSPYRE's Think. Act. Create. Camp - Summer 2015. "Children will experience a variety of dynamic, critical thinking activities to enhance creativity, boost confidence, and build teamwork." Camps run Mondays through Center for Performing Arts, 3754 Pleasant Avenue South, Minneapolis. <<http://www.liveinspyred.org/summercamp/>>

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Multiple volunteers needed for food serving and sales at International Night, Thursday, March 26. Shifts available from 5:15 - 6:15 PM and 6:00 - 7:00 PM. If available please contact [lyndalepto@gmail.com](mailto:lyndalepto@gmail.com).

### **UPDATE FROM VICE PRINCIPAL ARREDONDO**

- Lyndale's Spring Break Academy, an invite-only academic opportunity happening over spring break, has 180 students participating. Class size is 15 or less and every day includes breakfast and lunch. The week culminates with a fieldtrip on Friday. About 3000 kids are participating in this program district wide.
- This summer Lyndale's kitchen is receiving a major update to enable food to be prepared fresh! The construction will also impact the band room. That new space will have windows looking into the multi-purposed room. Windows will also be added between the multi-purpose room and the outside to permit natural light into the space.
- Due to construction happening at Lyndale, summer school will be held at Lake Harriet.
- The next Eagle News will have a form where adults can make comments regarding student placement for next year.
- Due to district 'rightsizing' impacting the entire MPS budget, Lyndale did not have a budget for the 2015 - 2016 year at the time of the meeting. The budget was expected to arrive within a week. The district did say that expect less students at Lyndale next year, but school choice cards have not been completely tallied yet.
- The following positions will be open at Lyndale for the 2015-2016 academic year:
  - English as a Second Language
  - 3/4<sup>th</sup> time Special Education Assistant
  - Associate educators for the third grade (up to three)

All positions will be posted by the district. Schools can hire independently but must interview 5 experienced applicants in compliance with 'First In, First Out' efforts.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 7, 6:00 p.m.**

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