



**LYNCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
Lynch Parents Association  
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# MINUTES

*Date | time* September 28, 2017 | 9:15 AM

## In Attendance

Principal Dupuis, LPA board members Stacey Princi, Nora Walker, Stacy Winn, Nicole Soto, Zeina Marchant, and other Lynch parents.

## Opening Remarks

The 2017-18 Board and Principal Dupuis were introduced. All parents were encouraged to bring new ideas to the LPA to continue Lynch's tradition of being an inclusive school.

## Principal's Report

Principal Dupuis introduced a new, and very beneficial, program at Lynch that brings Literacy Coaches into classrooms. Sarah Gannon and Bonnie McEwen, veteran Lynch teachers, are now part-time Literacy Coaches. Sarah described the program as one that helps teachers develop and improve their literacy curriculum. Bonnie stated that they work in small groups, within the classrooms that teachers request their services. The coaches even assist in implementing curriculum and model teaching. Sarah and Bonnie stated that the Reading Department is for everyone, not just families in the intervention program.

Principal Dupuis added that the coaching program is flexible and he meets regularly with Sarah and Bonnie to review how it's working. Principal Dupuis supports and encourages all teachers to observe other teachers.

The year has been off to a smooth start. There are 480+ students in 25 classrooms. They have worked on streamlining traffic at lunch, in the hallways, etc. Principal Dupuis brought new lunch tables from central office. The round tables give kids more space; the kids are eating more; and the lunchroom is quieter.

The school has 4 new full-time staff (speech, reading, and 2 new teachers).

## Treasurer's Report

The LPA is financially secure and has reserves. A Treasurer's Report was handed out. The Fall BBQ paid for itself.

## Co-Presidents' Report

There are 2 School Council openings. School Council meets on Thursdays at 3:15p at Lynch 4-5 times/year. These are volunteer positions.

ELP – Lynch’s Extended Learning Program – has open registration right now! Classes begin the week of October 2<sup>nd</sup> and include DEAR (Drop Everything and Read), Keyboarding, Design on a Dime and many more. Check out the ELP button on the LPA’s website ([www.lynchschoo.com](http://www.lynchschoo.com)) for information and to registers.

Teacher Grants - the LPA is excited to be able to offer Teacher Grants for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. All lead K-5 teachers and each specialist department will be able to apply for grants up to \$150/each if applied for by May 31, 2018. These grants are used for ways to improve and enrich their classrooms that otherwise wouldn’t be possible.

## Committee Reports

- **Halloween Party Committee:** this is a family event. It will be held on October 27<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Costumes are optional. There will be games, DJ music, a haunted hall, food, a bake sale, and more. We really need a little bit of help from a lot of people. You can help with planning, setup, running events that night, etc. Set-up will occur after dismissal on the 27<sup>th</sup>, which is a half-day. We will send out sign-up information soon.
- **GoDirect:** GoDirect is our fundraising method. We ask parents to donate, so we don’t need to sell items throughout the year. The Halloween Party is our biggest fundraiser of the year. There will be a raffle. We can us donations of items and services to raffle off. GoDirect funds help pay for field trips. We want to raise both the amount of money donated and the number of families donating. Currently, we are at 50% of families donating to GoDirect.

## Next Meeting

October 18, 2017 | 7:00 PM, Lynch Library