

Langley High School PTSA  
Executive Board Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, November 9, 2022

In attendance: Jamie Loving, Julie DeLong, Heather Murphy Capps, Van Nguyen, Jenny Alcorn, Julie Hohl, Clare Bradshaw, Jill Farrah, Amanda Clarke, Jessica Carter, Joy Hohenthauer, Bonnie Myshrall, Susan Connery, Stefanie Stayin, Christine Mancino, Elina Dimitropoulos, Jackie Grayer, Kristi West

I. Call to Order 9:35am

II. Approval of Minutes from October 12, 2022, no corrections and the minutes will stand as presented.

III. Principal's Report

- a. Thank you all for last month's Principal Recognition
- b. Thank you to all of you that came out to the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House. Families were very excited to be here. It helped families realize that LHS really is a top-notch school. Thank you to the volunteers who gave up their Sunday to come out and show incoming families that LHS is just as good as the private schools.
- c. Courtyard-Received an email from Design and Construction for the school division that someone from organization Get to Green will be coming out to determine where at our school an outdoor learning space can be located. The only space that is open for the learning center is the last courtyard that Chrissie Lavin was beginning to work with the landscapers to renovate. This is a school board mandate that every school in Fairfax County will have an outdoor open air learning space. This is in the beginning phase of implementation and LHS is one of the first schools in the county to install one of these spaces. Information is limited at this point. Money that has been set aside to renovate that space can now be reallocated.
- d. Vaping-In addition to vaping, concerns are growing because there have been cases in FCPS of Fentanyl overdoses. In past years the bathroom doors were left open, but due to the outrage of a few parents the school board told the school the doors had to be closed since not all bathrooms have privacy partitions at the entrance. There are now 2 other bathrooms in the main office that are marked as Staff/Students that the students have access to if they are not comfortable in one of the bathrooms without a partition. All secondary schools in Fairfax County now have Narcan. Administrations were taught how to administer if a student does overdose. The school needs the backing of the PTSA to keep the bathroom hallway doors open for the safety of our students. Bathroom stall doors will remain intact.

IV. President's Report

- a. Vision & Hearing Screening went very smoothly. Thank you to Maryam Malik and Joy Hohenthauer for volunteering your time to help.
- b. 8th grade Open House-As Mrs. Greer mentioned, what a successful day it was. Thank you to Keuri Patel and Tian Olson and all the many volunteers that came to help that day.
- c. Nominating Committee-Committee will need 1 committee member from each of the elementary schools in the pyramid.
- d. Communication Tech Specialist-Will be needed for the virtual January meeting.
- e. PTSA One-liner-The PTSA works in partnership with Langley HS to help maintain the high standards that our community expects through support for academic programs and curriculum enhancements, the performing art programs, supplemental communications, community building, funding facility improvements and much more.
- f. General Membership Meeting – Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. Motion to Vote to support administration and Principal Greer in taking steps to protect the safety of and health of our students by opening the hallway door to the bathrooms. Motion approved by Joy Hohenthauer and second by Stefanie Stayin. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.
- g. Upcoming Speakers, see information below
- h. Ethics Day – March 15<sup>th</sup>

#### V. Officer's Reports

- a. Treasurer's Report – Julie DeLong
  - 1) Money is still coming in from membership and donations. Courtyard money has increased. ANGP has started to bring in some funds.
  - 2) Expenditures include the tailgate party, appreciation week, hospitality for the meetings and for fall luncheons for teachers and PDF funding.
- b. Membership and Fundraising Reports– Susan Connery
  - 1) Parent Membership 463 (84%of budget)
  - 2) Staff/teachers 117
  - 3) Students 33
  - 4) Donations \$61,205 (120% of budget) there is still a projected \$9,000 match that is still pending.
- c. Appropriations/Professional Development Fund – Heather Murphy Capps
  - 1) Spent money for videographer for the orchestra concert.
  - 2) Fog machines for the theater department
  - 3) PDF sent some teachers to Foreign Language Association of Virginia Conference
  - 4) Purchased Physics equipment
  - 5) Have put forth clearer guidelines and a process improvement
  - 6) Raised the PDF to \$750 a year per person per department due to inflation.

## VI. Committee Reports

- a. Career Connections – Sonaal Luthra, Leslie Speidel (report given by Jamie)
  - 1) Event likely to be held in early February
  - 2) The event will be a hybrid this year with most professionals in person and a few presenting virtually.
  - 3) The parent sponsors have recruited students for both the planning committee and the volunteer committee. Recruiting took place last week after a message was posted on Schoology for students to complete a google form if they are interested in participating or volunteering for the career event.
  - 4) Parent Sponsors- Sonaal and Leslie will work closely with two other parent volunteers this year. Both these parent volunteers are parents of freshman students and likely be the parent representative for the Career Connections Committee next year.
  - 5) Career Committee plans to meet every Monday at 7pm virtually and the first meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.
  
- b. Courtyard – Amanda Clarke
  - 1) Thank you to Principal Greer for taking the 3<sup>rd</sup> courtyard off their hands
  - 2) Focus will shift back to the main and 2<sup>nd</sup> courtyard now. Talking over fun ideas to do and now can do more maintenance with the extra funds.
  - 3) Table idea of shutting down Legacy Tree for now, Will revisit later.
  
- c. Directory – Jessica Carter, Amanda Clarke
  - 1) Almost completed. Waiting for the proof to be finished. Should be going to print by the end of this week.
  - 2) New cover was designed.
  - 3) Will need volunteers when printed copies arrive and need to distribute to students.
  
- d. Family Network – Clare Bradshaw
  - 1) Supports students and parents by providing opportunities for learning and growth. Encourage community engagement, promote school spirit and wellness.
  - 2) Nov 9 – SCC speaker, Meghan Leahy at MCC, register in advance
  - 3) Dec 2 – Dr. Gary Chapman’s The 5 Love Languages of Teenagers FCPS Author Series, webinar
  - 4) Dec 9 - Book Talk: That Crumpled Up Paper Was Due Last Week: Helping Disorganized and Distracted Boys Succeed in School and Life by Ana Homayoun, Lecture Hall
  - 5) New Family Network: Forum November 14<sup>th</sup> in the career center Kelly Baker invited Braden Peterson and Ana Brown to talk about the services available at LHS.
  - 6) New Family Holiday Dinner December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Roots Kitchen and Bar
  - 7) Saxon Service-Julie Hohl- Tomorrow 9:30-10:30 no need to sign up

e. Reflections Art contest – Elina Dimitropoulos

- 1) Reflections Contest has concluded.
- 2) There were 13 participants.
- 3) Winners are on the LHS website under announcements.
- 4) Winners go on to FFCPTA for Regional contest.

f. ANGP

- 1) Completed sales of Halloween Treat Bags. Very successful. Made over \$1,000
- 2) Chick-fil-la night did not go as well as they hoped. Only made \$150
- 3) 11/15 Santini's Night
- 4) Wreaths Across America \$5.00 a wreath. Last count was 67 wreaths.

VII. New Business

- a. Common Area Furniture Cleaning

VIII. Upcoming Dates:

- a) Nov 9 – SCC speaker, Meghan Leahy at MCC, register in advance
- b) Nov 10 Saxon Service – New Family Forum/Q&A, 9:00 am, Lecture Hall
- c) Nov 14 – New Family Q & A, 9:30
- d) Nov 16 – Q/A & General Membership Meeting, 9:00 am, Lecture Hall
- e) Dec 2 – Dr. Gary Chapman's The 5 Love Languages of Teenagers FCPS Author Series, webinar
- f) Dec 3 – New Family Holiday Dinner, 6:00, Roots Kitchen & Bar
- g) Dec 9 - Book Talk: That Crumpled Up Paper Was Due Last Week: Helping Disorganized and Distracted Boys Succeed in School and Life by Ana Homayoun, Lecture Hall

IX. Adjourn 11:12