

Langley High School PTSA  
General Membership Meeting DRAFT MINUTES  
May 3, 2023

- I. Call to Order 9:10 am
- II. Principal's Report – Principal Greer.
  - a. Currently doing AP testing, over 4,000 AP tests.
  - b. Ongoing conversations about the restrooms – we are in the process of trying to hire a female security assistant.
  - c. School calendar posted on FCPS website.
  - d. Students can obtain a waiver to not attend school on AP days to study – question about telling parents about this.
  - e. Rolling grade book question – missing assignments not always filled in after missing. Greer encouraged parents to have their child follow up with the teacher.
  - f. Is there a timeline expectation for grading? County has guidelines regarding how much time teachers have to put grades in. Parents can talk to the supervising administrator if it continues to be a problem after your student has talked to the teacher.
- III. Guest Speaker: Elaine Tholen.
  - a. Introduced Wendy Biliter, her assistant and former Langley mom.
  - b. Budget season, Dr. Reid put forward budget requirements. As of yesterday, the Board of Supervisors did their final mark up of their county budget – “we survived” – only one item they removed, a 1 percent incentive bonus for teachers that stayed on with us. They didn't fund it because it's a non-recurring expense but they are looking for other ways to do that. BoS will vote next Tuesday on the county budget, and we'll know the amount of money FCPS will receive. The state doesn't have a budget yet. About a 5.4 increase in salaries for our staff.
  - c. Our biggest issue is workforce. To retain people and recruit, looking for higher salaries. We've started massive recruiting efforts. We've already hired 100s of new teachers for the fall.
  - d. Increases for cybersecurity.
  - e. Dr. Reid asked for money for middle school sports, including fall cross country and spring track for next year.
  - f. We will vote on the budget – public hearing May 16 – at the end of May.
  - g. Visited Great Falls Elementary and visited with staff. Psychologists and social workers are really busy. Working on risk assessments and paying attention to where students need extra attention.
  - h. May 15 – community dialog around opioids and **fentanyl** at Herndon Middle School at 6:30 – to include the Narcan training and adults will be given Narcan to take home. Preliminary conversations about a meeting at Langley to focus on students. First week of June. DOJ's Silent No More – district is bringing the program into five high schools this spring, more in the fall. Student survey – not going to be broken down by pyramid.

- i. Middle school sports – surrounding counties 8<sup>th</sup> graders can play on JV teams; issue not addressed in FCPS yet.
- j. Question about parents hearing things of concern and wanting to share the information but worried about retaliation for their student. Greer ensured parents their child would be protected. Sometimes you hear from the tip line, but there's no way to follow up, so not always able to do anything with it. Systems of Support Advisor – SOSA – someone in the building whose sole role is to support students, Mr. Spiker is Langley's. Focus on kids academically struggling to implement a plan, with targeted intervention.
- k. Tholen – the IT department developed a tool to run reports and target students that need help.
- l. Block 3/Advisory, changed from 45 minutes a day to 90 minutes every other day. Analysis is happening, instructional teams looking into it; principals all need to come to consensus.
- m. ChatGPT – how is the county handling it? IT department is working on it. School based technology specialist has offered help to teachers to make sure they are aware of it.
- n. School bus cameras – close to getting stop arm cameras on the buses, trying to collaborate with the police department and county to make sure there's a violation issued to make the cameras add value.
- o. May 8 – community meeting on safety and security at South Lakes. We are looking at neighboring counties with weapon detecting technologies, piloting vaping detectors at a couple of schools. Facilities problem is that they are too sensitive, don't have the manpower to deal with the false alarms.
- p. Voting on the strategic plan in June
- q. Boys' volleyball? – no update

10:16 Business meeting called to order.

IV. Minutes approved from last General Membership Meeting on March 8.

V. President's Report:

- Ethics Day - A huge thank you goes out to our Senior Ethics Day committee members Margaret Brown, Danica Alink, Jill Farah, and Joy Hohenthauer who worked very hard to provide updated and relevant material to the seniors. – Media Ethics, AI, and expanded trial discussion. Thank you if you were a table leader and extra kudos to the talented student actors Ava Carter, Brady Kastner, Katie Murchison, and Scarlett Spano for bringing the Mock Trial to life.
- Another fun Donuts for Teachers was hosted. Must have much needed and appreciated... all the coffee was gone!
- Kelly Rankin, Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist, coordinated the HAZE program for the senior class on April 10. This program aims to educate students about the dangers of binge drinking and the potentially deadly consequences of that behavior. The PTSA provided lunch for the professionals that volunteered to participate in the panel discussion.

- April 26<sup>th</sup> was Administrative Professionals Day and Sara Koenig did a wonderful job celebrating the Administration, front office staff, librarians, nurse and activity office staff with an appreciation lunch from Maman Joon/Z Burger, gift cards and magazine cover kudos. Each office area has magazine covers on display.
- Teacher Appreciation week is this week and on Friday all teachers, staff and administrators will be treated to gift cards and a fabulous lunch made possible by our creative Hospitality committee. Thank you to the entire committee, the Langley bakers and the chairs Kristen Simko, Rina Kaul and Kristi West. Also, a thank you to Sara Koenig for organizing the gift cards.
- The PTSA funds several student awards that will be presented at the end of the school year. Nominations are made by teachers and the community and organized by Awards chairs Jill Holloman and Christine Mancino. Final nominations are due at the end of the week. Thank you to Jill and Christine.
- At the end of the school year the DeBusk Award and Retirement Gifts will be presented to teachers. The DeBusk Award is given to teachers and funded by the PTSA.
- A reminder that the Courtyard Legacy Tree fundraiser is wrapping up, so this spring is the last chance to buy a leaf. See the article and Link in eNews. A tremendous thank you to Amanda Clark and Chrissie Lavin for overseeing the Courtyard project this school year and to Chrissie for even staying with us an extra year to see the tree complete.
- Thank you to the Family Network and parent volunteers that helped with Wellness Week by bagging popcorn for over 2,000 students to enjoy at lunch. Also, the New Family Network hosted a potluck lunch and its final forum for the year. The Family Network Committee is already working on the Freshman and New Family Orientation programs scheduled for August 17. They also plan to host another tailgate in the fall. Thank you to Kelli Baker for engaging the new families and Robyn Smith, Clare Bradshaw and Julie Hohl for all the wonderful Family Network community building programming this year.
- Thank you to all the Saxon service volunteers this year as well as Julie Hohl, Kirsten Thompson, and Christina Murphy. We had approximately 300 students participate for the eight sessions earning over 2,000 community service hours. Effie Hoffman who has led the Case for Smiles program, ironing pillowcases for pediatric patients, for over 10 years and since 2010 has donated over 32,000 pillowcases to local hospitals!!
- There will be a final school-wide Saxon Service on May 31 so please watch for that volunteer opportunity.
- Summer Opportunities Committee continues to add to its list so please check out the link on the PTSA website under Resources. Thank you to Van Nguyen, Jenny Alcorn and Amy Adams for compiling this list and keeping it current.

## VI. Officer's Reports

- a. Treasurer's Report – Julie DeLong. ANGP doing well. Appropriations discussion. Supported band and chorus and other areas. Get reimbursements in by June 19.
    - i. Summer budget is needed so money can be spent over the summer. Motion to approve \$5,000 for summer spending. Motion passed.
    - ii. Class of 2020 -- \$9,034 raised by ANGP committee raised for class of 2020. Those class parents are fine with the money going to other class ANGP. People had been reimbursed for tickets; this is just fundraising. Motion to move those funds to the ANGP committee for future years. Motion passed.
  - b. Membership and Fundraising – Melissa Schwartz and Susan Connery.
    - i. A number of student and parent members join and donate. 140 percent of goal for donations; average donation per parent member -- \$150.
    - ii. Amazon Smile has ended; Harris Teeter affiliate fundraising is going well, our goal nearly met. Mock ACT/SAT testing is another fundraising activity. The next mock test event will be held in the Fall in order to give Princeton Review time to tweak the new format.
  - c. Nominations Committee: presented slate at last meeting; we've worked on officers and finding chairs of committee and class parents (appointed by the executive committee). The slate of officers for the 2023-24 school year are:
    - President -- Joy Hohenthauer
    - 1<sup>st</sup> VP Communications/Pres Elect -- Bonnie Myshrrall
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Membership -- Susan Connery
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Fundraising -- Erin Lobato
    - 4<sup>th</sup> VP Appropriations -- Heather Murphy Capps
    - Secretary – Melissa Schwartz
    - Treasurer – Mary Lee
    - i. Motion to adopt the slate passes.
    - ii. We are still looking for volunteers for next year, including eNews.
- VII. Committee Reports
- a. ANGP – ticket sales are up, raffle selling priority seating and ride to the graduation and gnome raffle – volunteers needed, different classes traditionally help in different roles.
- VIII. New Business; None
- IX. Upcoming Dates:
- a. May 3 – Langley PPE Night, 5:30-7:30 pm
  - b. May 4 – Band Concert, 7 pm, Auditorium
  - c. May 17-18 - Chorus Concert, 7 pm, Auditorium
  - d. May 20 – Prom, 8-11 pm, Capitol One Hall
  - e. May 23 – Orchestra Concert, 7 pm, Auditorium
  - f. May 25 – Band Concert, 7 pm, Auditorium
  - g. May 31 – Saxon Service
  - h. June 7 – Graduation, 10 am, Constitution Hall
  - i. June 16 – Last Day of School
- X. Adjourn at 10:46am; Guest Speakers followed.

Karen Burke, Langley College and Career Specialist

College landscape –

We are in the middle of senior surveys, so we don't have the information about where kids are going this year.

Number of applications – 4492 submitted, on par with years past. Up a little bit. Average was 9.75 per student. I don't like to give a number because it's different for every student.

Virginia Tech – top applied UVA JMU, GMU, WM, CNU,

Out of state – top is Penn State, University of Maryland, Michigan, Pittsburg, Boston U, UNC CH Purdue

41 percent attended in state, 59 out of state.

2019 important factors – really hasn't changed much in 15 years, top criteria – grades and courses, they want to make sure kids are academically prepared. Grades in college prep courses, strength of curriculum. Want to make sure students are challenging themselves. Good balance across life.

- Acing all of their classes step up to honors/AP.
- Admissions test scores – this has fluctuated.
- Essays/writing sample – look at this as your interview. Most schools don't offer interview opportunities, so this is your voice. Everything else is set. Only so much at this point of application that you can change. It's the human piece of the application.
- Unique questions – like what your top 10 list is.
- Demonstrated interest if tracked – wishing it was more transparent, this is usually not on their website, not always published. Your interest in the college – showing up for a formal tour, over 180 came to Langley, so you scan a code to get your information.
- Recommendations
- Extracurricular
- Interviews if offered.
- Work if they have work.

Application reads – holistic and data driven. Data, they are looking at the quantitative info – APs, Honors, test scores, grades (less so recommendations and extracurricular)

Wholistic – taking everything into consideration. Academic is always going to be the first consideration.

Test optional: hasn't leveled out, FairTest.org – lists test optional schools, over 1800 that are test optional. Schools are studying the results of the test optional process. Even if optional for admission, likely need a test for scholarship. College representatives are pretty transparent. They might let you ask if with your scores you should include them or not.

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Common Application – over 1,000 schools on it. It is one central application that students can use to send out to various schools. Published now for next year’s senior class. Not that you have to write them now, but you can see what they are asking.

Common Data Set – designed to help improve quality and accuracy of information provided. All colleges have it, but you might have to dig. Google name and “common data set” – nice for seniors because talks about waitlist information, how may come off the wait list. Not every school publishes it, but some do.

On common data set, criteria they give about ranking of importance, and they can check how important each criteria is for them.

Virginia Tech carries a large waitlist.

Week before school starts – college application writing seminar at Langley.

PROPOSED

**Langley HS PTSA**  
**2022-2023 Budget vs Actual Spend**  
**As of May 2, 2023**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actuals</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Sources</b>			
Affiliate Fundraising	1,350	855	(495)
Directory Commission	-	589	589
Donations	50,000	72,285	22,285
Membership Dues	14,600	12,785	(1,815)
SAT/ACT Practice Test	3,000	1,950	(1,050)
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>68,950</b>	<b>88,464</b>	<b>19,514</b>
<b>Uses</b>			
Programs	(58,700)	(28,715)	29,985
General & Admin	(10,250)	(6,574)	3,676
<b>Total Uses</b>	<b>(68,950)</b>	<b>(35,289)</b>	<b>33,661</b>
General Fund Cash at Beginning of Period	105,270	105,270	
Change from Budgeted General Fund Items	-	53,175	
Savings from Appropriations Returned to General Fund		322	
Transfer from General Fund to Earmark		(30,304)	
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>105,270</b>	<b>128,462</b>	
<b>General Fund Available for Future Appropriations and Reserves Based on Budgeted Uses</b>	<b>105,270</b>	<b>94,801</b>	

<b>EARMARKED FUNDS</b>	<b>Beginning of Year</b>	<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>Amount Spent</b>
Academic Boosters	-	5,435	(253)
Appropriations from General Fund	14,971	3,800	(39,518)
ANGP	2,199	11,890	(26,897)
Class of 2020	9,034	9,034	-
Courtyard Fund	9,159	15,171	(438)
Langley Cares - 2020-2021 Donations	1,742	1,606	(136)
<b>Total Earmarked</b>	<b>37,105</b>	<b>46,936</b>	<b>(67,242)</b>

**Reimbursement/Payment Request - Deadline for Submission is Monday, June 19, 2023**

