

Langley High School PTSA
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 11, 2020

In Attendance: Kitty Gonzalez, Kim Greer, Jill Holloman, Katie Connolly, Annette Bellino, Kristen Simko, Chrissie Lavin, Denys King, Kim Finch, Kelly Wilson, Kirsten Thompson, Michelle Francis, Robyn Senior Smith, Sara Koenig, Clare Bradshaw, Julie Hohl, Laura Skeen, Mary Kunkemueller, Stefanie Stayin, Heather Murphy Capps, Jamie Loving, Lee Ann Brownlee, Donna Domen, Peggy Flaxman, Helen Miller, Betsy Vrankovich, Sonaal Luthra, Amy Prewett (28 members in attendance)

Meeting called to order at 9:33 am

Approval of minutes from 10/7/20. Motion of Approval by Denys King and Laura Skeen. All approved.

- Principal's Report - Kim Greer
 - Chick fila Treat Day for seniors went well with T-shirts handed out as well.
 - Freshman Treat Day is scheduled for Monday, November 30th.
 - School board meeting tomorrow at 6:00 will approve the next steps for the continued phased reopening. Langley will seek PTSA's financial assistance in covering the cost of cords and ports for concurrent learning.
 - COVID numbers are rising in Fairfax County and parents are welcome to share concerns with school board.
 - If a student experiences a power outage they should contact their teacher via email and their parents are welcome to follow up to ensure students are not marked absent.
 - Langley is in good shape with the number of teachers planning to return to campus. Principal Greer will do her best let students know in advance if their schedules will change due to Concurrent Learning.

- President's Report - Kitty Gonzalez
 - PTSA is collecting money for a gift card to support AP Laura Moore while she is recovering from an illness.
 - PSAT Day for Juniors and Teacher Appreciation Day on 10/29 was successful.
 - 12 Super Saxon Shoutouts have come in to recognize outstanding teachers.
 - PTSA has authorized other LHS organizations to use their Zoom account.
 - Students and parent engagement opportunities
 - Saxon Walk & Talks have gone well with 6-10 attendees and great weather.
 - Food Drive to come at the beginning of December to benefit Share (Local Food Pantry).
 - Possible Car Parade.
 - ANGP 2019 Vendor Deposit Retrieval Effort with pro bono legal support by John Brownlee and Mary Welch is moving in the right direction with the anticipated the return of the class of 2020's deposit from Fantasy World Entertainment. Margaret Brown has stepped up to chair ANGP 2021 if we are able to move forward with ANGP.
 - NOVA District PTA Anti-Racism Seminar will be 11/14. There will be 3 sessions with panel discussions. To further awareness at Langley everyone is welcome to attend.
The flyer is attached in this link: https://mcusercontent.com/c3b54d3a2186f914b0f0bde51/files/328dfa0b-2167-4d62-bc44-a7beee35191d/NOVA_District_PTA_ANTIRACISM_Seminar_Registration_Nov._14_2020_FINAL_.pdf
 - Next General Membership Meeting is schedule for 11/18 with guest speaker Kelly Rankin, Langley's substance abuse counselor.

- Officers' Reports
 - Membership & Fundraising - Annette Bellino & Kristen Simko
 - Memberships numbers are low, but donations are doing well. Short only \$10,000 of PTSA goal.

- Teacher & Parent Member Raffle created small upticks in membership numbers. eNews has also had a positive effect on membership.
- Fundraising ideas 2021:
 - 70 gift cards for various businesses have been donated for the raffles.
 - LHS contacted by Princeton Review to hold virtual practice tests for SAT/ACT in January 2021. Families will donate money for students to participate in practice tests.
- Appropriations / PDF - Jamie Loving & Heather Murphy Capps
 - Request and approval from the orchestra for \$700 for professional percussionist and/or specialty musicians for synchronized recording tracks.
- Committee / Booster Reports
 - Teacher & Staff Appreciation Efforts - Sara Koenig
 - Masks were distributed to teachers and staff during Staff Appreciation Day that coincided with the PSAT for Juniors. Masks will also be given to staff who could not attend.
 - Summer Opportunities Fair - Wedad Elmaghraby / Amina Khan / Kitty Gonzalez
 - Hannah Wolff is looking to have all information for summer opportunities in one database.
 - Langley Links could be a spring board for students to find summer opportunities and a way for students to learn how to write their resume for each opportunity.
 - Special Education Liaison - Donna Domen
 - Girl Scouts and Best Buddies have linked with Langley's Special Needs Students.
 - Safe Community Coalition Liaison update - Laura Skeen
 - December meeting will show a collection of mental health videos that will also be accessible for Fairfax County Schools.
 - PTSA 2020-21 Reflections Art Contest - Sara Koenig
 - Good turnout with the winners moving forward to the regional level. Judging will take place soon.
 - Langley Cares - Clare Bradshaw
 - Langley Cares will request funds and advertise in eNews to give an opportunity for people to donate to students who are in need of basic necessities. December 7th is a date for a possible Food Drive and could be used for Saxon Service Hours. These items could be donated to Share. One option is to combine the Food Drive with Freshman Treat Day to generate more donations.
 - Family Network - Chrissie Lavin / Kirsten Thompson / Julie Hohl
 - 11/12 at 12:00 pm – Jennifer Weaver will be speaking about *Parenting During the Pandemic*.
 - Webinar on the Future of College Admissions with Jeff Selingo, author of the book Who Gets in and Why. Webinar will be December 8th at 7:00 pm and is open to all of Fairfax County High Schools. Hannah Wolff will moderate discussion.
 - Ethics Day - Kim Finch / Kelly Wilson
 - Penciled in for March 15th to be held at Langley. Second option is for it to be virtual.
 - Directories - Denys King / Andrea Stygar / Mocha Dyrud
 - Some duplicates in the directory have been found and fixed. A few families have not verified information. Reminder email will be sent out through A-Z for verification.
 - Academic Boosters - Peggy Flaxman
 - \$5 gift cards have and will be given out as academic incentives for students with good attendance and good grades.
 - Shoutout post cards have been created for teachers to send to students for positive reach out to reinforce a connection between students and teachers.

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 am.

Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Connolly