

**Langley High School PTSA**  
**General Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 18, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 9:33 am

Approval of minutes from 9/23/20. Motion of Approval by Denys King and Peggy Flaxman. All approved. (37 members in attendance)

Officer's Reports:

- President's report: Kitty Gonzalez
  - Attended 1<sup>st</sup> northern VA PTSA discussion regarding antiracism and discussed how we can listen and build awareness about racism. There will be future seminars and Langley will work to support this effort.
  - Terrific Teacher & Staff Appreciation Day during PSAT. Masks were distributed along with snacks and drinks for the teachers and staff.
  - Shoutout efforts are underway giving super Saxon Shoutouts from both students and parents to outstanding teachers.
  - Walk & Talks have been successful in getting parents out on Langley's track to meet to people and connect with old friends while getting exercise. Next one is scheduled for the week after Thanksgiving.
  - PTSA programing has scheduled Jennifer Weaver who discussed Parenting During the Pandemic and Jeff Selingo on Dec 8<sup>th</sup> who will review his book, Who Gets in and Why.
  - eNews has been doing a great job of keeping everyone informed of events in the Langley community.
  - Upcoming events for the PTSA include
    - Practice SAT/ACT February
    - Summer opportunities
    - Ethic Day March
    - Career Day – May-June
  
- Membership/Fundraising: Annette Bellino/Kris Simko
  - Langley is currently is at 62% of the PTSA goal. There are 328 members parent members. Please contact Annette if you are uncertain if you are a current member. It is \$25 for a parent membership. Staff and students are \$5 per membership.
  - There were two winners of Langley blankets for the first raffle. Next raffle will be December 18<sup>th</sup> where water bottles will be raffled. Must be a member of the PTSA to be entered in the drawing.
  - Donations are 86% of the PTSA goal for the year. Individuals will be mentioned on the website if they donate more than \$100.
  - Any donation over \$25 is tax deductible.
  - VA PTSA announced a Senior Scholarship which awards \$1000. The amount of money the VA PTSA brings in will determine the amount of scholarships awarded. March 1, 2021 is the deadline to enter. Applicants must be a member of the PTSA, have a 2.5 GPA or greater and must be entering a college in the fall. Scholarship applications must be mailed not emailed with a referral letter (doesn't have to be from a teacher). The application needs to have a signature from PTSA president and grade point validation by Principal Greer.

- Citizenship essay project has been announced with the topic *How Can We Stand Together When We are so Far Apart*. This is open to any VA student. Essays will be turned in on line. Deadline date has not yet been published.
- Treasurer: Lisa Givens (Kitty Gonzalez)
  - Budget is on track. Lisa was unable to attend the meeting.
- Appropriations / Professional Development Fund: Jamie Loving / Heather Murphy Capps
  - 1<sup>st</sup> round of appropriations approved request for orchestra for \$700 for professional percussionist and/or specialty musicians for synchronized recording tracks.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> round will be in January with a request coming from Langley to cover the cost of cords and ports to assist with concurrent learning and Professional Development Fund for \$600 as incentives for teachers to do self-directed development.

#### Committee / Booster Reports:

- Academic Boosters: Peggy Flaxman
  - Academic Boosters is working with Academic Support Teams are looking for ideas for ideas to connect students and teachers. Three-thousand post cards have been purchased for teachers to send to students via US mail to recognize students' efforts.
  - Incentive gift cards are being distributed to students for excellent attendance and academic achievements.
- Affiliated Fundraising: Monica Gibson Roncskevitz
  - Reminder to use Amazon Smile to benefit Langley and link vic Harris Teeter cards to Langley.
- Directory: Mocha Dyrud / Denys King / Andrea Stygar
  - Emails will go out today to about 900 Langley families to verify their information for the directory. Approximately 600 families have completed the verification process.
- Family Network: Chrissie Lavin / Kirsten Thompson / Julie Hohl
  - A food drive will be held on December 7 from 10:30 – 2:30 in the Langley parking lot with tables assigned for each class. Donations will be given to Share (Local Food pantry). Volunteers are needed for this event.
  - Saxon Service requires 40 hours of community service per student, averaging about 10 hours per year. Virtual opportunities have been posted on the website. Hours should be logged into x2vol for credit.
  - Walk & Talks have been successful with two left - Tuesday December 1<sup>st</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-2:30. These walks will be revisited in the spring.
  - Jeff Selingo, College Admissions expert and author of *Who Gets in and Why*, will host a webinar on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Hannah Wolff will moderate the discussion. All FCPS high schools are invited and Langley book club will discuss this topic at a later date. Advanced registration for this event is required.
- Langley Cares Fund: Clare Bradshaw
  - Increased need for funds to help families in need. Donated money can also fund basic need items such as winter coats.
- Summer Opportunities Fair: Wedad Elmaghraby / Amina Khan
  - Launching Summer Opportunities initiative with the first Opportunities Fair to be held in February with Hannah Wolff as the host. Information will be geared towards sophomores and juniors aligned with enrichment, service, internships and summer jobs.
  - Skills building through Langley Links will discuss research for summer opportunities and how to apply and interview for these opportunities.

Guest speaker today is Kelly Rankin, Langley's Substance Abuse Specialist.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:11. Motion to adjourn by Densy King and Clare Bradshaw. All approved.

Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Connolly