

Langley High School PTSA
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 3, 2021

Meeting called to order at 9:31 am by President Kitty Gonzalez

In attendance virtually: Kitty Gonzalez, Lisa Givens, Kim Finch, Kelly Wilson, Mary Kunkemueller, Robyn Smith, Clare Bradshaw, Julie Hohl, Kristen Simko, Heather Murphy Capps, Stefanie Stayin, Jill Holloman, Annette Bellino, Helen Miller, Laura Skeen, Kim Greer, Jamie Loving, Donna Domen, Connie Colabattisto, Peggy Flaxman, Monica Roncskevitz, Sonaal Luthra, Suzie Grieco, Katie Connolly, Jill Farah, Amy Prewett, Noelle Soobert, Lee Ann Brownlee (28 members in attendance).

Motion to approve February 3, 2021 Executive Board Meeting Minutes – Clare Bradshaw and Peggy Flaxman. All approved.

President's Report: Kitty Gonzalez

- Dranesville District school board member Elaine Tholen will provide an update at our general membership meeting next Wed 3/10
- PTSA provided an Uber Eats giftcard to support VP Laura Moore
- FCCPTA is looking for general officers next year; if you have interest it will be published in eNews this week or speak with Kitty Gonzalez
- FCCPTA was asked by FCPS to reach out to schools using the Schoology pilot this year for feedback from parents and students on how it was worked this year
- Discussion of budget reallocation and spring planning
- Directories are still available; let Kitty know if you are interested in one
- Reminder to submit items to eNews highlighting any student achievements
- Shout out to Clare & Sara on teacher hospitality; the Nominating Committee; and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee for all their great work to support the Langley community

Officer's Report:

- Treasurer - Lisa Givens
 - February was a quiet month; we received contributions from Cause Network and donations for Langley Cares
 - Round 2 appropriations expenses came through this month
 - Fantasy World continues to pay monthly reimbursement of deposit refund from 2020 ANGP
- Membership/Fundraising - Annette Bellino/Kris Simko
 - 2 new parent memberships and 1 new student member this month; 346 parent memberships (below goal of 525 memberships)

- Appropriations / Professional Development Fund – Jamie Loving / Heather Murphy Capps
 - Round 2 appropriated funds to choral department- video editor (\$1000); science department - telescope case (\$230); and tech department for concurrent learning (\$5200)
 - Looking in to ways to use courtyard to help with in-person schooling and making courtyard a more usable space
 - Academic Boosters has available funds to help support appropriations that qualify
 - Deadline for new PDF submissions is March 12th; no submissions so far for this round

Principal's Report: Kim Greer

- First day back to school for 9th & 12th graders went smoothly; handing out treats and FCPS facemasks
- Hosted socially distanced senior gathering last week; 100-150 showed up to socialize and reconnect on school grounds
- Teachers came back last week and feels good to be slowly getting back to normal
- 40% of students choosing to return in person although seeing decline with parents/students reconsidering and deciding to stay virtual
- Huge shoutout to Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee for their ongoing support
- SOL testing is still happening; students are in the building taking SOL tests
- Shoutout to the Technology Department for keeping everything running smoothly
- AP testing will happen this spring; some in person and others virtual
- School district still open to ideas for holding prom and graduation for senior class

Committee/Booster Report:

- ANGP – Margaret Brown (via Noelle Soobert)
 - Definite desire county wide to celebrate the senior class, but waiting for more guidance from FCPS
 - May not be the typical all-night party in an indoor venue, but rather an outdoor celebration
- Career Fair – Lee Ann Brownlee / Suzie Grieco / Sonaal Luthra
 - Students are leading the charge; they have changed the name to Career Connections in this virtual environment
 - Date has been approved for April 12th from 10am-1pm; open to all grades; will be using Blackboard Collaborate; communications underway to promote and advertise
- Diversity Equity Inclusion – Heather Murphy Capps
 - 1st installment of “BlindSpot” book club was a successful conversation to work towards creating a culturally competent community
 - 2nd installment of book club will be held on March 11th at 7:30pm
 - Will be setting a date for the next committee meeting soon

- Family Network - Chrissie Lavin / Kirsten Thompson / Julie Hohl
 - Kelly Rankin has done a great job with the Virtual Parent Education Series on Substance Abuse Prevention; 1st session was last month and there will be another on March 25th and April 22nd; offered to our entire pyramid
 - Students are still able to submit their community service hours; Saxon Service has updated a list of virtual service options

- New Family Network – Robyn Smith / Michelle Francis
 - Due to the overwhelming success of the December food drive, Langley will host another food drive on March 22nd to benefit Share; looking for opportunities to continue friendly competition among classes
 - Setting up new dates for Langley Walk & Talk events for parents on the Langley track
 - Planning an in-person social after spring break

- Nominating Committee – Kris Simko
 - New slate announcement for executive committee
 - President - Clare Bradshaw*
 - President Elect - Jamie Loving
 - Treasurer – Julianna DeLong
 - 1st VP Membership – Kristen Simko
 - 2nd VP Fundraising – Melissa Schwartz
 - 3rd VP PDF – Heather Murphy Capps*
 - 4th VP Appropriations – Ally Weingast
 - Recording Secretary – Jackie Grayer
 - Communications – Annette Bellino
 - Will announce the new slate at the general membership meeting next week; voting takes place in May for the new board members; * returning current board members whose terms carry over for 2021-2022

- Safe Community Coalition Liaison – Laura Skeen
 - March 10th is the quarterly meeting with FCCPTA and Elaine Tholen; will be discussing how to stay connected to the school community in a virtual setting and adapting to being in-person for some events while still being inclusive of students learning virtually
 - April 13th 12pm Anna Homayoun will present “A Brighter 2021”

- Special Education Liaison – Donna Domen
 - Donna is working to see how the PTSA can help support the special education teachers and students

- Summer Opportunities Initiative – Wedad Elmaghraby / Amina Khan (via Kitty Gonzalez)
 - On hold at this point; Hannah Wolf will continue to compile a database with PTSA support

- Teacher & Staff Appreciation—Sara Koenig, Clare Bradshaw
 - Delivered treats and welcome signs to the teacher workrooms this past Monday
 - Planning ideas to support teachers who proctor the PSAT on April 10th
 - May teacher appreciation luncheon will occur most likely with individual box lunches

- PSTA will provide teacher appreciation giftcards to all staff, teachers, & administrators in May

Meeting adjourned at 11:12am

Respectfully submitted by Jill Holloman