

LANGLEY HIGH SCHOOL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MINUTES
March 10, 2021

Meeting called to order at 9:33 am by President Kitty Gonzalez

Meeting held virtually with 37 people in attendance; the meeting slides and recording will be available on the Langley PTSA website for viewing during the 2020-21 school year.

Motion to approve January 13, 2021 General Meeting Minutes – Heather Murphy Capps and Chrissie Lavin; Voted virtually; all approved (24 yes, 0 no, 13 abstain)

President's Report: Kitty Gonzalez

- Langley PTSA is continuing to work on connecting families, communicating school & community information, supporting teacher and school programs, funding school equipment & improvements, and linking students to PTA grants, awards, and contests
- VDOE is holding series of information sessions on math curriculum changes; see ptسالانگley.org for information
- FCCPTA is holding a listening session on 2021-2022 school calendar input; reach out to Kitty if you have thoughts or input
- FCCPTA is asking for feedback on how Schoology pilot is working and looking for ideas for improvement on the rollout next year
- FCCPTA is looking for volunteers to take on roles for the 2021-2022 school year
- Spring Initiatives:
 - Staff: weekly staff gift card drawings, hospitality & appreciation events, Super Saxon shoutouts, appropriations & PDF grants
 - Students: 2nd food drive for SHARE of McLean, Career Connections virtual event, main courtyard improvements
 - Parents: Saxon Parents Walk & Talks, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Blind Spot Book Talk Part Two, Substance Abuse Prevention Education Series Part Two
- PTSA is continuing efforts to upgrade the Langley courtyards; consider a contribution to help continue the progress
- Thank you to PTSA volunteers!

Officer's Report:

- Membership/Fundraising - Annette Bellino/Kris Simko
 - We currently have 346 family memberships out of our goal of 525 memberships (~66%); 32 students, 124 staff
 - Membership is open to parents, students, and staff

- See novadistrictpta.org website for PTSA student awards; student must be a member of the PTSA to submit applications
- Treasurer - Lisa Givens (via Kitty Gonzalez)
 - Budget on track with a light spending year (mostly due to programs cancelled due to covid restrictions)
 - looking to spend cash on hand this year so identified possible new efforts for funding that could be reallocated
 - \$18K of unspent funds was identified to augment new or existing initiatives including senior class events support, school wide spirit events, teacher & staff hospitality & appreciation support
 - Let us know if you have any ideas
- 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); Round 3 requests will be reviewed next week
 - PDF funded Doug Martin \$135 for a band conference and \$600 to Dr. Lindsey Fisher for “choose your own learning” teacher incentive program
 - The window for PDF submissions is open until March 12th and the PTSA will consider the submissions during the March 17th meeting

Committee/Booster Report:

- Nominating Committee
 - 2021-2022 Slate of Officer Nominations:
 - President elect: Jamie Loving
 - Treasurer: Julianna DeLong
 - 1st VP Membership: Kris Simko
 - 2nd VP Fundraising: Melissa Schwartz
 - 4th VP Appropriations: Ally Winegast
 - Recording Sec: Jackie Grayer
 - Corresponding Sec: Annette Bellino
 - New slate will be voted on at the May 5th General Membership Meeting
 - Current board members whose terms carry over for 2021-2022:
 - President: Clare Bradshaw
 - 3rd VP PDF: Heather Murphy Kapps
- Career Connections – Lee Ann Brownlee / Suzie Grieco / Sonaal Luthra
 - Student led initiative open to all LHS students; Virtual event using Blackboard Collaborate held on Monday, April 12th 10am-1pm
 - Currently reaching out to professionals to share information about their position/industry; asked to deliver 15-20 minute presentation followed by Q&A using Blackboard Breakout rooms
 - Additional details will be distributed via email, eNews, and social media

- Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion – Heather Murphy Capps
 - Wonderful 1st month launch of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Events: Friday reflections lunch hour conversations & Blind Spot book club Part One
 - Coming up: Blindspot Book Club Part Two – Thursday March 11, 2021 (link to form in eNews and online); Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee meeting in April – date TBD

- Family & New Family Network - Chrissie Lavin / Kirsten Thompson / Julie Hohl / Robyn Smith / Michelle Francis
 - Partnering with Mclean Safe Community Coalition to bring Ana Homayoun to present a virtual presentation “A Brighter 2021: Ending the School Year Strong” on Tuesday, April 13th at 12pm; registration is required – look for link in eNews
 - Virtual Parent Education Series on Substance Abuse Prevention will hold 2nd session “Drugs and the Teenage Brain” on March 25th; Part Three will be on April 22nd; look for link in eNews
 - Saxon Service Update: see school website for virtual service ideas; in the process of looking for new ideas for students to earn volunteer hours
 - New Family Network’s role is to support families that are new to Langley coming from out of the area; if you know of any new families, refer them to ptsalangley.org/new-family-network to be added to the mailing list
 - Saxon Parents Walk & Talks will be held on Mondays 1:30-2:30pm on the LHS track from April 12-May 24 (except holidays); masks are required
 - Food drive on March 22nd 10:30am-2:30pm to support Share of McLean; looking for student and parent volunteers; see Sign Up Genius on PTSA website

- Teacher & Staff Hospitality & Appreciation – Clare Bradshaw
 - Committee has been busy showing the LHS teacher, staff, & administrators that they have the PTSA’s support:
 - March: provided welcome back signs, snacks, and drinks in all 10 departmental workroom lounges
 - April: breakfast and coffee for PSAT test proctors
 - May: Teacher & Staff Spring Luncheon and distribution of Teacher Appreciation gift cards
 - June: Open to ideas!

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 am (Motion to adjourn Laura Skeen & Chelsea Lake)

Guest Speaker: FCPS School Board Member Elaine Tholen (Dranesville Representative)

Respectfully submitted by Jill Holloman