

**PROPOSED LANGLEY HIGH SCHOOL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MINUTES
September 23, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 9:35 am by President Kitty Gonzalez

Meeting held virtually with 92 people in attendance; the meeting slides and recording will be available on the Langley PTSA website for viewing during the 2020-21 school year.

Approval of Minutes – March 11, 2020 - Motion of approval by Helen Miller and Heather Murphy Capps. All approved.

President's Report: Kitty Gonzalez

- Virginia PTA released a statement on equity and inclusion and Langley PTSA is reviewing
- Back to School packet committee worked hard to get all forms online on the Langley website Langleyhs.fcps.edu under PTSA Back to School Forms 2020-2021. There are a variety of forms and information on Langley organizations.
- There is a new PTSA committee this year; PTSA Communications chaired by Laura Skeen. This committee will ensure Langley PTSA information is distributed among various communication methods.
- Langley PTSA is working hard to continue their role in a virtual environment including connecting the Langley Community, supporting our teachers and students, and funding school equipment.
- The school community ideas are essential to our success. Please share ideas via Google form found on PTSA website and in eNews email.

Officer's Report:

- Membership/Fundraising - Annette Bellino/Kris Simko
 - We currently have 206 family memberships out of our goal of 525 memberships (~39%). There are 1,689 families at Langley.
 - New incentive this year to join the PTSA - All memberships joined by October 19th will be automatically entered to win one of two fleece LHS blankets.
 - Donations are tax deductible.
 - Students are encouraged to join the PTSA for several reasons including: students may use their affiliation with the PTSA on their college application; their voice and ideas can be heard; students members are eligible to participate in several programs run by the Virginia PTA including scholarships.
- Treasurer - Lisa Givens
 - Audit Committee reviews statements each month and then does a comprehensive review in the summer. The Audit Committee did not have any finding this year.

- Approval of the LHS PTSA 2019-20 Financial Review (audit) – Motion of approval by Sara Koenig and Annette Bellino. All approved.
- Reviewed 2020-21 draft budget that was approved by the Executive Board on 9/16/2020; we are being conservative this year on donations due to the pandemic. Also due to pandemic, we have increased the budget for communications, Langley Cares program, and donation for schools in need.
- Approval to adopt the LHS PTSA 2020-21 Budget – Motion of approval by Jean Schiro-Zavela and Sara Koenig. All approved.

Committee/Booster Report:

- Academic Boosters - Peggy Flaxman
 - Academic Boosters supports a wide variety of clubs and competitions by providing funds for entrance fees and supplies. You can join at Langleyacademicboosters.org.
 - You can view Langley clubs on Schoology under the Student Activities folder. The access code and teacher information are listed for each club. Most clubs get started in October.
 - Hosting Mock ACT on Saturday, October 3rd
- Athletic Boosters – Ritika Fedewa
 - Spirit wear is for sale on the Langley Boosters Store including sweatshirts, tshirt, shorts, tumblers and more; Spirit Wear Survival Pack available for \$75
 - View items and purchase on langleyboosters.org
- Affiliated Fundraising - Monica Gibson Ronskevitz
 - Reminder to designate Langley HS as the beneficiary on Amazon website (Smile program) and link your VIC card to Langley HS on HarrisTeeter.com
 - Donate through the Cause Network Portal on PTSA website; you can shop national retailers, book hotels, and donate electronics or automobiles
- Courtyard Landscaping Campaign - Chrissie Lavin
 - Phase 1 completed of main Langley courtyard; thanks to all those who donated to the Legacy Tree; still hoping to complete the main courtyard with umbrellas for tables and a native perennial garden
 - Focusing on 2nd science courtyard now. You can donate a leaf on the tree via the PTSA Langley website and the Langley Courtyard Legacy Tree Campaign.
- Directory – Denys King/Andrea Stygar/Mocha Dyrud
 - Verify information on A to Z either online or on the app
 - New families will have their information uploaded soon and you can review and decide what information to have available
 - There will not be any print directories this year

- Family Network - Chrissie Lavin / Kirsten Thompson
 - The Family Network works to connect families to the school and to each other through a variety of programs
 - Upcoming webinar – “Habits for a Smooth Virtual Learning Experience”; will be live on Oct 15th at 12pm; recording will be available for a week afterwards. We will provide more information on how to register when available.
 - There will be a book discussion group with College & Career counselor Hannah Wolff – “Who Gets In and Why: A Year Inside College Admissions” by Jeffrey Selingo; more information to come
 - Working on ideas for mental wellness and equity. Please send any ideas!
 - Saxon Service – service learning program typically embedded in the school day during Saxon Time. This year students can still participate on their own. See the Service Learning page on the Langley Website for options.
 - New Family Network chaired by Michelle Francis and Robyn Smith. There will be programs and social activities to connect new families. Email lhsnewfamilynetwork@gmail.com to be put on mailing list. Oct 1st 7-8pm is next new family forum.

- PTA Reflections Art Contest - Sara Koenig
 - This year’s theme is “I Matter Because...”
 - Categories are dance, film, literature, music, photography, and visual arts
 - Submissions are due Oct 7th
 - Email langleyreflections@gmail.com with any questions
 - Student must be a PTSA member to submit

- Special Education Liason – Donna Domen (via Kitty Gonzalez)
 - Working on ways PTSA and Langley families can help support our special needs students
 - Inclusions is important and Best Buddies is a club that has been strong at Langley. Club is still functioning virtually this year.
 - Let us know if you have any ideas for inclusion

Guest Speaker: Principal Kim Greer

To Do List:

- Join PTSA and sign up for eNews on PTSA website ptsalangley.org
- Join Athletic Boosters and purchase spirit wear at langleyboosters.org
- Join Academic Booster at langleyacademicboosters.org
- Donate a leaf to the Legacy Tree through the Langley’s Courtyard Legacy Tree Campaign on the PTSA website.
- Begin reading “Who Gets In and Why: A Year Inside College Admissions” by Jeffrey Selingo

Upcoming Dates:

Sept 25: Virtual Junior Class Parent Forum, 9:30am

Sept 28: Library Book Pick-Ups Begin (LHS)

Oct 1: New Family Network Virtual Social, 7-8pm

Oct 3: Practice ACT (via Zoom)

Oct 5: VDOT I-495 Express Lane Expansion Virtual Meeting, 7pm

Oct 5: PTA Reflections Art Contest: Student Entries Due

Oct 8: New Family Network Virtual Forum "Welcome and Making Connections", 10-11am

Oct 15: Virtual Sophomore Class Parent Forum, 9:30am

Meeting adjourned at 11:18am

Respectfully submitted by Jill Holloman