

LANGLEY HIGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 2nd, 2018

CALL TO ORDER President Patty Burgess called to order the executive board meeting at 9:31 am.

MOTION TO APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES from 3/6/19 – edited as discussed. First, Kitty Gonzales. Second, Lisa Givens. All Approved

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- **March PTSA General Meeting –**

- Speaker Janie Strauss came to speak about FCPS capital plan and school enrollment.
- There was low attendance.
- Need to build awareness amongst our parent base about the LHS under enrollment and the impact this will have in terms of staffing, course selection as well as boundaries. This is the most important thing we can do to help.
- As PTSA we can support involvement and discussion about the topic, however we are not able to take a position.
- Question: what is our projected enrollment next year. Answer, Less than 2000 but not sure the exact number.
- Question: Are electives getting chopped first? Answer: It is not clear how staffing decisions will be made.

- **Options of Possible Roles PTSA could have in the process**

- Mary Kunkemueller stated she was asked to find out what the options and Possible roles of PTSA could be in this process. Spoke with Debbie Kilpatrick, Northern Virginia District Director, VA PTA. There are two options
 - Write a letter
 - Patty can sign it as an individual or as a representation of the Exec Board of Langley High School or Langley PTSA.
 - If as representing the PTSA, this means the matter must come before the general membership for a vote.
 - Concern is that letter won't be effective in conveying concerns of the population and affecting change.
 - Conduct a Forum –
 - Debbie Kilpatrick, Northern Virginia District Director, VA PTA suggested a Forum – moderated by Patty, Langley PTSA Pres, to answer questions that would be formulated ahead of time. This will also provide another opportunity for information gathering about sentiment from the

community. Guest speakers would include Janie Straus and three At Large Board members and McLean HS parents.

- Mary added that boundary study will happen.
- It was suggested to get both pyramids involved because changes will also impact the elementary schools. For example Spring Hill is overcrowded but not the other elementary schools. Boundaries may change in order to balance enrollment across these schools. Changes could also affect house values.
- Suggestion: Schools that are under enrolled fill seats by becoming an immersion program school. Perhaps that is what Langley can do.
- Kitty Gonzalez agrees that the letter is not a good idea. Out best option is to inform people.
- Past President, Jennifer Feinstein - Forum is a good Idea.
- Patty - is it worth while to try to pull this off next month? Response, yes. Should be at Pyramid level event and include McLean's parents. Hosted at Langley so others can see the building. Night meeting to assure better attendance. Will check schedule for Auditorium. Goal - to inform and raise awareness
- Suggestion – make flyer for elementary school Tuesday folders.

OFFICER'S REPORT

- Treasurer – Eric Reed
 - Unable to attend
 - Financial report was provided
 - If you are committee chair please submit expenses quickly
- Appropriations/PDF - Lisa Givens and Kathie Schoff
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 - Sent emails to teachers letting them know that the appropriations were approved
 - Teachers are very grateful
 - Date of last appropriation meeting is in May 15th – the bulk of the money left will be used towards the Marquis.
 - PDF – Kathy Schoff
 - Teachers happy to receive the funds
 - May 15th will determine what fund will be left over.
 - 2k to 3K may be left in unappropriated funds.
 - Have had few requests this quarter.
- Nominating Committee – Laura Skeen, Kitty Gonzales

- Laura – Cooper PTO meeting did not generate as many parents as we needed. Had only 7 possible names, has 8 spots to fill. Continuing to look for potential volunteers for class parents.
- Kitty Gonzales, President Elect – has two candidates for Appreciation Committee. Geraldine Pitsinger and DeAnna Keys for possible class parent of Incoming 9th grade.
- Past President, Jennifer Feinstein, suggested Cooper Spring Luncheon (Langely attends this event to talk about Summer sports) as a possible event to find and invite parents to participate in open positions. Langely attends this event to talk about fall sports tryouts. Event is well attended, however not sure if it will take place this year.

COMMITTEE REPORT

- Courtyard Campaign, Langley Courtyard Legacy Tree – Chrissie Lavin
 - 43K raised to date, minus pay pal fees plus reserve totals \$55K
 - Senses there is not a lot of urgency in people.
 - An early deadline will be published in effort to create urgency.
 - First week after Spring Break a meeting will take place with all parties involved in the planning and building of the courtyard to decide strategic use of funds and build plan. Mrs. Greer, PTSA member, Teacher rep, landscaper will be among attendees.
 - PTSA reps should meet in advance to decide use of funds strategy. For example, choosing to either making one courtyard beautiful or spreading the funds across all the courtyards.
 - Pushing for the trunk and first branch to be up before the end of the year.
 - Kitty Gonzales suggests displaying a thermometer in the shape of a trunk and place it at the spot where the tree will be, with amount raised, deadline date and amount left to raise.
 - Meeting with Landscape architect on June 10. Must donate before then if donor wants contribution to be used for Phase 1.
 - Suggestion - describe what is included in phase one and pick an item that would motivate them to donate.
 - Suggestion – have sample leaves for display at places like Lacrosse games snack shack
- Family Network – Julie Hohl, Chrissie Lavin
 - Author of Anxious Kids Anxious Parent came to speak at McLean Community Center this past Monday April 1st, hosted by **Community Coalition**. Event was well attended. Mrs. Greer came.
 - Focus for next year is Digital mindfulness

- **HAZE program** - mandatory for all Seniors. Panel of experts will include, police officer and a judge. Will take place during the school day on April 11th. Instructs students on the impact of driving under the influence of alcohol.
- **Saxon Service** - Thank you to Saxon Service parents. Thank you for bringing more kid lead projects. Next one will be during Junior Class Coffee date.
- **Traffic Update**
 - Thank you to Betsy Shoemaker and volunteers that signed up via Sign Up Genius for spring clean up. Volunteers came yesterday and today.
 - Cones are out for traffic.
 - Cross Walk sign was installed about a month ago.
- **Senior Ethics Day**
 - Lost several table leaders at the last minute. In spite of that all ran smoothly.
 - Danika did a great job recruiting table leaders.
 - Thank you to all table leaders and room monitors.
 - Thank you Mrs. Greer and Braden Peterson for coming.
 - Thanks to MBC for offering the facilities and the liaisons we work with. It is our third year there.
 - Thank you to Margaret for obtaining gift for moderator.
 - Thank you Pete and second parent who are graduating out of the program because their kids are graduating
- **Prom - Chrissie Lavin**
 - Sign up request will be in E-news.
 - Time and location: 7:30 to 11:00pm at the Mellon Downtown.
 - Volunteers will park at Ronald Reagan.
- **ANGP** – recruiting for volunteers has begun.
- **Affiliated Fundraising** - 5K from Giant – we normally get 8 to 10K. In January we were only at \$2700.
- **Teacher appreciation** – still collecting money for gift. Gift cards or cash is acceptable.
- **Spring Distracted Driving Program**
 - went great.
 - Those directing program loved worked with our children.
- **Career fair**
 - Is on June 5th
 - Suzie Greco is organizing it.
 - Juniors will be running it from now on.
 - If you know someone in this grade please let them know that.
 - Have parents from Medical, arts, military fields.
 - Need representation in the Arts.
 - Would like to have 5 to 6 people in each cluster.

NEW BUSINESS

- Community Forum with McLean HS – School Overcrowding
- Volunteer Appreciation/Transition Luncheon – Planning
 - Looking for date. Dates that were proposed to Mrs. Greer did not work. Thinking about doing it after Graduation. Concerned about Senior parents not being able to come. Graduation is on the 5th. Need a day that Mrs. Greer and Assistant Principal can come. Considering Week of June 3rd. All think June 10th is too late. Ideally it would be May. Conclusion – not after Graduation. Looking at June 6th, before Graduation.
 - Laura - Remember that our prime audience is our volunteers.
- New scholarship for LHS student
 - A family is starting a new scholarship at Langley. Will be awarding \$1,000. Hannah Wolfe in career center will coordinate with our Awards Committee.

UPCOMING DATES:

- 5/8 PTSA/GMM Principal Coffee 9:30 Hannah Wolfe, Trends in College Admissions, VOTE on Slate of Officers
- May TBD – Volunteer Appreciation/Transition Luncheon
- June 5 – Career Day 8:30-11:30

ADJOURN: 10:42 am

Respectfully Submitted by: Jennisse Silvestri

PROPOSED