

**Langley High School PTSA
General Membership Meeting Agenda
September 12, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER – President Patty Burgess called the meeting to order at 9:35am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 23, 2018 – Kitty Gonzalez and Chrissie Lavin. All approved.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Patty Burgess

A. Introduction of Student Government Reps – President London Simonides, Vice Pres Ginevra Augustini, and Vice Pres Lauren Maloney

- a. Only 3 home football games remain:
 - 10/05 vs South Lake: America Out/ Red, White, & Blue theme
 - 10/26 Homecoming vs Herndon: Black Out, wear black & gold class t-shirts
 - 11/02 vs McLean: Green Out
- b. Homecoming/Spirit Week – Halloween themed
 - Monday 10/22 – wear PJs/Sleepy Hollow Day
 - Tuesday 10/23 – Camo Out/ Hide from the Monster
 - Wednesday 10/24 – Pink Out/ Scare Cancer Away/Breast Cancer Awareness
 - Thursday 10/25 – Red, White, & Boo
 - Friday 10/26 – Spooky Saxons, wear class t-shirts
 - Saturday 10/27 – Homecoming Dance, Langley Hall

B. Thank You to the Following Committees for Their Hard Work This Summer

- a. **Hospitality Committee for Welcome Breakfast** - Clare Bradshaw and Susanne Partridge, Chairs
- b. **Freshman and New Family Orientation** –Chrissie Lavin and Julie Hohl
- c. **Back to School (BTS) Virtual Packets** - Chris Hundley and Eve Shapiro, chairs. First year BTS packet was only available online. Hope it was well received.
- d. **Website Updates** – Betsy Vrankovich, chair. Please bookmark www.ptsalangley.org. Making changes so it is more user friendly. Efforts to update website are ongoing.
- e. **eNews Updated Format** –Anne Whipple, Jane Riddle, Helen Miller, and Stephanie Maxwell, chairs. ENews comes out every Thursday. If you have news to report, send info; picture submissions encouraged. Subscribe to ENews on PTSA website.
- f. **Teacher Raffle Donations** - Looking for donations (i.e., tickets, an item, manicure, gift cards). Contact info on website.

OFFICER’S REPORTS

A. Membership/Fundraising - Jamie Loving and Kitty Gonzalez

- a. \$25 to join. Donations accepted and requested.
- b. Looking for members. Currently, 19% parent and 47% teacher participation.
- c. Copy of Directory is incentive for parents to join – limited number of directories being printed. Deadline to join PTSA is 10/01 to ensure obtaining a copy.
- d. Amount raised to date - 50K.

B. Treasurer – Eric Reed

- a. **Submit Audit** – Review procedure required by PTA VA and to obtain PTSA tax exempt status with IRS. Audit not performed by CPAs. Done by Eric Reed/insurance matters, Lisa Givens/general PTSA funds, Andrea Martin/ANGP. Encountered no concerns. Will send to state once audit results have been approved.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AUDIT – LAURA SKEEN, YVONNE GLUSICA. All approved.

b. **2018-19 Budget Presentation** –

- Executive board approved budget on 9/05/2018; need general membership to adopt.
- Put together with input from Patty Burgess & Ann Haley. Mirrors last year's budget.
- Question: How do you make formal request to get something funded?
- Answer (Patty Burgess): Most requests come from teachers/faculty

MOTION TO APPROVE 2018-19 BUDGET - Mary Welch, Chrissie Lavin. Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Family Network/Saxon Service - Julie Hohl, Chrissie Lavin, Betsy Shomaker

- a. **New/Transfer Family Coffee** – held 3-4 times during year, geared towards new families; however, if you feel need info, you're welcome to attend. Next one late October.
- b. **Saxon Service** – Only FCPS school with embedded community service during school year. 13 hands-on activities conducted in cafeteria.
 - 7 times/year; 3rd Thursday/month – next is Sept 27th
 - Also used as mental health break for kids to help the community & hang with friends. Participation is optional.
 - Parents please volunteer
- c. **Club Day Fri 9/21** – Community service clubs provide longer term volunteer opportunities within community.

B. Clinic/Health Screening – Yvonne Glusica – sign-up sheet for clinic volunteers/training dates.

- a. Vision and hearing screening for 10th grade & transfer students on Sept 27-28; need morning & afternoon volunteers – 3 ½ hour shifts
- b. Also need Clinic volunteers – 2 hours/month, requires 2-hour training, no medical background required

C. ANGP – Beth Harkaway, Ann Haley. To be held at Langley; two fundraising efforts:

- a. Halloween candy grams – chocolate & non-chocolate candy bags. Delivered 10/30 during 1st period. Forms available on ANGP website. Send order form and payment to Ann Haley.
- b. Capitol Steps – Feb 10th at Langley

D. eNews – Anne Whipple. Please subscribe. Contact eNews with news to communicate.

E. Reflections Program – Sara Koenig. Reviving nationwide PTSA competition, Reflections Art Contest – involves all arts – visual, literary, photographic, etc. Theme is "Heroes Around Me." Due Nov 2nd in front office. Info available on website & through teachers. Students need to be a PTSA member to participate. Student registration is \$5.

F. Academic Boosters – Peggy Flaxman. Supports academic clubs and programs, such as Model UN. Goal - for every student to find their niche. If Langley doesn't offer a club in which your child has an interest, contact a teacher. Academic Boosters can also provide funding to help academic clubs, so teachers don't have to collect funds.

G. Lead Class Parents – Maura Bollinger/2019, Elizabeth Trumbull/2020, Lee Ann Brownlee & Noelle Soobert/2021, and Amy Swaak/2022

- a. Class dues/t-shirts due soon
- b. Senior dues mandatory
- c. My School Bucks (MSB) glitch fixed

NEW BUSINESS

- A. VDOT – PTSA Traffic Survey** -Laura Skeen, Catherine Lorenze. VDOT seeking community input about proposed closure of northbound ramp from Georgetown Pike onto 495/inner loop from 1:00-7:00pm. First VDOT meeting held on Aug 3; second meeting postponed due to weather. VDOT survey for parents and teachers on eNews, results anonymous.
- B. Deb Lane, School Psychologist** - Took over from Jason McBeth, previous Psychologist, who is still in FCPS. She's here to support the students. Works with Donna Barnsley, who has been at Langley for 10 years. Reach out if have questions or concerns. Email, call, or have kids visit. All welcome. Open door policy.

UPCOMING DATES

October 1 - BTS Night (rescheduled)
October 26,27 – Homecoming Game and Dance
PTSA GMM/Principal Coffee – November 14

ADJOURN: 10:58AM

Respectfully Submitted by: Annette Bellino

GUEST SPEAKER - Principal Kim Greer

A. Introduction of Administrative Team

- a. **Laura Moore, Assistant Principal for 12th Grade and Supervisor for Special Education, and Career and Technical Education (CTE)** - Appreciates all PTSA funding, especially for the Langley read.
- b. **Geoff Noto, Director of Student Activities** -Supervisor for Health and PE, clubs, sports, organizations, community use, and custodians. Can't do it without parent support. Kids can stop by activities office if want to talk about starting new clubs.
- c. **Jim Robertson, Assistant Principal for 11th Grade, Library, Renovations, etc** - Appreciate all your support. All students are in the building, and staff are in their permanent rooms.
- d. **Jim Sykes, Assistant Principal for 10th Grade; Math, Science, & ESOL Supervisor** - Currently has been at Langley for 10 weeks. His first job was at Langley as an assistant football coach & long-term substitute teacher. Has worked in Fairfax County for 25 years and is excited about this school year.
- e. **Wayne Biernesser, Assistant Principal for 9th Grade and Humanities Supervisor** - Day 11 of being at Langley. Appreciates the warm welcome. He attended freshman orientation. Please reach out if you have any questions.
- f. **Mark Rogers, Head of Security & Parking** - Been here 17 years, before that 22 years with the county.
- g. **Michael Barrs, Assistant to Support Advisors** - Works a variety of rolls. He can connect struggling students with tutors or mental health advice.
- h. **John Morse, School Resource Officer** - Has been at Langley for 2 years. This is his 24th year with the department.

B. Safety & Security

- a. Rogers – responsible for security in and out of school
- b. Morse - in charge of violation of laws.
- c. Don't be offended if you're stopped in hall because they're trying to keep track of everyone who enters. Parents need to check in at office.

- C. Renovation** – In its final phase; cafeteria & parking lot mostly done. The big reno is done; small things remain to be finished. Caution tape indicates things that still need to be looked at/repared. Mostly minor repairs.
- D. Substance Abuse Counselor** – Position currently vacant at Langley.
- E. What's the Direction?** Principal Greer's "4Cs" came out of what she wants a high school to be. Priority/direction she is taking.
 - a. **Care** – Teens tend to be self-involved. Should care for friends AND for themselves. Self-care is very important.
 - b. **Connect** – Kids great with phones & social media. Connections with the people around them are not always so good. Priority is ensuring every student finds a way to connect with high school.
 - c. **Celebrate** - Need to find ways to celebrate our community.
 - d. **Commence** - At end of day, want students equipped with skills to deal with life.

Hot Topics

Vaping – Studies shown contains same amount of nicotine as a cigarette.

State Changes to School Accreditation – change begins with current 9th grade class, which will take fewer SOLs. Once student takes a subject SOL in high school, such as English, then done for the 4 years. Exception is that even if student took high school level math SOL in middle school, they still need to take current math SOL while in high school.

Attendance Matters – chronic absenteeism. 18 days/10 percent max allowed per student. Full day absences count towards 10 percent.

Fond Farewell - Ms. Norma Jamsheed will retire at end of September. Has been at Langley for 30 Years and has worked for 10 of 12 Langley principals.