

# LJHS Parent Club General Meeting Agenda

April 25, 2018 at 9:00 am

- I. **Call to Order – 9:07am**
- II. **Approval of Minutes from February 28<sup>th</sup> General Meeting** – HD moves, Susan Stohl second, approved
  - a. **In attendance:** Janell Herman, Heather Dudley, Kari Curry, Heather Hart, Jennie Knapp, Brent Prasnika, Christina Monk, Ashley Krause, Zsuzsanna Winston, Ania Moldydznska, Susan Stohl, Analeis Weidlich, Jen Schiele, Paula Emery, Lynne Thompson, Susan Marek, Tara Rolstad, Jennifer McDowell, Chelsey Bartsch, Natalie Williams, Anna Streato, Tamara DiVergilio, Jennifer Zhang, Al Saleed, Mark Kay Larson, Kerri Wright, Wendy Mansell, Teresa Antonis, Megan Burns, Susan Larrance, Margaret Bryant, Yoon Molein, Rieko Warrens, Jane Fendon, Hozumi Mirauchi, Carol Diforio
- III. **Reports of the Board**
  - a. Co-Presidents (Janell Herman and Robin Walsh)
  - b. Treasurer (Heather Dudley) – flower baskets fundraising going on now; net \$1000 income; \$1000 on auction expenses to secure a space for the fall; some donations from company matching of donations (check to see if your company will match). Total equity is \$46,228. \$4070 net income for the year. Will vote on budget for next year in May.
  - c. Volunteer Coordinator (Kari Curry) - May 2-3 – Art Literacy. Let Kari know if want to volunteer
- IV. **New Business**
  - a. Vote on Parent Club Officers – we started asking for interest in Feb/Mar with April 9 deadline. Thanks to those with interest and questions and have selected the following slate with full confidence. Some returning board members, an educator, new folks. Susan Stohl moves to approve, KC seconds. All in favor, none opposed. APPROVED.
    - Co-Presidents: Tamara DiVergilio and Ashley Krause
    - Co-Vice Presidents: Sarah Howell and Kirsten Carnese
    - Secretary: Lara James
    - Treasurer: Zsuzsanna Winston
    - Volunteer Coordinator: Lynne Thompson
    - Fundraising Coordinator: OPEN
  - b. Flower Basket Sales – Deadline is THIS Friday 4/27
  - c. Mental Health Event – May 5, 9 am – 1pm (please RSVP) – Tara Rolstad
    - i. See flyers on table – also been in newsletter a few times
    - ii. Believe that all parents need this information b/c our kids have so many stresses on them. 1 in 4 will struggle with mental health issue so if not our child, will likely be one of their friends. Hope is to open the conversation up so that you know how to respond to help your child or your friends.
    - iii. RSVP through Eventbrite so have enough snacks
  - d. Staff Appreciation Week – Week of May 7-11 – “sunsational staff”. Will have sign ups in newsletter
  - e. LOSD Foundation – Mary Kay Larson
    - i. A bit behind fundraising vs. last year but that is bc of bond last year. Asking all donations by 6/30 so can make staffing decisions.
    - ii. Thank you to our school captains – the ambassador between school and foundation, so foundation can get involved in the school activities. Good if you can pull in friends to help.
    - iii. Wizer’s Wines – TODAY 4/25 open house event 4-8pm; wine tasting and % of purchases go to the foundation.
  - f. Program for families in our district who need housing help; rotating between churches and organizations. Sat of Mem Day weekend fundraiser – see in twitter feed of the school. Looking for support within Clackamas County. Need approval of our day center and program can’t start without it. 270 homeless students in our district. Also need contacts within churches.
  - g. Last meeting 5/23 – Volunteer Appreciation Tea. We will also vote on our budget for next year.
- V. **Principal’s Report (Jennie Knapp)**
  - a. Started language arts testing; almost finished. Math is next week.
  - b. Leadership class is doing food drive – for Hunger Fighters food pantry plus some organized by advisory classes. Also a book drive. Check the newsflash email.
  - c. Flu going around – 9% absent today. Wash your hands
  - d. Q: potential drawings? JK: there has been a drawing and not what we want yet, so design team is meeting again Tue for more input. Have toured several schools. Making progress.
  - e. Q: School on this site? Believe it was approved

- f. Q: one or 2 school gyms? Definitely two
- g. Q: LJHS students will stay here, even during construction? Yes
- h. Community school is moving to Palisades; Oak Creek going to Uplands

**VI. Adjourned Until Next General Meeting & Volunteer Appreciation Tea:  
May 23 @ 9:00 am – 9:31 am**

**VII. EXTRA SESSION: Q&A for Parents of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents about High School**

LHS Principal Jen Schiele; LHS Counselors Brent Prasnikar (counselor A-Gi), David Salerno Owens (RTI Coordinator/Freshman Transition Specialist), and Paula Emery (counselor Gj-N); Parent Club Officers President Analeis Weidlich, Vice-President Christina Monk, and Secretary Susan Marek

- May 25 – bus 8<sup>th</sup> graders to the high school – tours, auditorium, etc.
- Aug 16 – registration to see schedule, lockers, pay fees, get books, take pictures. Also make up registration & picture day.
- Aug 27 – first day for 8<sup>th</sup> graders and new students. Go through shortened schedule, meet the teachers.
- Activities -- Two newsletters from the school – Jen Schiele and Terry Moore (athletics). Reach out to Dr. Schiele with questions.
  - Fall sports tryouts – will be in the newsletter & via email in May/June.
  - Musicals/Dance/Cheer – tryouts are in May so keep an eye out for that.
  - Soccer – camps in first 2 weeks of August and tryouts in August.
  - Athletics part of website has lots of info
- Biology – teachers are giving recommendations about who can go into Biology but if want to override that, let administrators know. It is based on state science test. Testing is a big issue in Biology as very hard class so if don't test well, might not be ready for the class. Students already know their scores. Parents need to approve for student to be evaluated for science otherwise won't happen. Will not be a staffing issue if lots of students want to do Biology. Main reason to do it is if they want opportunity for 3 AP courses in science.
- Honors English – no cut off of number of kids allowed in so will fill the need.
- Choir – space for everyone interested? Yes
- 8<sup>th</sup> credits/year ok? Yes they can though not for everyone.
- Naviance – for freshman conferences, they log in and fill out schedule and plan out what might want for future years. Sophomore year get into career interest and personality evaluation to help pick careers and what classes might want, college plans, etc. Junior year gets more involved so can see where college fits. Senior year is college piece of requesting transcripts, etc.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> graders have done career interest surveys so far to help guide them & start exploring options.
- StudentVue – same? Yes (Synergy).
- Junior year -- keep hearing about how hard junior year is – some of it is mythology so builds up starting now. Starts to become reality that hs is going to end, also understand that colleges will see through junior year so most recent grades colleges will see. Bump up every year in rigor, but might take on more such as AP History, pre-Calculus, etc. which are tougher.
- Counselors -- Meet individually during forecasting so can see transcript, talk about goals, encourage the strongest coursework without overdoing it. Sometimes talking students OUT of taking on too much or pushing them to challenge themselves more. Important to find the balance. This happens in Feb/Mar every year.
  - Stay with same counselors throughout? Yes. Can reach out to teachers or counselors with questions – depends on what need but try either and will help you.
- ACT/SAT testing – if junior and not in advanced algebra, will wait until fall of senior year; if junior and in advanced algebra, do end of junior year; if junior and further advanced, do anytime.
- Vaping rumors – not a fable; many are vaping. Mostly younger grades for some reason. Seen as this fun toy of sorts and get addicted. Do a lot of education around it. Mostly happens in bathrooms. Don't supervise it a ton but get reports from students so can catch people while vaping which has helped it go down. Important to educate them about the dangers.
  - Consequence? Suspended for a day plus athletic penalty. Same as for drinking/drugs. See athletic handbook for rules.
  - Safe to go into bathrooms? Not hearing that but takes up space. That's why started reporting it. It can be a big problem for the kids who don't feel comfortable going to the bathroom at school. Would heavier bathroom supervision help? Maybe consistent drive-bys as done at LJHS, though easier b/c smaller campus. Important that kids report it.
  - Vaping is harder to detect b/c smell dissipates too quickly.

- Cellphone policy – most teachers have own policies. Some have phone caddies to collect the phones. Others don't mind the phones, especially if helps with classwork. Some give rewards if put your phone in caddy and that works.
  - Back to school night – each teacher will talk about their policy.
- Are freshmen separated from others? It is a circle so they all move around; mostly seniors in the Commons but really open to everyone. Lockers are intermixed. Kids don't use lockers much – backpacks allowed in lockers. Some classrooms have backpack caddies as for phones.
- Blue/White days – helpful to get blue binder and white binder to match with blue/white days to be better organized and not carry as much. Recommend that do homework on the day it was assigned.
  - Rotates blue/white ongoing into each following week. Snow days are problems bc throws off system. Try to get back on schedule as quickly as possible with modified schedule.
- Changing electives – too late? Email the counselor (see on website). Curriculum guide is online. Can go into Synergy to see what selected in forecasting.
  - Kids should know may get alternates
  - Time to change after starts – can change within 3<sup>rd</sup> week and does not show up on transcript; 3-8<sup>th</sup> week can withdraw but shows up on transcript that withdrew. After 8<sup>th</sup> week, unless serious medical issue, drop with an F so typically don't do it at this point.
- Study Hall vs. Academic Support – study hall is encouraged for students to allow them time to get work done. Academic Support Center – class for students who need additional support; smaller class so can get help from teacher re study habits, communicating with teachers, etc. Writing/Math specialists that can come to help with those areas – available in study hall as well. When have progress reports, see what kids are struggling, so talk to them about moving into Academic Support to help them out. Academic Support gives you ½ credit.
  - Study Hall – 30-60 kids, in library. Someone supervising. Tutors and mentors (students) to help. Supervisor will go through grades and encourage them to work on specific areas.
  - Can have phone access in study hall.
  - Talk to kids about how to use study hall – important to use it well.
  - Let us know if think they are not using study hall well and admin can help.
- Core classes – told that shouldn't have homework at LJHS...same at HS? No. Research shows homework doesn't help in elementary; middle school helps a little; matters more for high school. Not often that can do homework during school (except for study hall).
- Language – if taking Spanish in jr high, colleges see on transcript. The more language the better unless holding back from performance. Important to stick with same language to count as more years. The jr high grade is on the transcript but does NOT count towards GPA. If get a C in language at jr high, repeat that level in high school. Can remove a low grade from the transcript if it is a class you take AT the middle school. Cannot do that for high school classes.
  - If child has background in the language, how decide what level go into? Do placement test and if place higher, can get credit for levels below (fee attached to this).
- Red flags for kids as transition? Counselors identify who needs extra support so reach out to them with questions. If notice drop in grades, anxiety, change in friendships, more illnesses, reach out to school, pediatricians, etc.
- Parent Club
  - Parent volunteering changes in high school. ASB kids run a lot of the events and get own volunteers. Still run the directory. Volunteer requests for ACS, MUN, college rep visits, prom chaperones, etc.
  - Instead of auction for fundraising, we converted it to academic essentials fee of \$150 to pay for technology and other support for classes, including chrome books, DNA mapping lab, drama support / playhouse, choir, etc. Benefits everyone. Paid with everything else at registration. Fee was very successful b/c parents in high school don't have the time. Streamlined the process and gave the school what they needed upfront vs waiting for auction to happen.
- Just email LHS if have any questions!