

Lakeridge Parent Club General Meeting  
September 12, 2018  
Minutes

Call to Order: 9:05AM by Ashley Krause.

Attendees: Lynne Thompson, Kurt Schultz, Janelle Herman, Rieko Warren, Kirsten Carnese, Tamara Divergilio, Ashely Krause, Ashley Ladd, Caryl Kenworth, Susan Stohl, Ania Moldzynska., Sharon Turner, Erin Normile, Amy Kaplan, Sarah Fry, Mike Dunleavy, Khara Bell, Jessica Farrell, Erin Schreck, Jennifer Petersen, Elizabeth Borelli, Kathryn Callahan, Adrienne Southard, Sandra Andrews, Lisa Hidalgo, Heather Wick, Andrea Baker, Geri Stratton, Jennifer McDowell, Amy Smalle, Sara Quest, Lisa Conner, Sarah Behr, S. Wood.

1. Minutes from previous general board meeting approved. Susan Stohl made motion to approve, Mike Dunleavy 2<sup>nd</sup> . Minutes approved. Minutes approved.

Welcome -Tamara

Board Introductions: Tamara introduced all present board members.

BBQ and Thank you's : Over 330 tickets sold. Thanked everyone for their patience in waiting for food trucks. Great community builder.

2. Parent Club plans for the year: The focus will be on experiences rather than materials. There will be student experiences as well as parent education events. Some of these events will focus on themes.
  - Fall Theme: Embrace difference. There will be activities that kids will be doing in school and a parent education night on embracing differences, from race, to gender, to culture, to disabilities, to sexual orientation, etc....
  - Winter Theme: Mental Health. Plan is to build off the Shattering Stigma event done last year.
  - Spring: Digital Parenting. Conversations on how to manage the digital environment for your kids.
3. Treasurer Report -In the absence of our Treasurer, Zsu Winston, Tamara Divergilio made summary remarks as follows. . About \$12K carryover from last year in addition to our reserves of \$25,000. Those funds will be used to help bring in speakers for parent education night. Additional fundraising being done for enhanced student experiences. The district is also funding more technology than it has in the past. – Complete Treasurer's Report will be provided at next general meeting.

4. Principal Report – Kurt

Smooth start to the school year from Kurt's point of view. Asking for Parent feedback to confirm how the start is going for their kids. If your kids are having issues, come to the administration with concerns so we can problem solve. Pointed out that listserv announcement has a resource for who to contact for a number of issues.

What about new building: Hired contractor for the building. ½ way through design phase. Right now we are in design development stage with architecture team. Over winter break, teachers and classrooms will move into portables. Construction and abatement will begin on Bryant campus after winter break, but heavy demo likely won't happen until close to end of year, early summer.

Kurt showed some of the schematic design images and renderings of entryway, front of building, interior courtyard. We are also using the mock-up learning studios that are next to the library. Teachers are all going to get opportunity to use these learning studios over the course of the year so input can be provided to design team on layout, furnishings, whiteboards, etc....

Other areas of progress: traffic light installation at Bryant and Jean should be completed later on this month.

Ride the bus: Kurt encouraged families to use the bus service as much as possible. There will be minimal parking lot inputs this fall, but come spring traffic flow will be impacted. The best way to help is to put kids on the bus. They are working with bus company to fine tune routes and times.

Student of the month: Focusing on a trait (i.e. learners, inclusive, persistent, leaders) each month to celebrate the kids that embody the trait.

Back to School Night: October 20<sup>th</sup>. Walk their schedule and meet their teachers.

Barn Bash: Kurt and members of staff will attend. Focusing on experiences vs. stuff this year is the right move. We want the kids here now to have special experiences this year that include field trips, speakers, etc...

Tamara asked Kurt about the shortened break time (5 minutes to 4 minutes) for passing from one class to another. Some kids are struggling. If kids are making an effort to be there on time, teachers are honoring that even if they are a minute or two late...They are going to fine tune over next month. Kids should be encouraged to talk to their teachers if they are having trouble getting to their class on time. If a teacher holds a class back, they should email staff to let other teachers know the kids may be late. Rules around backpacks will shift once construction begins.

Question: During 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade lunch can kids go outside after eating. Kurt: Yes, they can go outside during lunch if they go through the gym.

School welcomes lunch room volunteers. School store volunteers needed. Susan Stohl says they have needs on Tuesday and Wednesday for school stores. Lynne Thompson chimed in that volunteering for school lunch is a drop-in volunteer opportunity so you don't need to sign up for it.

Parent asked about portable classroom plan. Kurt confirmed that they have enough classrooms coming including the portable gym. The portables have bathrooms. Kurt not sure if the bathrooms are in the portables or if there is a central bathroom facility shared by portables.

Question: Is there a plan to celebrate Bryant building before demo. Kurt confirmed that conversation is on-going.

5. Teacher/Staff Wish List - Kurt/Tamara :Kurt worked with staff to come up with a wishlist of items/experiences that could be funded by Barn Bash. The list includes but is not limited to the following:

- 8<sup>th</sup> grade science teachers want to take 8<sup>th</sup> graders to Plasma Science Expo at OMSI
- Guest authors coming in to speak to English classes
- Fieldtrips to courthouse, 8<sup>th</sup> graders will study legal system and congressional hearings. Opportunity for kids to see what they are learning in class in real world. Sitting in on a trial, meeting with judges, talking to attorneys. This would connect back to Social Studies curriculum.
- New equipment for drama program (that will transfer to new building) and for Fall Show there will be learning opportunities with Holocaust museum to have conversations with kids about themes of play.
- Guest instructors for music program to include choir, orchestra and band.

Question: How do we decide what of the above gets funded? Answer: Depends partially on how much we raise at Barn Bash and how much the above items actually cost (those are still be

determined). Kurt chimed in that the partnership with parent club is valued and that we together will decide what and how we fund items. At October meeting we will have estimates for costs. The above list is also not exhaustive, there is opportunity for input and for additional concepts and ideas.

Question: Parent asked if we have considered a capital trip to Salem for 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Kurt commented that this hasn't been something on the wish list. Could be something to explore.

Question: Will these experiences that we fund become annual? Answer: This is something we will discuss based on the success of this year. This parent also commented that based on wish list that she didn't think her kid would benefit this year. Ania M. encouraged people to raise money and support the efforts to fund and implement parent club programs.

#### 6. Barn Bash Update - Ashley

What is the difference between the auction and Barn Bash? Price point is lower than previous auction events.

Price includes 2 Free drinks between 6-7, dinner, and donuts. Goal is to make this a community builder so lower price point hopefully more accessible for parents to attend. Idea is that it is not fancy, just fun. Ashley pointed out the need to be really connected to community and the good that can come from that.

There will not be auction items but there will be party boards, raffle packages and a paddle raise.

- There will be party boards, i.e. just for moms to attend, progressive parties for couples, ladies on the lake, etc.
- Raffle packages: Examples include parking spot for this year beginning Nov 1. Blazer back stage passes and game, beach weekends, Principal for the day.
- Paddle Raise will also be done during the program.

Kirsten: Also described the sponsorship opportunities available for the Barn Bash. Kirsten also reiterated that the wish list is not yet complete so opportunities to influence the experiences parent club could fund still exist.

#### 7. Volunteer needs - Lynne T

Spoke about sign-ups and that needs for the week would be highlighted in the newsletter. Clarified that fundraising is not a leadership position, but is more to support pie drive, and flower baskets, on day of, etc.

#### 8. SSPAC - Donna Lee and Shannon Turner

Sharon spoke about SPAC. SPAC is a group of parents who represent kids in district with mental, emotional, physical disabilities. It could be everything from dyslexia, to anxiety, to a physical handicap, blindness, deafness....In past we called ourselves cupcake moms who worked with teachers and were more separate from mainstream. Last year, Parent Club held Shattering Stigma event that addressed a lot of the things that SPAC advocates for. SPAC wants to be a bigger part of Parent Club. Lots of Delta kids here at LJHS. This is dyslexia month so kids should be learning more about it this month.

#### 9. Art Lit Overview -Leadership Team. Chelsey Baertsch and Rieko Warrens. Heather Wick, Jenn Peterson, Andrea Tongue.

Art Literacy supports the social studies program and takes place 3 times per year. Since no block schedule the lessons are split into 2 parts, one is the lecture and one is the art project. Trainings take place either Mondays or Tuesdays prior to the project.

Chelsea reviewed all of this year's projects and explained how they tie back to social studies curriculum. Explained that they need 3 people for every class and for clay project 4 volunteers per class. This is one of the only opportunities to get into class with your kids.

10. Other: Tamara let people know that library is looking for donations of lamps or cozy couches to make library space more comfortable for kids.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:35AM