

LJHS Parent Club General Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2019

Attendees: Zsu Winston, Lara James, Sarah Howell, Kirsten Carnese, Inkeri Martin, Tamara DiVergilio, Dr. Kurt Schulz, Andrea Serochi, Scotta Wood, Liberty Corman, Jennifer Zhang, Susan Rieflin, Ania Moldzynska, Kari Reid

Guests: Kirsten Aird, John Wallin

I. Call to Order: 9:15AM

II. Approval of Minutes from December General Meeting: Sarah Howell made motion, Kirsten Carnese 2nd. General meeting voted, motion approved unanimously.

III. Reports of the Board

- A. Co-President Tamara DiVergilio: Welcomed everyone to meeting.
- B. Treasurer (Zsuzsanna Winston): Zsu reported out financials for the last month. And explained our totals.
 - a. April 2019 Net Income \$2,928.42 (Income \$3,469, expenses: \$567)
 - b. April Balance Sheet \$35,682
 - c. April P&L YTD: Net Income: -\$1,464.
 - i. Total Revenue: \$84,562
 - ii. Total Expenses: \$86,026
- C. Volunteer Information (Tamara)
 - 1. Staff appreciation - Please sign up on Sign-up Genius. Sign-up genius will be changed to reflect that there is no school on May 8th. Thank you to everyone who has signed up.
 - 2. 8th Grade Celebration Chaperones: Kids are going to Oaks Park for 8th grade graduation on June 6th during the school day. In need of 30 chaperones. Kurt mentioned that volunteers who sign up are going to get "best spots" for the 8th grade clap-out. Sign up genius will be coming out.
- D. Presentation of Parent Club Executive Board Slate for 2019-2020 School Year
 - Co-Presidents: Sarah Howell and Kirsten Carnese
 - Treasurer: Zsusanna Winston
 - President Elect: Open
 - Secretary: Inkeri Martin
 - Volunteer Coordinator: Lynne Thompson

Tamara introduced Sarah H. and Kirsten C as next year's co-presidents. Zsu and Lynne will be staying on in their current roles. Inkeri Martin is joining board as secretary, replacing Lara James. The open position(s) is President Elect and that can be a co-position. If anyone is interested in that open position let us know. The new Board will be approved by general meeting vote at May general meeting.

IV. New Business

- A. LO Learning Levy (John Wallin): State funding for schools changed in 1990 which redirected funds for schools from local control to state control. In 2000 the state allowed localities to raise additional funds through the local option levy. LO has done that each year, it renews every 5 years. This year, the district is asking for a slight increase. This year 22.5 positions will be funded by the Learning Levy. Focusing funds on the efforts that get kids to graduate – reading/math specialists at elementary level, additional mental health counselors, an additional school resource officer.

Q. How does the levy match up with foundation. The foundation will fund only teaching positions. The levy can do a bit more, counselors, officers, etc... The levy funds will last for 5 years as well and funds roughly 80 positions. While Foundation is an annual effort that funds about 18 teaching positions.

- B. Digital Parenting Event and Student Assemblies May 14th 6:30-8:30pm featuring Doreen Dodgen-Magee author of DEVICED

Tamara offered a recap of the past Parent Education Nights, and introduced our next event with the Author of "Deviced" It is important to acknowledge that technology is here to stay so how do we balance the use of technology by our kids. There will be 3 assemblies by grade given by the author and the parent talk that evening.

Kurt discussed that in class teachers and students do discuss technology. This will elevate that conversation.

Please help spread the word about the event and please attend.

- B. Vote to allocate \$10,000 in additional Parent Club funds for Drama, Band, Choir, Orchestra as well as Library.

We raised roughly \$26,000 through Barn Bash. This funded multiple field trips, the LJHS reads programs (Seedfolks, Flying Lessons and Other Stories, We Are Displaced, and), technology for drama program, parent education nights, and a 7th grade program called Breaking Down the Walls, that focused on leading from the middle in middle school. The LO Reads program funded books that followed the Embrace Different theme.

We have some additional funds (\$10,000) left over for this year that we can put to work this year.

- We could fund the other half of the drama dept needs (\$5,000)
- Orchestra, Choir and Band have additional needs. Choir is short one-riser, and we need an additional riser so that the whole choir can rehearse as a group. A piano from Marylhurst can be acquired if we can pay to move and tune it. In Band, the xylophone is aging out, and needs to be replaced as well as a Mirimba.
- Sarah Howell made motion to approve the funding of the drama, band, choir, and orchestra needs. Zsu Wilson offered a 2nd on the motion. Asked for vote, vote of general meeting was unanimously in favor.

D. Last High School PC mtg on 5/14 10:00am for current 8th grade parents

V. Principal's Report (Kurt Shultz)

Lots going on this Month. Finishing up state testing, assemblies with students, play opens, continuing ed classes for teachers. Ground breaking happened for new school. Working to be mindful of safety as construction and parking limitations exist. Exploring with City about additional cross walks on Jean.

Youth crew survey results are in. School Advisory Committee will evaluate next.

Questions for Kurt:

Q) For new building plan will there be a play structure.

A) Yes, there will be swings and a climbing structure that will be appropriately sized for middle schoolers. The structure will be situated in a spot so if there is a need to expand

Q) Any feedback on the pool?

A) John Wallin jumped in to say that some funds in bond were allocated to improve existing pool. Determined that the existing pool was not really ideal to improve. We can use funds from "Bond Premium" (\$15M-\$20M) Some of this will go to offset higher construction costs, but some can be used for the pool. There is high probability that the pool will be built on the LJHS property near the tennis court. Also working with City to get the city to contribute, the City participation is not a certainty. Bob Barman said that they are 90% certain that we know the costs for the bond projects and once we are 100% certain, we can move forward.

Talk to City Counselors to get their vote to allocate park-bond money towards pool.

Q) When will new school open?

A) Fall 2020

Q) When will incoming students get their schedules? These will be online in late August. There will be an open house before school starts for kids to get acclimated to the school.

Incoming parent night is May 1st.

Q) Will there be a make-up day for May 8th?

A) Bob Barman and Kurt said the make-up time is being discussed and plan is evolving.

VI. Candidate Forum

Tamara introduced school board candidates, Kirsten Aird and John Wallin.

John is running to be re-elected for position 1. His opponent Kelly Calabria, declined to attend.

Kirsten Aird is running for position 5 (Bob Barman's current seat), she is unopposed.

VII. Adjourned Until Next General Meeting/Volunteer Tea May 22, 2019