

Leigh High School Home and School Club
Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2019

- **Call to Order 7:05 PM**

- **Introductions & Welcome & Good News**
 - Kara Butler reported that Leigh thespians participated in TheaterFest and did a great job. Also, Leigh students participated in the national No Name-Calling campaign.
 - Aine O'Donovan reported that HSC received a \$10,000 donation from the Robert Family Foundation. Part of this, and parts of the other large anonymous donations that we received, have been allocated toward library funding, so HSC doesn't need to actively fundraise for the library, because we have raised our \$25,000 for the library for this year. Total this year so far we've received \$46,000 in anonymous donations, in addition to the \$10,000 from Robert Family Foundation. We will also be able to put \$10,000 from our anonymous donations toward getting new computers for the library.
 - Tamara Strachman made a motion to accept a \$10,000 donation from the Robert Family Foundation, and that we donate all of it to Leigh HS for the use of the new Computer Principles class. Ann Auld seconded. Motion passed.
 - Tamara Strachman made a motion to accept the \$15K from anonymous donor plus their corporate matching, and further that we donate \$5,000 of it to Leigh HS to be used for the new library upgrade and \$10,000 to be used for new computers. Amy Hogg seconded. Motion passed.
 - Tamara Strachman made a motion that we accept the \$25,000 anonymous donation and further that we donate \$5,000 of that to Leigh HS to be used for the library upgrade. Amy Hogg seconded it. Motion passed.

- **ASB Report (Andie)**
 - ASB has been getting ready for the winter Grant a Wish rally and on the Valentine's Day rally. Had a bake sale that raised about \$200 for Grant a Wish and they are also planning a fundraising event involving colored powder that kids can throw on each other.

- **Teacher's Report**
 - Celeste Smiley is away this evening. No report yet but she will submit her report for this month soon.

- **Principal's Report (Kara Butler)**
 - AP Test sales are underway.
 - Feeder school (8th grade) course selection, and 9th and 10th grade course selection are done. 11th grade course selection is coming up.

- AP/Honors tutorials are the first 2 weeks in February. New this year, all AP teachers will have student panels at their tutorials, to provide a student perspective.

- Shadow Day was January 11 and it turned out very well.
- 8th Grade Family Info Night was well attended.
- Furniture Guided Tours for students are happening right now.

These are tours of the 4 classrooms demonstrating the 4 different kinds of flexible furniture that Leigh HS is considering.

- Kara presented (at the HSC meeting) photos of some of the options for library furniture that Leigh is considering purchasing. She will be discussing the options with staff, and then bringing some samples in soon, so that the students can try them and give feedback. She's aiming to order the furniture before the end of the school year and have the new furniture by this fall, or even sooner.

- **College & Career Center Report (Natalie Goricanec)**

- In January, CCC was focused on senior transcript requests.
- Many of the seniors have been accepted to some of their colleges already. We have good admissions rates so far this year, including admissions to Johns Hopkins, Rice, Georgetown, University of Michigan, and others.
 - One of Leigh's alumni is being considered for Fulbright Scholarship at USC.
 - Natalie went to the English Learners committee meeting at Leigh this week, to talk to our English learners about college preparedness.
 - Career Expo at Branham HS has been rescheduled for April 16.
 - Westmont HS has a Feb 13 "case study" night. Juniors and their parents are encouraged to attend. Local admissions reps from three out-of-state schools present 3 hypothetical candidates for admissions to their college, and they let the parents form into groups, discuss the cases and whether they'd admit them, and then the admissions reps talk about why they would (or would not) admit those hypothetical students.
 - FAFSA deadline for many colleges, including the UC's, is Feb 7.
 - We're adding one more SAT prep class at Leigh because so many students want to sign up.
 - Natalie is still planning to have a "Career Spotlight" series this year, on selected Fridays during tutorial. She has local presenters come and talk about their careers.
 - In February or March there will be one Sophomore Parent College Preparedness Night and one for Junior Parents, and there might be one every month for Junior parents, for the rest of the school year.
 - We still need more proctors for AP exams.
 - The teacher of the SAT prep class has offered (for a fee) to teach Leigh's AVID teachers some of what he teaches in his SAT prep classes, so they can offer it to their AVID students. Natalie will find out the cost from him, and she will submit a request to Home & School Club for help with funding.

- **“For the Kids” Land Initiative:** Aine brought thank-you certificates from the committee that worked on the Initiative.

- **Sports Boosters (Kristina Williams)**
 - Winter Sports are coming to the end of their season.
 - Memberships continue to trickle in.
 - Dodgeball Tournament has been rescheduled for April 26, probably at 7pm.
 - Sports Boosters approved 3 requests for soccer training equipment. That’s the only money Sports Boosters has spent so far this year.

- **PAPA (Sean Simonson)**
 - The Crab Feed fundraising event is 2 weeks away.
 - See written report for more information.
 - Next PAPA bake sale is at Safeway on Feb 9-10.

- **Fundraising Event: Longhorn Stampede (Aine O’Donovan)**
 - Planning for the Stampede is underway.
 - The Stampede is being run by 4 co-chairs: Andrew, Aine, Tamara, and Jayme.
 - 32 sign-ups to date. The goal is 400 sign-ups.
 - The registration site is up and running, please spread the word. Sign up at <https://leighhsc.org>
 - We have the necessary permits, the DJ is booked, we have a singer for the National Anthem, and more.

- **Amending September minutes (Jenny Green)**
 - In September, the minutes mistakenly said that HSC had approved a grant of \$143 for food processors, but actually what happened was that we approved a grant of \$423.09 for three food processors (at \$141.03 each). Amy Hogg discovered the error and pointed out that the September minutes need to be amended to provide the correct information.
 - Jenny Green made a motion to amend the September minutes, Amy Gardner seconded it, and the motion passed.

- **Approval of December minutes (Jenny Green)**
 - Jenny Green made a motion to approve the December minutes, Amy Hogg seconded it, motion passed.

- **Treasurer Report (Amy Hogg)**
 - Amy posted updated financial forms on the website (such as check request form) so make sure you get the most up-to-date forms from the HSC website.

- We have a total cash balance of \$122,779.11, of which \$10,586.95 is reserved for CCC Scholarships and the Center Stage Gift Fund (\$1,500 and \$9,086.95, respectively).

- See treasurer's written report for more items.

- HSC exceeded its membership drive goal by more than \$6,000.

The HSC officers suggested using \$2,000 of that money for Campus Beautification for a spring campus clean-up, and \$2,000 for additional Staff Grants, and the other \$2,000 to keep as cash on hand.

- Tamara Strachman made a motion to increase the Campus Beautification budget line from \$4,000 to \$6,000 (using the additional \$2,000 just mentioned). Doug Evans seconded the motion. After some discussion, the motion passed.

- Tamara Strachman made a motion to increase the Staff Grants budget line from \$4,000 to \$6,000. Doug Evans seconded. Motion passed.

- **Grant Requests (Tamara Strachman)**

- There have been no grant requests submitted this month.

- Tamara will email Mr. Castillo and let him know he can submit a request for more money for Camp Everytown if he wishes.

- Kara will remind staff that they can submit grant requests to get funding from HSC.

- **Center Stage Scholarships (Nathalie Goricanec)**

- The deadline is approaching, so someone needs to remind the person in charge of Center Stage Scholarships that she needs to submit her information for this year.

- **Committee Reports**

- Membership (Maureen Currie)

- The idea to sell HSC promotional items will be tabled until after the Stampede. We will discuss it after the Stampede.

- Grad Night (Jen Petroff and Ann Auld)

- Grad Night planning continues. There is now a Facebook page for Grad Night.

- Teacher and Staff Appreciation (Carol Hofheimer and Susan Lovelady)

- There is Valentine's Day decor in the staff lounge.

- Potato Bar for teachers on Feb 13. Valentine candy for all teachers on Feb 14.

- Parent Ed (not here)

- Next presentation is March 7 on Teen Driving.

- Communications (Amy Gardner)

- Amy will put photos of teacher appreciation (Valentines Day and Potato Bar) in the HSC newsletter.

- If you have anything to add to the HSC newsletter, please send it to Amy by January 29.

- **Old Business – None**
- **Announcements – None**
- **Meeting Adjourned (8:45PM)**