

Leigh Home and School Club
Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2019

1. **Introductions & Welcome: 7:05pm**

2. **Associated Student Body Report – Jake Davis, ASB Treasurer**
 - a. October started off with Anti-Bullying Day and Hispanic Heritage Awareness Week, Challenge Day, an after-school Sukkot (Harvest Holiday) event, and more. Working on Halloween decorations and planning for Rivalry Week, which is next week (rivalry games are girls volleyball, staff rivalry basketball game, and rivalry football game, all against Branham High School). Also taking sign-ups for Stanford Hospital Blood Drive.

3. **Speaker from CUHSD - Meredith Hudson, Chief of Strategy & Human Capital for CUHSD**
 - a. Facts about the school district and things to celebrate about the district: College enrollment numbers are increasing; in 2018, CUHSD had 1,798 students graduate and 1,400 of them enrolled in college in the fall. It's also focused on career readiness and it offers more than 16 Career Pathway tracks district-wide. 855 students completed a pathway in 2017-18, up from 702 the year before. On the facilities side, the district has \$95 million worth of projects under construction; total of 34 projects under construction. The district projects a 6% enrollment increase in the next 5 years. Going forward, the district's goal is to get increased funding for more academic counseling, more mental health counseling, and to attract and retain the best teachers. This is why they're thinking about putting a parcel tax on the ballot.

4. **School Board Report – Trustee Stacey Brown**
 - a. School board has been looking at the possibility of putting a parcel tax on the ballot, maybe for 2020, maybe later. They're doing a feasibility study right now to determine what amount of tax the community would support, and they're also taking a look at what funding level would actually be

needed to do what the school district wants to do, which is to keep teacher salaries competitive and increase funding for academic and mental health counseling. They are also working to streamline expenses and generate revenue as much as possible before going to the voters to ask for a parcel tax.

- b. The board passed a resolution about vaping and tobacco-free communities, promising to provide resources to prevent students from vaping and tobacco use, and to try to address the root causes of why students are turning to vaping. Next Tuesday night there will be a presentation at Del Mar High School for parents about vaping.
- c. Starting in 2022, public high schools in California can't start school before 8:30am. But zero period can still start earlier.

4. **Principal's Report – Kara Butler**

- a. Challenge Day was very impactful for the students who participated. The school will bring the students back together to talk about ways they can take what they learned to the larger student body.
- b. There is an active shooter drill coming up at Leigh. In addition to the drill, the students will be shown a video about what an active shooter situation can look like, to make it more clear what the run-hide-defend strategy means.
- c. Last week we had Leigh's first Latino Parent Night. We had a panel of Latino students talking about their experience here at Leigh. The parents, most of whom hadn't gone to school in the U.S., were enthusiastic about the event and we're planning more events for Latino parents, for example to talk about the college application process.
- d. The cheer program's Cheer Camp was well attended.
- e. 8th grade Shadow Day is coming up soon, November 21. This is when 8th graders come from local middle schools to visit Leigh.
- f. Vaping paraphernalia is very easily accessible online as well as in the community, and vaping among Leigh students is increasing. It's happening a lot in the bathrooms at Leigh. Students are telling the school

administration that they need information about the actual reasons why vaping is bad. A lot of the kids claim that vape juice is just water and flavor, which isn't correct. From now on kids who are caught vaping at Leigh will have to attend a session (using an online Stanford program) where they learn what's really in vape juice and why vaping is bad for you.

- g. Leigh's report to WASC is due in December. The first chapter is already on the Leigh website. The full document will be 200 pages and the chapters will be posted on the website as they're completed. The WASC report includes a lot of interesting data about the school. Feel free to send feedback to Ms. Butler.
- h. Library furniture isn't here yet. The first vendor the school worked with wasn't good, so now the school is working with Palace, a vendor that the school has used for supplies for many years.

6. Facilities Report – Tamara Strachman

- a. The swimming pools are coming along.
- b. The kitchens at all the high schools are being gutted and remodeled. They're trying to make the food more fresh and nutritious, cooked on-site, with less reheating.
- c. The first half of the Leigh administrative office renovation will start in spring semester, and the second half will be done in the summer. Eventually when the process is completed, the admin and student services offices will all be in a single building.

7. College & Career Center Report – Nathalie Goricanec

- a. A summary of the College & Career Fair is in her written report.
- b. This coming week we'll have Financial Aid Night which is for giving senior families information about college financial aid.
- c. College visits are very well attended this year.

8. Update on Kyle J. Taylor Foundation event - Jennifer Sarmento

- a. The event was full. Screened a total of 214 kids and identified 5 kids with abnormal hearts during the screenings, two of whom are at risk of a cardiac event.
- b. Looking to do another event in the summertime to accommodate kids who are away during the school year and another one next October.

- c. October is Sudden Cardiac Awareness Month.

9. **Booster Reports**

a. **PAPA – Sean Simonson**

- i. Mattress fundraiser was this past weekend. They don't know the final numbers yet.
- ii. Haunted House is coming up.

b. **Sports Boosters – Maureen Curry**

- i. They are struggling to get parents to volunteer for the Football Snack Shack. They want to let everyone know that it doesn't just fund football – it provides 1/3 of the Sports Boosters budget.

10. **Approving the Minutes**

- a. Motion to approve the September minutes: Ann Auld made motion to approve, Doug Evans seconded, motion passed.
- b. Motion to approve the August minutes: Motion made by Kelly Masini to approve budget with clarification on classroom resources, seconded by Gretchen Gabriel, motion passed.

11. **HSC Board & Committee Reports**

a. **President – Aine O'Donovan**

- i. Ben Dodge has volunteered for the office of co-Parliamentarian. Alexis Hoekstra made a motion, Susan Lovelady seconded, motion passed. Ben is now the co-Parliamentarian, sharing the office with Gretchen.
- ii. Home & School Club spent \$144.77 to pay for food at Heart Screening event, so we technically need to approve it. Amy Hogg made a motion, Gretchen Gabriel seconded, motion passed.
- iii. How to spend the recent large, anonymous donations: Aine and Tamara are looking at the feedback we all sent online, then will discuss with Kara and the donor, and report back at the next HSC meeting.
- iv. We've received a donation of \$2500 from Gretchen and Steve Gabriel, with a \$2500 corporate match.
- v. Leigh Stampede leadership committee is currently forming. PAPA and Cheer are on board to help this year; they're taking on responsibility for the pep bands, water on the race course, and more.

b. Treasurer – Amy Hogg

- i. We currently have a total cash balance of \$90,642 and we're 89% of the way to meeting our goal for the Annual Giving Drive. See her written reports for details. Everything's online and she is also happy to send you a copy of the financial reports upon request.
- ii. We received grant requests from Nicole Vidmar for IM 1 & 2 and Amy Rumsey for Art, which did not include shipping and taxes in the grant amount and are therefore short by approximately \$40 each. Amy Hogg requested a motion to increase the two grant requests amounts by approximately \$40. Motion was made, motion was seconded, and motion passed.

c. Staff Grants – Ann Auld

- i. Only 2 grant requests this month: \$713.19 for two hot plates for the Biology Department (from Ms. Resnick) and for \$500-\$1350 to print posters (depending on how many teachers end up posing for posters) for the WASC School Culture Focus Group (Ms. Tanner, Ms. Nakamura, Ms. Beard) to create a "Leigh Reads" poster campaign featuring posters of Leigh teachers reading books.
- ii. Susan Lovelady made a motion for up to \$850 for the reading posters with the option of the teachers requesting more money if they feel the need for more posters. Motion was seconded by Kelly Masini, motion passed with everyone in favor except for 2 abstentions.
- iii. Kelly Masini made a motion to grant \$713.19 for the two hot plates. Motion was seconded, motion passed.

d. Parliamentarian – Gretchen Gabriel

- i. Gave an update on changes to the Home & School Club by-laws. We're proposing revisions to make them match what we're actually doing nowadays in Home & School Club. The by-laws revision committee also did a lot of research on what other Home & School Clubs in the local area are doing. Gretchen will email the proposed revised by-laws to the Home & School Club board so we can review them, along with a report summarizing the main changes that have been proposed.

e. Staff Appreciation – Susan Lovelady

- i. Had a donut day for staff which was very well received. Each month Susan and Carole are planning to have some kind of small food event for the teachers.

f. Campus Beautification (Kelly Masini).

i. Campus beautification day coming up on October 26. We have 42 volunteers signed up so far.

g. **Communications – Amy Gardner & Angie Lu not present**

1. Aine reminded everyone that if you have anything for the newsletter, send it to Amy Gardner.

12. Meeting Adjourned 9:15pm