

Leigh High School Home and School Club
Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2018

1. Call to Order 7:05 PM

2. Introductions & Welcome

3. Principal's Report

- a. "Angst" movie was well received.
- b. Sports teams are doing well.
- c. Already starting to talk about classes and scheduling for next year. Will add a second course to the Business Marketing Pathway. Also might take peer tutoring model that Leigh uses in AVID, and make it subject specific.
- d. Construction update: 2-story building is under construction and it's been moving along with relatively few issues. Gym is also in progress. Modernization of classroom buildings will get pushed out a bit later than planned. Scoreboards are expected to go up in November. Softball dugout has been approved for remodeling and should be ready in time for softball season. The gates still have a few areas that need finishing; weekend and holiday access is TBD – gates will remain open on weekends and holidays unless the district tells Leigh otherwise. As soon as swim team season is over, the pool will close for remodeling. Press box will go down in March.

4. Teacher's Report (Celeste Smiley)

- a. WASC Culture Club (a club for teachers to discuss and take action on school culture) – All teachers are receiving "cell phone hotels" to use in their classrooms. Teachers can require students to put cell phones into them at the beginning of each class.
- b. See her written report for more updates.

5. Guidance Counselor/AVID Program Counselor (Bari Sholomon)

The 9th grade AVID class needs couple of adult volunteers to help the students with their school work. Even twice a month would be helpful. The class meets on B Days in 4th and 5th periods. Sometimes 9th graders need an extra adult who's not their parent to look over their work. You don't need to know a lot of math to volunteer for this. Email bsholomon@cuhsd.org.

6. CHSTA (Celeste Smiley)

- a. The teachers have been working without a contract for 52 days. The two sides have not come to an agreement on salaries.
- b. The teachers have an information flyer and an online petition that they are encouraging parents to share and sign.
- c. CHSTA Facebook page has information: www.facebook.com/CHSTATower
- d. See her report for key points from the teachers' perspective, and more information, including counterpoints to the district office's arguments.
- e. CHSTA recommendations for school board: Basil Saleh and the two incumbents (Stacey Brown and Kristina Arrasmith).

7. College & Career Center Report (Natalie Goricanec)

- a. Mrs. Goricanec is open to any suggestions about how the College & Career Center (CCC) can better communicate with students and parents. Students are repeatedly asking for information that she has already given them repeatedly via SchoolLoop email.
- b. See her report for more updates.

8. ASB Report (Ronan from Student Leadership)

- a. Had activities every day during lunch during Homecoming Week. Each day was a spirit day and students were encouraged to
- b. Last week was Branham Rivalry Week. Staff vs Staff basketball game, "wear your school colors" day, and then the football game. Branham won.
- c. Freshman class elections took place in October, so the freshmen now have their class officers.
- d. Next week is the school volleyball tournament between all the grades.
- e. Next week ASB will decorate for Halloween.
- f. Nov 12 Powerpull football and cheer start.

9. For the Kids Initiative: Update (Kelly Masini)

- a. There are few ways for our school district to increase revenue. One way is by reusing land. The district office would like to lease an unused portion the land the district office is currently located on. Two parcels would be on a 66-year land lease, and one parcel would be swapped with a developer who would build 44 residential homes on it; and in return the district would get a 43,000 sq ft property near the Heritage Theatre in Campbell, where the district office would move; there are also existing offices on the 43,000 sq ft property and the district would receive the rental income from those. Between all the leases, CUHSD expects to receive \$1M to \$1.5M in unrestricted revenue annually. The deal is all-or-nothing and the opportunity to take it expires in December. The district is encouraging everyone to sign a letter of support

(letter is available online and in a hard copy; link is in Kara Butler's report on the HSC Google Drive).

10. Spirit Boosters

- a. Spirit booster rep Claire Whitehead out sick. Aine gave a brief update.

11. PAPA Update

- a. Membership drive is just over 50% to goal.
- b. Snack Shack sales going well. Added new appliances to Snack Shack – churro maker, pretzel warmer, cookie oven. Needs more adult volunteers.
- c. Heathers net income was \$16K.
- d. See report for more updates.

12. Approval of September 2018 Minutes

- a. Motion to approve
- b. Motion was seconded
- c. Minutes were approved

13. Proposal for spending an anonymous \$6000 unrestricted donation that HSC received (Aine O'Donovan)

- a. Aine and Tamara Strachman (HSC VP) met with Mrs. Butler to find out what her funding priorities are, and based on that discussion they propose to put \$3,000 toward supplies for the science classrooms and \$3,000 toward either Chromebooks, or toward laptops for the new Computer Principals class.
- b. Aine asked the parents assembled at the HSC meeting if they would like to spend the money on anything different. No proposals were suggested.
 1. Susan Dahl made a motion to assign the \$6,000 to Science & Technology.
 2. Motion was seconded.
 3. Motion passed.

14. Treasurer Report (Amy Hogg)

- a. Current cash balance is \$69,040 of which \$10,587 is reserved for CCC scholarships and the Center Stage Gift Fund (\$1,500 and \$9,087, respectively).
- b. See report for more information.

15. Auditor Report (Doug Evans)

Doug audited Spirit Boosters and is waiting to get information from Sports Boosters so he can audit them too.

16. Grant Requests (Tamara Strachman)

- a. We received a grant request for \$550 for Science Olympiad. We had deferred this request last month, pending more information. They have now sent us the additional information.
 1. Motion to give \$550: Amy Gardner.
 2. Motion seconded by Doug Evans.
 3. Motion passed.
- b. Staff is asking for \$1,000 to cover part of the expense of sending 20 students to Camp Everytown. There were many questions about this grant request and it was decided to defer a decision until Mr. Castillo can provide more information.
- c. SOS Club/Branham Best Buddies asked for any amount that HSC would like to give, to provide funds to help provide craft supplies. The purpose of their club is to be buddies with kids with special needs, and do activities with them. HSC decided not to grant the request because HSC isn't funding clubs anymore, but we will put an announcement in the HSC newsletter that SOS Club/Branham Best Buddies is seeking donations for craft supplies.

17. Report on Effort to Fund New Library Furniture (Aine)

- a. Jamie is going to spearhead a fundraising drive for this in either the Dec/Jan timeframe or Jan/Feb, to raise the first \$25,000 of the \$50,000 that HSC is trying to raise for library upgrades.
- b. Could start on Giving Tuesday (Tuesday after Thanksgiving).
- c. Idea was suggested to provide giving levels as part of the fundraising drive. For example, \$100 buys a chair, \$500 buys a table -- these are just examples, we would need to find out the real numbers.

18. Committee Reports

- a. Membership (Kristi)
 1. We had a \$25,000 goal and so far we've collected \$30,151 including individual gifts and corporate matching. Another \$3,000 might come in from people who've indicated that they're planning to donate, but haven't paid yet.
 2. Amy Hogg requested that on the HSC and booster club websites, where we mention Corporate Matching, we remind parents to specify what the Corporate Match is for -- what booster club it's intended for, and (if applicable) on behalf of what child. We are receiving some corporate donations that don't specify what booster club it's for.
- b. Parent Ed (Aine)

1. 300 people signed up for the Angst movie, and about 140 attended. The panel after the movie included the movie director and 2 therapists. There was a lot of audience participation in the discussion.
 2. Jeff Nugent, a therapist who works with Campbell Union School District, is going to come to Leigh to talk about “Managing Screen Time” on November 8.
- c. Campus Beautification (Aine)
1. Halloween decorations are in the staff room and they will provide Halloween treats for the teachers.
- d. Communications (Amy Gardner)
1. Plans to publish October newsletter at the end of this week.
 2. We have 1,940 parents on the HSC email list (collecting emails during registration resulted in a huge increase in parents getting on the HSC email list).
 3. Open rate for emails is 40%-50%.
 4. November newsletter will focus on the fundraiser for the library, and emphasize Giving Tuesday.
- e. Grad Night
1. It will be at Santa Cruz Boardwalk again. Nothing to report yet.
- f. District Update (Tamara & Paula)
1. Leigh HSC and the other CUHSD high schools’ PTA’s had a meeting together with Dr. Bravo (CUHSD superintendent).
 2. Aine and the PTA presidents all met at Aine’s house to discuss best practices, and they are planning to meet every 4-6 weeks going forward.

19. Old Business – none

20. Announcements – none

21. Meeting Adjourned (8:56 PM)