

**Leigh High School Home and School Club**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 17, 2018**

**1. Call to Order 7:05 PM**

**2. Introductions & Welcome & Good News**

- a. **Aine reported that HSC has received two anonymous donations: One for \$25,000 and \$15,000.** One proposal for the \$25,000 was that we could do a matching campaign; however, in discussion the feedback from HSC members present was that we should just take it in as a donation and publicize that we received this large donation.
- b. **Kara Butler reported that the Leigh band, together with other school bands, raised \$16,000 for Camp Fire victims with a benefit concert –** despite the fact that it was an outdoor concert in the rain. They are talking about doing the concert every year in the future, in lieu of marching in the Los Gatos Christmas Parade.

**3. For the Kids Initiative: Update (Susan Dahl)**

- a. The initiative passed San Jose City Council. They voted to amend the city's General Plan so that CUHSD's land sale can move forward.

**4. Principal's Report**

- a. The staff watched the film "Angst" today and talked about ways to help kids manage their levels of anxiety in the classroom.
- b. Staff will be embarking on a discussion of the nature and purpose of final exams. The timeline to give the exams and score them is a very short timeframe and Kara has questions about whether this is really a good way to assess an entire semester's knowledge.
- c. Parent Information Nights are coming up, so stay tuned.
- d. This spring, Leigh will hold some "Elective Tutorials" which are meetings during tutorial when students can find out about some of the electives they can sign up for, for next year. Similar to the AP Tutorials that are offered to provide information about AP classes.
- e. New classes next year will be Computer Principles, AP Psychology, and maybe AP Art History.
- f. March is the PSAT for all 10<sup>th</sup> graders.
- g. Juniors will be taking the CASSP Science Test this year.

- h. New classroom furniture: This Wednesday and Thursday we'll be having an "open house" for staff to look at the four classrooms with the new kinds of classroom furniture, and after winter break there will be an open house for the students to look at the new furniture, with the goal of making a decision and ordering by the end of February.
- i. Winter Ball is January 12.

**5. Teacher's Report (Celeste Smiley)**

- a. Celeste was absent, attending an event at her child's school See her written report for details. Aine gave a quick run-through at the meeting.

**6. ASB Report**

- a. No report this month. The ASB representatives are studying for finals.

**7. College & Career Center Report (Natalie Goricanec)**

- a. Still focusing on finishing up students' college applications.
- b. PSAT Results Parent Info was Dec 12.
- c. We still have a few spots in the SAT Prep class in February.
- d. One of the counselors is putting together a series of workshops for juniors. The dates are in Natalie's written report. There will also be a series of information nights for juniors' parents.
- e. CCC is recruiting AP exam proctors. The job is paid (\$15/hour). Must get fingerprinted. Kara Butler sent link to apply in her last newsletter and it will be in the HSC newsletter too.
- f. March 15 and 18 are job shadow days for this year. The students have those days off from school. Still looking for more people to volunteer to let students shadow them.

**8. District Finance Committee**

- a. Tamara Strachman reported that since the teachers' agreement with the district is only a one-year agreement, they will need to start negotiating again in February.
- b. CUHSD is losing the SVCTE grant, which was \$2.1 million from the state that focused on career technical education. The state will not be renewing the grant. For now, the CUHSD is going to cover the amount of money that is needed.
- c. The district spends 89% of its unrestricted budget on teacher salaries and benefits, and the teachers are expressing that their pay is low compared to other districts.
- d. Consequently it looks like the district may need to put another parcel tax on the ballot. The current parcel tax expires in 2020 or 2021 (Tamara was not sure about the expiration date).

- e. CUHSD is a Basic Aid district, which means we don't get money from the state per pupil. More students does not mean more money for our district.

**9. Sports Boosters (Kristina Williams)**

- a. Snack shack is doing well financially.
- b. Dodgeball Tournament has been postponed until the spring.

**10. PAPA**

- a. Having a bake sale at Safeway Dec. 22.
- b. Marching band is discussing precisely how they'll filter the \$16,000 that they raised, back to the fire victims.
- c. Various fundraisers are underway – cheesecake, See's Candy, donuts, etc.

**11. Approval of December minutes**

- a. Ann Auld moved to approve minutes, Gretchen seconded, motion passed.

**12. Treasurer Report (Amy Hogg)**

- a. We have a total cash balance of \$94,214.03, of which \$10,586.95 is reserved for CCC Scholarships and the Center Stage Gift Fun (\$1,500 and \$9,086.95, respectively.)
- b. Deposits since the last meeting totaled \$30,739.19, including the \$25,000 anonymous donation and \$2,073.15 in Grad Night ticket sales.
- c. For complete details see her written report.

**13. Auditor Report (Doug Evans)**

- a. Nothing to report.

**14. Grant Requests (Aine)**

- a. There were no grant requests this month.

**15. Fundraising Event: Longhorn Stampede**

- a. Last month Kara Butler suggested we bring back the Longhorn Stampede as the HSC's big annual fundraising event. There is a lot of parent enthusiasm so we are going to do it. Andrew Hogg has agreed to volunteer to be the race director and spearhead our efforts. May 19 is the date.

**16. Committee Reports**

- a. Grad Night (Jen Petroff and Ann Auld)
  - 1. Ticket sales are up, compared to this time last year. The goal is to sell 200 tickets. Holiday ticket sale for \$125 continues through Friday.
  - 2. Upcoming fundraisers: There will be a yard sign fundraiser, two student-led bake sales, flocking (putting flamingos on front lawns),

goodwill fundraiser (May 4), and more. They will not be doing Dining Nights Out, as those don't raise much money.

- b. Teacher and Staff Appreciation (Carol Hofheimer and Susan Lovelady)
  - 1. Carol and Susan weren't present at the meeting but see Carol's written report, which mentions holiday centerpieces in the staff lounge and front office, sweet treats provided at staff meeting on 12/12, and Toblerone candy bars going into staff mailboxes on 12/18.
- c. Parent Ed (Aine)
  - 1. Teen Driving speaker will be at Leigh on March 7 to speak to the students during the day, and the parents in the evening.
- d. Membership
  - 1. See written report.
- e. Community Building & Fundraising
  - 1. See written report.
- f. Communications (Amy Gardner)
  - 1. Amy is working on the HSC newsletter and it will go out in the next couple of days.

**17. Old Business – None**

**18. Announcements – None**

**19. Meeting Adjourned (8:06 PM)**