

Leigh High School Home and School Club
Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2019

I. Call to Order 7:05 PM

II. Introductions & Welcome & Good News

III. ASB Report (Esther)

- ASB is doing a lot of fundraising for Grant-A-Wish. Mr. Speed attended Branham's Grant-A-Wish and got some new ideas from them.
- Working on an International Day with a food fair.

IV. Teacher's Report (Celeste Smiley)

- Staff participated in professional development on Jan 30.
- CHSTA (teacher's union) news: Bargaining starts 2/27, and the teachers' goal is for bargaining to be finished by 5/16.
- Department/class news:
 - 4 students from Ms. Nakamura's English class had letters to the editor published in local newspapers.
 - Ms. Prouty and Mr. Adams used their teacher supply money from HSC to purchase materials for a Natural Selection lab for AP Biology.
 - Yearbook: Baby ads are on sale now through 3/15.
 - Physics cardboard boat races are May 21-22.
 - Spring play, "And Then There Were None," opens Friday 3/1.
 - See Celeste's report for more items.

V. Principal's Report (Kara Butler)

- A committee of teachers and students is being formed, to evaluate the new classroom furniture.
- Administration and staff are looking at library furniture, to decide what they want to order.

VI. College & Career Center Report (Natalie Goricanec)

- CCC continues processing transcript requests for seniors.
- The next Case Study night will be at Prospect High School in April (date TBA).
- 33 students took mock ACT/SAT
- Deadline to fill out FAFSA is March 2, to be eligible for Cal Grants.
- Job shadow days are March 15 and 18.

- AP test proctors and PSAT proctors are still needed.
- The administrators/counselors are still looking for AP/EOS tutors for next year.
- See her report for more information.

VII. District Updates (Paula)

- The district is going to start a PR campaign earlier than usual for an increase in the parcel tax. The district feels that a higher parcel tax is needed in order to be able to raise teachers' salaries. The current parcel tax continues until 2023.

VIII. Facilities Report (Tamara Strachman)

- The flagpole has been replaced.
- The pool has been sent out to bid.

IX. Leigh Boosters Presentation at Union Middle School

- HSC and Leigh booster group reps went to Union in February to do a presentation about Leigh booster groups and HSC to the Union parents. They will be going to Dartmouth too. The presentation will also be available for parents to view online.

X. Spirit Boosters (Clare)

- Spirit Boosters went to the Nationals in Anaheim. The Leigh freshman team won third place and Leigh varsity won 4th place.
- Cheer season is now over. Tryouts for next season will be in April.
- Deanne (Spirit Boosters treasurer) is working on finishing up the nonprofit Tax ID process.
- Lei sales have started, for graduation leis. This is one of Spirit Boosters' biggest fundraisers.

XI. Sports Boosters (Kristina Williams not present; Kara Butler reported)

- Spring sports season is underway.
- We are hosting Nor Cal here for the first time.

XII. PAPA (Sean Simonson)

- The Crab Feed cleared \$15K.
- New fundraiser this spring. Students will be selling first aid kits.
- PAPA will be giving up to four \$500 scholarships this year.
- See written reports for more information.

XIII. Relay for Life

- Carole Hofheimer not here, but Kara Butler reported that Relay for Life will be at Union Middle School on April 26. Leigh has one team already, and would like to have more. On March 2 they'll be having a donation drop-off at Oster Elementary. Relay for Life benefits the American Cancer Society.

- Amy Gardner suggested Leigh have an information table at Relay for Life to get sign-ups for the Leigh Stampede.

XIV. Approval of January minutes

- Amy Hogg made a motion to approve the January minutes with two amendments. Motion was seconded, and motion passed.

XV. Progress Update on HSC Goals for 2018-19 (Aine O'Donovan)

- We had a goal to have two community events this year: Back to School Night table (done) and Leigh Stampede (planning is underway).
- Monthly newsletter is going to all parents this year, and we are also posting on Facebook.
- Working closely with the other booster groups (Sports, Spirit, and PAPA), through informal get-togethers and a mailing list.
- As of Feb 18, corporate matching has increased \$2,000 year-over-year, and Amazon/eScrip has increased \$700.
- Working closely with Leigh administrators and teachers to ensure HSC fundraising aligns with their goals. This is ongoing, with discussions about how to spend the \$56K in large donations that HSC has received this year.
- Aine reminded everyone that we have \$8,000 in large donations still to allocate, and she is taking suggestions.
- It's time to start thinking about recruiting for next year's HSC board. Please reach out to people you know. If you won't be here next year, please let Aine know.

XVI. Treasurer Report (Amy Hogg)

- There was less activity this past month than in the few previous months.
- We have a total cash balance of \$126,284.87, of which \$10,451.95 is reserved for CC Scholarships and the Center Stage gift fund.
- A draft of HSC's 2017-18 tax return has been received for review. The return is due 5/15/19.
- See Treasurer's written report for more information.

XVII. Grant Requests (Tamara Strachman)

- We've received six grant requests from teachers in the past month, after a reminder to the teachers that HSC grants are available. Total amount requested (all six grants combined) is \$1,685.13. We have enough money in the HSC budget to cover this entire amount and still have some money left over for more grants. The requests are:
 - Mr. Gil (grant request 10-1819) requested \$132.72 for books for his classroom library (English classes).

- Ms. Fales (grant request 12-1819) requested \$205.70 for history teaching materials about WWI and WWII.
- \$71.95 (grant request 13-1819) Ms. Viswanathan (sp?) for plastic tiles for math classes
- \$174.76 (grant request 15-1819) for Mandarin classes to celebrate Chinese Lunar New Year and Teacher Appreciation Lunch.
- 500 for Mandarin classes to cover half of the transportation expense for a field trip to the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco. However this field trip already took place. We are tabling this for now, until we have more information. Kara Butler will look into this.
- Mr. Christiansen asked for \$600 to purchase wind instruments for the school bands. HSC decided to table this request for now, and PAPA will ask Mr. Christiansen why he didn't apply to PAPA for this.
- Ann Auld moved that we approve grants 10-1819, 12-1819, 13-1819, and 15-1819. Motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.
- April 19 is the deadline for staff to apply for grants from HSC in this school year.

XVIII. Update on Leigh Longhorn Stampede (Aine)

- We have 46 runners registered as of 2/25/19. We need 400 runners registered to break even.
- Andrew, Tamara, Aine, and Susan are leading the committees for this event. Andrew is in charge of budget/permits/course and quad set-up (booths etc). Aine is in charge of communications/ marketing/ entertainment. Susan is in charge of sponsorships. Tamara is volunteer coordinator/ race packets/ awards.
- All city permits have been approved for the Stampede, which will be on June 2, 2019.
- The Stampede has a web page, a Facebook page, and Twitter and Instagram. Please like, retweet, and share. Facebook.com/leighstampede, twitter.com/leighstampede, and Instagram.com/leighstampede

XIX. Committee Reports

- Teacher and Staff Appreciation (not here; Aine reported)
 - Planning to provide lunch to teachers and staff in mid-March.
- Communications (Amy Gardner)
 - Author Gareth Hinds is completing a graphic novel of the Iliad and is coming to the Bay Area to speak at Hicklebees. He's interested in coming to speak to students at Leigh. His fee is \$600.
- Parent Ed (not here; Aine reported)
 - March 7 is the talk about driver safety. This will be the last Parent Ed talk of the year. There will also be a presentation to the students during the day. College & Career Center also scheduled a presentation (Junior Parents presentation) on March 7 so there will be two parent presentations on the same night; CCC might change the date of their presentation so that parents can go to both if they wish.

- Grad Night (Ann Auld)
 - We've sold 64 tickets so far. We're required to buy at least 200 tickets.

XX. **Meeting Adjourned (8:49 PM)**