

**Leigh Home and School Club
Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2019**

1. **Introductions & Welcome: 7:08pm**
2. **Measure K Report – Kristiina Arrasmith and Kalen Gallagher, CUHSD Board Members**
 1. Kristiina and Kalen reported that CUHSD isn't able to offer competitive salaries to attract teachers, and that's why we need this parcel tax. Also the district wants to offer more mental health services to students, because there is an increasing demand for it.
 2. The election is March 3. Measure K is for a \$298 parcel tax, there's a senior exemption, and it sunsets after 8 years.
 3. Carol Hofheimer noted that Union Elementary School District also has a parcel tax on the March 3 ballot, which is for \$98.
 4. Ben Dodge made a motion for Leigh HSC to endorse Measure K. Ann Auld seconded, motion passed.
3. **ASB Report (no ASB rep present, so Aine read the update)**
 1. Prom is May 2.
 2. Winter Ball tickets are on sale. Prices go up after winter break.
4. **Principal's Report – Kara Butler**
 1. Teacher Kim Bartel had her second Art Night Out to raise funds to support a mural project here at Leigh. There will be two more Art Night Out events in the spring.
 2. We had some WASC collaboration in November and did a read of chapter 3, which is an important chapter in our WASC report.
 3. This past week Leigh had stress-relief activities for the students, such as hot chocolate for sale; meditation; and visiting puppies.
 4. Counselors have been doing check-ins with all the 9th graders to find out how their year is going so far.
 5. The play "She Kills Monsters" finished its run last week.
 6. The week of Jan 20 the students will be doing course selection for next year.

7. Incoming 9th grade info night is January 16th, and the Parents Night for 9th-11th grade parents is on January 29th.

5. Teacher's Report – Celeste Smiley

1. The WASC report will be finished tonight, 12/16/19.
2. Parent meeting with visiting WASC committee will be Sunday, February 9 (time TBA).
3. Leigh's Autism Program had a winter dance at Branham last Friday.
4. Government class is watching the "Great Courses: Investigating the President" series, which was purchased for them by HSC.
5. The Culinary Arts class cooked dishes from various cultures and served them to the teachers last week. They also cooked several different soups for all the teachers.
6. National Art Honor Society is going to be painting a mural on a wall in the quad.
7. Leigh's Bring Change to Mind Club, which focuses on reducing the stigma around mental health through student leadership, was mentioned by actress Glenn Close in an interview for an article. There's a link on the CUHSD Facebook page.
8. See her written report for more items.

6. CUHSD Board Report - Stacy Brown, Board Member

1. She reported on the progress of the land that the district is leasing out. On Thursday night, CUHSD approved the agreement. The next step is the due diligence process, which takes about a year. After that the builder will need to get permits from the city.
2. The CUHSD board also just completed a process of refunding some of the district's bonds to reduce the interest that will need to be paid on those bonds.
3. Proposition 13 is a statewide proposition on the March 3 ballot (not to be confused with the famous Proposition 13 that was passed in the 1970s). This year's Proposition 13 is for the issuance of about \$18 billion in statewide facilities bonds, which will be used for matching funds when local school districts raise money for construction projects.
4. San Jose City Councilmember Pam Foley recognized CUHSD for its work to stop students from vaping, and she's talking with CUHSD about what can be done locally to stop vaping.

7. District Finance Update – Paula McHugh Jack

1. CUHSD issued its Interim Report on its finances on December 12. The report is available on the CUHSD website.
2. The district has a AAA bond rating.

8. College & Career Center Report – Nathalie Goricanec

1. Next College & Career Fair is March 17 at Westmont High School.
2. Purchased one more rotating magazine rack for college brochures, with HSC funds.
3. The SAT and ACT bootcamps in November sold out quickly. We hope to bring them back again.
4. Thank you to all the CCC volunteers who spent countless hours working 1-on-1 with Leigh students on their college essays and applications. They are helping students who are the first in their families to go to college and don't have anyone available to help with their college applications at home.

9. Booster Reports

1. Spirit Boosters (not here; Aine reported)

1. Lei sales for graduation have begun.
2. See the written report for more information.

2. Sports Boosters – Kristina Williams

1. It's a quiet time of year for sports. Basketball is underway and Sports Boosters are selling Leigh merchandise at some of the games.

3. PAPA – (not here; Nathalie Goricanec reported)

1. One of the Theater 4 Honors students is running a student-led show as the spring play. Students will direct the production and it's entirely student-run, supervised by Mr. Yani. It will be in March.
2. The spring musical is Once Upon a Mattress.
3. Winter Percussion is going to a show in Dayton, Ohio, so they'll be doing a lot of fundraising for that.
4. The thespians are taking trips to theater programs in Upland, CA and in Indiana, so they will be fundraising for that.
5. The Crab Feed is Saturday, February 8.

10. Approving the November Minutes

1. Carol Hofheimer made a motion to approve the November minutes, Kara Butler seconded, and motion passed unanimously with two abstentions.

11. HSC Board & Committee Reports

1. Presidents – Tamara Strachman and Aine O’Donovan

1. Measure K: We’ll do neighborhood walking Sat 1/25 and Sat 2/1. Postcard writing 1/23, 1/28, 1/30, 2/4 and 2/6. Phone banking 2/19 and 2/20. Sign waving: 2/13 and 3/3.
2. Stampede: Registration will go live on Jan 1st. Sponsorship outreach is in progress. Communication/marketing will begin Jan 6th.
3. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:
 1. Measure K (Jan-March)
 2. Health Fair (March date TBD) – the Health Fair will help educate our students on how to take better care of themselves (sleep, healthy eating, exercise) to support their physical and mental well-being. It will also address aspects of mindfulness and mental health support.
 3. Stampede (planning + day of May 30)
 4. Adulting workshops (planning + day of June 1)
 5. Campus Beautification (date TBD)
 6. On Giving Tuesday, Leigh HSC brought in \$16,000 from 17 donors, including a matching donation of \$10K from an anonymous donors. This will allow HSC to purchase 53 Chromebooks for Leigh, which is enough for 1½ classrooms.

2. Treasurer – Amy Hogg

1. We have a cash balance of \$96,830.44, of which \$8,827.08 is reserved for CCC Scholarships, the Center Stage Gift Fund, and Grad Night Reserves.
2. See her written report for more information.

3. Grants – Ann Auld

1. Mandarin class is requesting \$145 for flashcards and other items.
2. Integrated Math 1 & 2: two teachers jointly requested an Edutastic membership. \$100 per year per teacher for a total of \$200/year. Edutastic is an online assessment tool.

3. Math/PLTW requests a document camera. It's easier to show how to do math problems on a document camera than on the board. \$99.
 4. Special Ed program requests iXL Language Arts Program for 14 students for a total of \$299 which would cover a class license for 1 year. It's a program that will assist with the students' IEP goals.
 5. Counseling Department requests payment for a bus to transport students for a field trip to visit SVCTE (career & technical education program) and decide if it's something they'd want to enroll in. Cost would be \$448.20.
 6. Psychology (all 4 psych classes) requests a variety of books, materials, and classroom resources for a total of \$328.10.
 7. If we approve all these grants, we'll have spent \$6,500 total so far this school year of our \$11,000 grants budget.
 8. Doug Evans moved to approve all the grants, Carol Hofheimer seconded, motion passed.
 9. Ann Auld mentioned that HSC is working with Leigh's Activities Director to clarify HSC's policy with regard to grants for clubs. The HSC policy going forward will be that clubs need to ask the club members' parents for donations first, then try fundraising, and only come to HSC with a request after they've tried parents and fundraising.
4. **Staff Appreciation – Carol Hofheimer**
 1. Brought cookies to the staff today and will put treats/presents in the staff's mailboxes on Wednesday morning.
 5. **Communications – Amy Gardner**
 1. Send any items for the HSC newsletter to Amy. It will be sent out before winter break starts.

12. Administrative Grants – Kara Butler

1. She is requesting \$2,500 in administrative grants to pay for the license for NearPod for all her teachers for the rest of the school year.
2. Ann Auld made a motion to approve, Carol Hofheimer seconded, motion passed.

13. Meeting Adjourned 8:48pm