

# Leigh Home and School Club Board Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

September 21st, 2020

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1. Meeting started 7:00pm.
2. Best Practices for Zoom Meetings (Tamara Strachman)
  - We're glad so many parents are able to attend these HSC meetings on Zoom.
  - We are happy to take general questions about Home & School Club business during HSC meetings, but if you have more specific questions, please bring those to the President's Coffee meetings.
  - You can also post questions in the chat.
3. School Funding (Aine O'Donovan)
  - Home & School Club - Aine presented our new HSC logo, designed by Leigh parent and HSC Communications Chair Amy Gardner.
  - Aine presented a chart showing where our school revenue comes from. Most of our funds come directly from the local community in our district.
  - Parcel Tax Renewal - This is a critical source of funding for our district.
  - Ed Foundation - You can donate directly to our school through the Leigh Home & School Club or booster clubs, or you can donate to CUHSD's Ed Foundation, which provides support for all the schools in CUHSD.
4. Measure L (Kalen Gallagher, school board rep)
  - Measure K (which failed on the March ballot) was about continuing our current \$85 parcel tax, plus adding an additional amount to the tax.
  - Our current \$85 parcel tax expires at the end of 2022. The current parcel tax brings \$4.7 million into our schools every year, so if the voters don't renew it, we will have a \$4.7 million budget shortfall in ensuing years.
  - Measure L is on the ballot this November. It would renew the current parcel tax.
  - Talking points: Please vote yes on Measure L and get 20 of your friends to vote yes. Measure L is **not** a tax increase; it simply continues the existing parcel tax. There will be major cuts to staff and programs if we don't renew the existing parcel tax.
  - Here's the Measure L website: [www.voteyesonmeasurel.org](http://www.voteyesonmeasurel.org)  
<https://www.facebook.com/CUHSDmeasurel>

- We need 66.7% support for Measure L to pass. If it doesn't pass in November, CUHSD will put it on the ballot again in 2022.

## 5. Community Updates

- Principal (Mrs. Butler)
  - i. Uplift Family Services will be presenting mental health workshops for students and for parents.
  - ii. There's no school 9/28. 9/29 will be an A day, 9/30 will be a B day, and then Oct 1-2 (Thurs-Fri) will be a day for teachers to learn more about Canvas and do some standardization across departments on Canvas, so the students will be on a Wednesday schedule for Oct 1-2.
  - iii. Construction updates -- Putting the finishing touches on the pool, starting the abatement work on the main office (the school will bring some design and color elements to the school community for feedback), the Student Services Center will move the last week of September, so the admin staff will be working in the library for the rest of the year. The charging stations in the parking lot are almost finished.
  - iv. This week our Leadership class is focusing on the Deaf & Hard of Hearing community.

(note: format change due to remainder of minutes taken by Susan Dahl)

### **Teachers Report (Celeste Smiley)**

- Clubs are just launching for the year
- See Ms. Smiley's report for details
- Campbell Teachers Union Update – Meeting tomorrow to discuss endorsements for upcoming elections.

### **Student update (Sydney Durand/Nolan Lee, new freshman president)**

- Senior Sunrise
- Virtual career fair
- Freshman elections
- Rosh Hashanah celebration
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing week
- Staff intro
- Wellness Week is next week. Yoga, mental health, clubs will lead mindful activities
- Leadership class will host class socials/zooms

## **District Update (Kalen Gallagher)**

- Working on Strategic Plan
  - Communication, feedback, be open and transparent
  - Safety is priority when transitioning back to classroom
  - Board meetings are live streamed. All are welcome to join and listen in
- Question: is there a sense of how many parents are interested in sending kids back to live learning vs. those who want to remain at distance learning? Answer: This has not yet been decided but is under discussion now.

## **College & Career (Nathalie G)**

- Virtual college night next week
- Weekly Friday virtual coffee with Ms. G.
- Seniors can do meetings with Ms. G.
- Website is being updated with new college information
- Volunteers Needed: help with college essays (training available), need a volunteer to help set up a podcast.
- Jr and Sr College Nights are recorded and available on Canvas
- UC/CSU admissions – things are changing quickly, stay tuned
- College visits are not recorded – students must attend live (via webinar/zoom)

## **Boosters**

### **Spirit (Claire Whitehead)**

- Spirit Booster fundraising on hold along with sports
- Cheer conditioning is being held in case tryouts can be held in December

### **Papa (Amy Gardner)**

- Drive through Haunted House is being planned

### **Sports Boosters (Maureen Currie)**

- No elected board at this point, using last years board for now. The new board will be voted in in November. Budget in progress with assumption that Winter/Spring sports will return.
- Donation drive will be the main fundraiser this Fall
- Online merchandise sales/planning

### **Business**

- Minutes from last month approved
- Board Introductions/committees for new parents

### **Treasurer's Report (Amy Hogg)**

- Since beginning of our fiscal year (7/1/20), incoming funds total \$55,410.31
- Includes an anonymous donation of \$24K.

### **Auditors Report (Doug Evans)**

- No significant findings this month

### **Staff Grant Review (Ashleigh Coffing)**

- \$6,000 annual budget, nothing spent to date.
- 5 requests in September, totaling \$1,439.76. Motion made and approved.

### **HSC Committee Updates:**

Teacher Appreciation (Amanda Bierly) - Treats are dropped at school every month. September included a fun model competition for the teachers

Academic Tutoring – parent volunteers are tutoring students during class.

Mental Health Programs – Leigh has invested in a program called HAERT (paid \$8K of the \$36K cost). Videos are shown to students to help them learn tools to cope with anxiety. Looking for corporate partners to help fund the remaining cost of this purchase (\$28K).

Presidents Coffee to be scheduled in October – date tbd

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45 PM