

Leigh Home and School Club Board Meeting

Minutes

March 15th, 2021

1. 7:00pm Welcome
2. Update about teacher negotiations (Aine O'Donovan)
 - Aine and Tamara explained that the HSC officers have asked our school board rep and CHSTA (teacher's union) rep not to present at tonight's school board meeting, because the labor negotiations are contentious and the Home & School Club needs to remain neutral. Full comment [here](#). But Aine posted the links to information in the chat:
<https://www.cuhsd.org/apps/pages/labormanagement>
<https://www.cuhsd.org/apps/pages/BoardofTrustees>
<https://www.chsta.net/>
Also, parents are welcome to email CUHSD superintendent Robert Bravo at rbravo@cuhsd.org.
3. Community Updates
 - Principal (Mrs. Butler)
 - i. We had a good response rate from families to the survey about who wants to come back in person. About 35% of students opted to return to school in person (hybrid model, with two days a week at school). Ms. Butler and colleagues are planning out how that would work. Starting on April 12 we'll go into Phase 3 (9th graders and prioritized students may opt in to return for hybrid instruction) and on April 26, we will go into Phase 4 (10th-12th graders may opt in to return for hybrid instruction).
 - ii. In-person, outdoor sports are going well so far. Family members are able to be spectators. Indoor sports haven't resumed yet because the school is required to do baseline testing of the players first; that's being planned; test kits are being ordered.
 - iii. Theater students are putting on a radio play.
 - iv. Parents had many questions for Ms. Butler about how the in-person portion of hybrid school will work. Ms. Butler explained that some classes might be "zoom in a room," meaning that students are in the classroom but the teacher is on Zoom. Even when the teacher is in the classroom in person, the teacher will still have to teach the remote students on the screen as well as the in-person students in the room; this isn't easy for the teacher. During breaks and lunch, students will be required to practice

social distancing. They will have health checks each day when arriving at school.

- Student Rep (ASB Exec. Board) - No student rep tonight but Aine shared activities director Anthony Roe's [Weekly Student Bulletin](#).
 - College & Career Center (Ms. Goricanec)
 - i. CCC has already done 2 presentations for juniors, about college applications and the college essay. These have been well attended. She will be doing 3 more presentations planned for the next 3 weeks. Recordings of the sessions are being posted on the CCC page of the Leigh website. After that, she'll have a weekly meeting with 25 juniors who are interested, to give them individualized attention on their career exploration and college search.
 - ii. CCC plans to host a college presentation for 9th & 10th grade families on a Wednesday evening at 7pm; date TBA.
 - Sports Boosters (Jennifer Lipscomb)
 - i. If you have photos of Leigh student sporting events, text your pics from Leigh sporting events to (408) 896-8176 and (805) 402-3211 and Sports Boosters will post them on their Instagram and Facebook. They are also streaming some of the sports on the Leigh website. Here's the link to the Instagram page: https://www.instagram.com/leigh_sports_boosters/ And Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/leighsportsboosters/> Here's the live streaming page: ??? (need to get this)
 - Spirit Boosters - Cheer report from Christy Dennington.
 - PAPA (Ms. Goricanec)
 - i. Winter Percussion is planning to bring back students by section.
 - ii. For theater, they are putting on radio plays and more are coming.
 - iii. Hoping that Marching Band will be able to start in July.
 - iv. PAPA is saving its money rather than spending it down the way they usually do at the end of the year; they are being conservative this year, in the expectation that next year might be very challenging and the extra funds might be needed.
 - v. They are still planning to have the Rummage Sale fundraiser in the fall, assuming country regulations allow. Please hold onto your items of value and save them to donate in the fall. If you are moving out the area or for any other reason can't hold onto your items, PAPA will collect them now and store them in a trailer; stay tuned for the collection date. They can't take electronics though.
4. Approve February 2021 HSC Meeting Minutes
- Doug Evans made a motion to approve the February minutes, and Kara Butler seconded. Motion passed.
5. HSC President update
- HSC Board for 2021-22 (Aine O'Donovan)
 - i. Thank you to everyone at tonight's meeting and especially to the HSC Board members.
 - ii. We need a board for next year! If you're interested, please email Aine O'Donovan and Tamara Strachman at president@leighhsc.org to let the know that you'd like to help -- you don't necessarily have to specify what role you want -- they will find out what you like to do, and find a way for

you to do that. Roles can be shared, so you won't need to fill your role alone if you don't want to.

6. HSC Finances/donations

- Treasurer report (Amy Hogg)
 - i. We have a total cash balance of \$103,404.23. See her written report for details.
 - ii. We received some donations to purchase additional masks for the teachers, so we placed an order for additional masks. Because of tax, the cost of the order came to \$81.93 more than we had received in donations. Amy Hogg made a motion to take the \$81.93 out of HSC Board Discretionary funds, Amy Gardner seconded, and the motion passed.
- Proposed program funding (Aine O'Donovan) - We are discussing this with Ms. Butler, and we are not quite ready to talk about this yet, but will probably be ready to discuss this next month. We are working on it.
- Staff Grants (Ashleigh Coffeng)
 - i. Mr. Redemacher requested \$230 for a one-year BrainPop subscription for his program for autistic students.
 - ii. Ms. Yu requested \$120 for a subscription to Book Creator for the Mandarin Program, which would allow her students to use it for presenting their projects.
 - iii. Ashleigh made a motion to approve both grant requests, and Kerry Haywood seconded. Motion passed.
 - iv. Year-to-date expenses on grants: We started the year with \$6,000 in the budget for staff grants, and we have granted \$2938.21 to date (not including tonight's grants). We started with \$2500 in the Administrative Grants budget and have granted \$500 to date. And we started with \$3,000 in Board Discretionary and haven't spent any yet, except for the amount we voted to spend tonight.

7. HSC Committee Updates

- Community Building - no report tonight
- Staff Appreciation (Alexis Hoekstra) - Planning to deliver sandwiches and t-shirts to all the teachers next week. Aine noted that the Executive Board had voted to add \$1,000 to the Hospitality budget to help do this for the teachers.
- Grad Night - no report tonight; but Leigh is working on Grad Night, prom and graduation
- Mental Health Support (Kristin Welter)
 - i. HAERT program continues. They will give a parent presentation on Tuesday, March 30 at 7pm with practical tips for parents on Maintaining Wellness in COVID Times. This will be a parent-style version of what the kids have been learning in P.E.
 - ii. We're in the very early stages of developing a Wellness Center at Leigh. More information to come.
- Club Support - no report tonight
- Campus Beautification (Kelly Masini) - Longhorn signs have been delivered and the facilities team plans to install them before the students return in April. They are rectangular with a white background and look great.

- Communications (Amy Gardner) - Amy says thanks to those who have been sharing important links with her for the HSC newsletter.

8. Meeting Adjourned 8:17pm