

# Leigh Home and School Club Board Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

August 16th, 2021

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1. Welcome 7:00 pm (Susan Smith)
2. Community Updates
  - Principal (Mrs. Butler)
    - i. Just had our Back to School rally and dance.
    - ii. Every Thursday for the foreseeable future: COVID testing for any Leigh student who wants to be tested.
    - iii. Construction update: Staff have moved into the remodeled Main Office. The library furniture should arrive at the end of September. The furniture for the main office is delayed and will arrive later than that.
    - iv. Back to School Night (Aug 26) is coming up. Will it be partially in person? That's still under discussion. They are hoping to offer at least a hybrid option. More information to come.
    - v. This year Leigh will focus on social and emotional well-being of students and staff. Need to rebuild students' communication, collaboration, and engagement skills.
    - vi. A parent expressed concern about a decline in academic quality over the past year. Mrs. Butler said that students need to be able to communicate, collaborate, and engage, as a prerequisite for challenging academics.
  - Teacher Rep (Celeste Smiley)
    - i. Teachers are excited to be back in person. They have a new outdoor eating area where they can spend time together.
    - ii. Kudos to Mrs. Butler for serving as Leigh's acting Activities Director right now, in addition to being the principal.
    - iii. See her [written report](#) for Class News from various Leigh teachers, and for some Club News. The annual Club Fair is coming soon. The Club Fair will probably be September 3, and it will be during lunch, in the quad. More information: <https://leigh.cuhsd.org/apps/pages/ClubsAndOrganizations>
  - CUHSD Board Rep (Kristiina Arrasmith)
    - i. Kristiina actually graduated from Leigh so she is excited to be our Board Rep this year.
    - ii. The best way to contact the CUHSD school board is to email them. The email is on the CUHSD website.
    - iii. She will keep us updated about board news throughout the year.

- College & Career Center (Ms. Goricanec isn't here tonight because she's at a PAPA meeting, so Mrs. Butler gave a short update)
    - i. College & Career Center (CCC) helps students with Naviance, career advice, college advice, college applications, college fairs and more. She also brings in speakers about various career pathways. And she brings in PSAT and NMSQT testing. Internships and volunteer opportunities are also available through the CCC.
    - ii. The CCC is always looking for volunteers.
    - iii. The NMSQT is Saturday, October 16 and Leigh will offer it to juniors for free, since they weren't able to take the PSAT in person last year.
  - Boosters - Sports/Spirit/PAPA
    - i. PAPA (Amy Gardner)
      - 1. PAPA supports all the performing arts at Leigh, including theater, music, etc.
      - 2. The rummage sale fundraiser and mattress sale fundraiser will both happen this fall.
      - 3. August 18 starting at 5:30pm: Come to Kirk's Steakhburgers in Campbell and buy dinner to support PAPA.
      - 4. Visit the <https://leighpapa.org> website for more information about PAPA, what it does, how you can get involved, and dates of upcoming fundraisers.
    - ii. Spirit Boosters (Christy Dennington)
      - 1. Spirit Boosters support the cheer team at Leigh. Here's their website: <https://www.sites.google.com/site/leighhighschoolspiritbooster/>
      - 2. The competition team was excited to cheer at the Back to School rally and at the scrimmage this weekend. Now they are gearing up for football season.
      - 3. They're looking for businesses that would like to buy ads in the Football Program. If you know anyone who might be interested, email Christy at [lhsbpresident@leighhsc.org](mailto:lhsbpresident@leighhsc.org)
    - iii. Sports Boosters (Jen Lipscomb)
      - 1. Over the past 5 years, they've raised over \$150,000 to support sports at Leigh. Thank you for your support.
      - 2. They look forward to working with Leigh's new Athletic Director, Drew Marino.
      - 3. Fundraising methods are changing this year. They'll be selling yard signs, shirts, hats and more to support Leigh athletes. They're also looking to develop corporate partnerships with local businesses.
      - 4. Sports Boosters website: <http://leighsportsboosters.org/>
      - 5. They represent every sport. They rely on parents and community to send them photos and content from athletic events so they can post on Sports Boosters social media. If you have any photos or content that Sports Boosters can share, please reach out to Jen at [asbcpresident@leighhsc.org](mailto:asbcpresident@leighhsc.org)
3. HSC President update (Susan Smith)
- HSC Goals and Objectives for 2021-22:
    - i. Susan gave a presentation on how HSC raises money and what programs HSC funds. Link to her presentation is here:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1WMcfERomXTZBfEUJiRswL182OdMYr0qRKNtoA5qGOfo/edit#slide=id.g5a158db52f\\_0\\_0](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1WMcfERomXTZBfEUJiRswL182OdMYr0qRKNtoA5qGOfo/edit#slide=id.g5a158db52f_0_0)

- ii. Learn more on the HSC website. Our next HSC meeting will be September 20 at 7pm.
  - iii. We also have an HSC President's Coffee meeting (on Zoom) this coming Monday at noon.
  - iv. We need volunteers! Sign up to volunteer:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeaf-fvMIjs0xkWC1psj0L9XSuo5z0UjEhTk2\\_iceqmfJ9XEg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeaf-fvMIjs0xkWC1psj0L9XSuo5z0UjEhTk2_iceqmfJ9XEg/viewform)
  - v. Any questions, contact Susan at [president@leighhsc.org](mailto:president@leighhsc.org).
- Poll: Would you prefer to have HSC meetings in person, on Zoom, or alternating every other month between in-person and Zoom? Results: 6% always in person, 36% alternating, 58% always on Zoom.
4. HSC Finances/donations (Amy Hogg)
    - Amy presented the draft budget for 2021-22. You can see the draft at <https://leighhsc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Leigh-Proposed-Budget-2021-22-Website-7.pdf>
    - Kristin Welter talked about what the Mental Health component of the budget will cover. Explained what the Wellness Center is.
    - Vote on the draft budget: Kerry Haywood made a motion to approve the budget. Motion seconded by Amanda Bierly. Motion passed, with 95% approving and 5% abstaining.
  5. Staff Grants (Ashleigh Coffeng)
    - Ashleigh explained the staff grant process.
    - Usually grants are for classroom supplies. Last year, with online instruction, we received many requests for online software subscriptions. We also help out academic clubs such as Science Olympiad and Robotics with costs to attend competitions.
  6. Back to School Night (Susan Smith)
    - Back to School Night is Thursday, August 26, starting at 6pm. If we are on site in person, HSC and the booster clubs are planning to have information tables on site starting at 5:30pm, but we're waiting to see if Back to School Night takes place in-person or not.
  7. HSC Committee Updates
    - Volunteer Coordinator (Angie Lu) - Volunteering is a great way to get involved and meet people. Angie is working to connect people who have signed up to volunteer with the committees that interest them. On the HSC website, there's a link that says, "Would you like to volunteer?" And if you click the link, it takes you to an online form where you can specify your interests.
    - Staff Appreciation (Amanda Bierly) - The Staff Appreciation committee hosted a Welcome Back coffee for the teachers and staff. A staff luncheon is planned for September 9. Amanda will be sending out a SignupGenius link soon for people to sign up to help with the luncheon. Lunch will be served in takeaway containers.
    - Mental Health Support (Kristin Welter) - She gave most of her update during the Treasurer's section of the meeting, but she wants to add that most of the Mental Health funds are intended to pay for staffing the Wellness Center.

- Academic Tutoring (Rama Nemani wasn't present, but Susan Smith gave a quick update) - This is something new HSC plans to add this year.
  - Grad Night (Amy Hogg) - We already have the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk booked and the buses booked and have paid the deposits. Leigh will have its own separate, chaperoned section of the boardwalk, with lots of activities starting at 10pm on the night of graduation and goes until 2am. Grad Night is a way to provide a safe, fun activity for the night of graduation.
  - Campus Beautification (Kelly Masini) - Planning to focus on some planting areas on the inside of the campus, and on improving the area next to the Art Building that we planted a few years ago. Volunteers needed! Many hands make light work.
  - Stampede (Aine O'Donovan) - Scheduled for May 21, 2022. It's a collaboration between HSC and PAPA, Sports Boosters, and Spirit Boosters. Any profit is divided equally between all four boosters groups. It's a fun run that is open to everyone, the entire community. It makes a loop on the roads going around the high school. We'll need volunteers to help with looking for sponsors, putting up flyers etc, and we will need lots of volunteers on the day of the event.
  - Club Support (Anne Haro) - This committee supports the student clubs. This is a relatively new committee that we started last year, to help the clubs gain more influence and attract more members. Works together with Leigh's Activity Director and with the ASB officers. She will have more information next time about their specific plans for 2021-22.
  - Photographer (Monica Fang isn't present, but Susan Smith gave a brief update) - We have a photographer this year, Monica Fang. She'll be taking pictures at events.
8. August Newsletter (Amy Gardner) - She's working on the August newsletter and it's going out soon. On the HSC website, there's a newsletter archive where you can read past issues, in case you miss a newsletter.
9. Approve May 2021 HSC Meeting Minutes
- Amy Gardner made a motion to approve the May 2021 meeting minutes. Amy Hogg seconded the motion. Motion passed with 90% approving and 10% abstaining.
10. Meeting Adjourned 8:37 pm