

Leigh Home and School Club

Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

October 18th, 2021

1. Welcome 7:00pm (Susan Smith)
2. Community Updates
 - Principal (Mrs. Butler)
 - i. This Wednesday, Leigh will be undergoing an evaluation by The Education Trust-West, a nonprofit that is working with CUHSD to study ways to close opportunity gaps for students in our district and make sure that all students have equitable access to a high school experience that prepares them for college and careers. They will be talking to various groups including students, parents, and school staff. Each high school in the district will be evaluated and we will receive a report back.
 - ii. Our Homework Center is moving to the library. Some teachers have signed up to supervise it, and we hope more students will take advantage of this opportunity now that it's more centrally located.
 - iii. Intervention Tutorial starts this week for students who had a D or F on their report card. This will provide extra, small-group support for those students.
 - iv. Paper Tutoring and Homework Support Center info: <https://leigh.cuhsd.org/apps/pages/AcademicSupport>
 - v. Gretchen Gabriel asked if there was any update about the gas leak at the pool, which has caused water polo to have to practice at Del Mar. Ms. Butler said contractors have been called to repair two valves and they will come out within a few days.
 - Teacher Rep (Ms. Smiley)
 - i. During this week's site Collaboration Day, the teachers will be receiving training on Mental Health Supports and Tier 1 interventions.
 - ii. Run-Hide-Defend Drill occurred in early October, and Earthquake Drill is coming up.
 - iii. The Bell Schedule Committee is preparing surveys to go out to parents and students about their preferred bell schedule for next year.
 - iv. Teachers are preparing for the Halloween Photo Competition.
 - v. If you'd like information about teachers' perspective on the contract negotiations with the district, the teacher's union website www.CHSTA.net has some information.

- vi. For more information see her written report:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rQLK3tGN6YEJks_LtXCxUydMv9-Z1GUZO7dueKU7gY8/edit
- Student Rep (ASB Exec. Board Rep: Isabela Maldaner)
 - i. Last week was Homecoming Week. Each day of the week was a different Spirit Day, followed by the Homecoming Game Friday night 10/15 and Homecoming Dance Saturday night 10/16.
 - ii. October is LGBTQ+ History Month.
 - iii. Each class (freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors) is planning a class fundraiser.
 - iv. Ms. Marcuccillo (the Leigh Activities Director) added that Leigh is planning a staff basketball game with Leigh teachers vs Branham teacher on November 3 after school. That's the same week of the Leigh-Branham student football game (Nov 5).
- HSC District Rep, Facilities (Tamara Strachman)
 - i. Tamara wasn't able to attend the last HSC District Rep, Facilities meeting, so doesn't have anything to report this month.
- HSC District Rep, Finance (Doug Evans)
 - i. The HSC district Finance group meetings are mostly HSC reps, district finance staff, and anyone else who wishes to attend.
 - ii. For details, see his written report:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1P8l655l2KW5lGrIk42ttotvte-AlopDy/viw?usp=sharing>
- College & Career Center (CCC) (Ms. Goricanec)
 - i. Seniors are attending college rep visits, but hardly any juniors have been attending. Please encourage your juniors to attend. There's a different college rep at Leigh most days during lunch.
 - ii. Seniors were invited to a Wednesday Workshops series. Some of the presentations were recorded and they've been posted on the Leigh website and Canvas for students and parents to watch.
 - iii. CCC volunteers are available at tutorial on Tuesdays and Thursdays to work with students on their college essays.
 - iv. Ms. Goricanec's Friday coffees are still happening.
 - v. Thank you to Aine O'Donovan for updating the CCC website.
 - vi. Calendar of college rep visits:
<https://leigh.cuhsd.org/apps/pages/CollegeRepVisits>
 - vii. Join Remind to get notifications of college rep visits Info here:
<https://leigh.cuhsd.org/apps/pages/CollegeAndCareerPlanning>
 - viii. See Ms. Goricanec's written report for more information:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-POfgRD6zOHtyOM6JaGsPXdt0GmVdof5ZkI9dIO-4dw/edit>
- Boosters - PAPA/Spirit/Sports
 - i. PAPA (Amy Gardner)
 1. We're in the middle of Haunted House right now. It has been awesome so far. The carnival's going well and the actors are doing great. The ticket link is at <https://leighpapa.org/haunted-house/>
 2. This Saturday is the first annual Fall Fest for PAPA: October 23 at 7pm. There will be performances by the various bands, for free. There's also dinner available for purchase; buy your dinner tickets in advance at <https://leighpapa.org/>

3. October 25 is the next PAPA board meeting.
 4. Winter Guard is having its holiday evergreen fundraiser. To purchase wreaths, centerpieces and garlands, go to <https://leighpapa.org/> and click "Fundraisers."
 5. The Mattress Fundraiser will be February 26, 2022.
 6. The Rummage Sale last month brought in over \$9500 for performing arts.
 7. If you want to volunteer at the Haunted House, we need more volunteers: https://leighpapa.ivolunteer.com/haunt_2021
- ii. Sports Boosters (Jennifer Lipscomb)
1. Fall sports are in full swing and it's been great to see all the athletes out there supporting each other.
 2. Send Leigh sports pictures to Jennifer Lipscomb for social media. You can email them to her at asbcpresident@leighhsc.org. We want to make sure all sports are represented, but we need your pictures.
 3. Snack Shack has been wildly successful at the football games this fall. This is a major fundraiser for Sports Boosters. They can use more volunteers for the Snack Shack. Email Jennifer if you'd like to volunteer: asbcpresident@leighhsc.org
 4. Leigh boosters apparel is for sale. Email asbcpresident@leighhsc.org to find out how to purchase apparel.
 5. Check out the Sports Boosters website: <http://leighsportsboosters.org/>
And social media accounts:
<https://www.facebook.com/leighsportsboosters>
https://www.instagram.com/leigh_sports_boosters/
3. HSC President Update (Susan Smith)
- Susan attended the monthly Presidents Council meeting, which is a meeting of all the HSC/PTA presidents in the district, plus several CUHSD employees. At that meeting, Dr. Bravo (district superintendent) emphasized that no districts in the Bay Area have been using COVID funds for athletics, as far as he knows; and he emphasized that our COVID funds were spent on school supplies, tutoring, and other things that were not sports related; Dr. Bravo was concerned because there have been stories in the media about schools in other states using COVID funds to pay for school sports.
 - Last month at the HSC meeting there was discussion about a grant application from the AVID teacher to pay for one college application fee for each AVID senior. At that meeting, parents expressed concern that perhaps many AVID students didn't need assistance with their college application fees, but parents instead expressed support for the idea of giving need-based funds to students who can't afford college application fees. After the meeting, Susan talked with the Leigh administration and found out there is also a fee-waiver process as part of the college application process. However, HSC could help pay for some college application fees for students who need assistance and aren't eligible for a college application fee waiver.
 - Motion by Ashleigh Coffeng: To provide college application fee scholarships of up to \$140 per student to help cover their college application fees. Kerry Haywood

seconded the motion. Motion passed with 21 people approving, 1 opposing, and 1 abstaining.

- HSC very recently received a large stock donation, which will net us about \$22,000 after the stock is sold. (The stock gets sold before it comes to us.) Amy Hogg will talk more about this, but Susan wanted to say we are extremely grateful. At a future meeting we will discuss how best to use those funds.

4. HSC Finances

- Treasurer Report and Annual Giving Drive Update (Amy Hogg)
 - i. We have a total cash balance of about \$117,000.
 - ii. Incoming funds since the last meeting were about \$38,000. We brought in about \$10,000 from the Annual Giving Drive, and about \$5,000 from corporate matching. We also received a stock donation of \$22,000+.
 - iii. For complete details, see her written report:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vJUbbYF0IPzS5vFkqFI3I6bAEQvGpgY2>
 - iv. Ms. Goricanec noted that if anyone would like to donate stock, there is a big tax break for donating stock instead of cash. Explanation of the Tax Incentive for stock donations (the video was made by a PAPA parent, but the concept is the same for HSC stock donations):
<https://youtu.be/DWLiaG-olfo>
- Present & approve staff grant requests (Ashleigh Coffeng)
 - i. New grant requests:
 1. AP Gov & Sociology (Ms. Tanner), for her annual hot cocoa for finals day. She will send the kids home with hot cocoa this year, rather than having it in class for COVID reason. She requests \$30-\$50.
 2. AP Gov (Ms. Tanner), for \$20 for sticker paper to make bumper stickers about interest groups.
 3. Science Olympiad (Ms. Stephenson), \$700 for the registration fee for two teams to compete at regionals (\$350 per team). They have not had time to get organized yet this year to do any fundraising, although they did do a DonorsChoose fundraiser to raise money from parents last year so they have funds to purchase their supplies; they just need help with the registration fee. They have been spending a lot of time just rebuilding the Science Olympiad club membership after it dropped off last year during COVID, so they haven't had time to do any fundraising yet.
 4. Spanish and French (Mr. Keck), \$610.37 to buy magazines in Spanish and French for the students. He keeps the magazines available for students to read in their free time if they finish tests or assignments early.
 - ii. Alexis Hoekstra made a motion to approve the 4 new grant requests. Amy Hogg seconded the motion. Motion passed with 23 approving, 0 opposing, and 1 abstaining.

5. HSC Committee Updates

- Mental Health & Wellness / Wellness Center (Kristin Welter)

- i. The Mental Health & Wellness Committee has bought all the furniture for the Wellness Center, so now they're going to go in and clean and paint the room. It's room 29. Then they'll work on a plan for staffing.
 - o Campus Beautification (Ashleigh Coffeng)
 - i. Last Saturday 10/16 was a campus beautification day. We had a lot of volunteers, both parents and students. They planted some areas around the main office, adding to what the district had already done. They also did a lot of weeding near the art wing, along Los Gatos-Almaden Road, and watered and put in some new plants. They also did some work cleaning up areas in the quad, and planted two new trees in the area where you walk out of the quad by the football field. They also did some work near the music room. And they did a lot of mulching; the district paid for mulching. And the committee is looking at putting up the Longhorns in the quad again.
 - o Staff Appreciation (Alexis Hoekstra)
 - i. The Staff Appreciation Committee will give small gifts to all the staff toward the end of this month, as this month's staff appreciation activity. Next month there will be a lunch.
- 6. HSC October Newsletter (Amy Gardner)
 - o Amy asked the Campus Beautification Committee to send her photos of Campus Beautification Day for the HSC newsletter.
- 7. Approve [September 2021 Meeting Minutes](#)
 - o Gretchen Gabriel made a motion to approve the September 2021 meeting minutes.
 - o Motion was seconded by Doug Evans.
 - o Motion passed to approve the minutes. 18 approved, 0 opposed, 1 abstained.
- 8. Meeting Adjourned at 8:33pm.