

Leigh Home and School Club

Board Meeting

Minutes

February 28th, 2022

1. Welcome 7:03pm
 - Good and welfare: If you're interested in joining a Leigh families Facebook group, you can find it by searching for "Leigh High School Parent & Families".
2. Community Updates
 - Principal (Mrs. Butler)
 - i. Leigh's cheerleaders won two CCS championships: in the Cheer category and also in the Game Day: Chant category.
 - ii. Girls soccer is still in the running for CCS. Leigh is hosting the next level of CCS at 5pm on March 1.
 - iii. Boys basketball is also still in the running for CCS.
 - iv. Our Science Olympiad teams will be competing this week.
 - v. Our band competed last week and came in second in their competition.
 - vi. The CUHSD Parent Survey is still open through this evening. Please take the survey if you haven't already.
 - vii. We are in the throes of scheduling for next year.
 - viii. Still working on the bell schedule for next year, narrowing down options. A new survey on the narrowed-down options will go out to parents and staff soon. It looks like we'll probably stay with the A/B schedule. Still under consideration: how many zero periods vs 7th periods will be offered. The bell schedule committee's goal is to have all plans for next year's bell schedule finalized before spring break.
 - ix. Next year (2022-23) will be Leigh's 60th anniversary. Leigh opened in 1962 and the first graduating class was 1963. There will be a celebration of this at the Homecoming football game in the fall. There will be a special barbecue before the game and we'll do something to celebrate at the game.
 - x. Alexis Hoekstra asked if the rumor that after-school sports won't start until 4pm next year, is true? Mrs. Butler said that's still TBD, depending on when the school day ends. BVAL will make the decisions about game times, and Leigh will make the decision about practices.
 - Teacher Rep (No teacher report - Ms. Smiley not present this evening)
 - Student Rep (ASB Exec. Board: Mrs. Marcucillo gave the report tonight)
 - i. The leadership class organized activities for Lunar New Year.

- ii. There was a Valentine's Day dance on Feb. 14, and there was a spirit day the day before February break started.
 - iii. Wrapping up Black History Month activities.
 - iv. There will be a dance on March 25 with a Carnival theme, probably on the blacktop. There will be carnival games.
 - v. This week are the interviews for next year's leadership class. More than 100 students have applied.
 - vi. Mrs. Marcucillo encourages everyone to sign up for Relay for Life.
 - vii. Michael De Leon will return in April to speak to an assembly about drug abuse and its consequences, and will do a parent information night the night before. He spoke to the freshmen and sophomores in January, and will speak to the juniors and seniors in April. There will be a different April speaker for the freshmen and sophomores.
- College & Career Center (Ms. Goricanec)
 - i. After a very successful first edition in February 2020, and a 'short' break, the CCC is delighted to announce the 2nd annual Career Fair which will take place on Thursday April 14th from noon until 2:00pm. We are looking for parents, relatives and community members who would be willing to hold a booth/table to present their career to the Leigh students. No formal presentation required, just be willing to share with students, in a small setting, what you do and how you got there. We welcome anyone willing to talk about their current or past careers! If you are interested, please sign-up here:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe5byoFngLhYAo5Yy39O4DXJqHjsbQrPWinBv7twQHOOI90zQ/viewform>
 Students who've come to past career fairs have been very engaged. We don't have a lot of parents/grandparents signed up this time, so we need more volunteers! Various professions and trades will be represented at the Career Fair.
- Boosters - PAPA/Sports
 - i. Spirit (not here this evening)
 - ii. PAPA (Amy Gardner)
 - 1. Mattress Sale was held last weekend to benefit Winter Guard.
 - 2. Tickets for the spring play, "Of Mice and Men," go on sale March 6. Performances will be in late March in the new black box theater in the theater classroom.
 - 3. Spring musical, "The Drowsy Chaperone," will be performed in late April. Tickets will be available in late March or early April.
 - iii. Sports Boosters (Jennifer Lipscomb)
 - 1. Spring season is up and running.
 - 2. Next Sports Boosters meeting is Monday, March 7 at 7pm in Room 1. Everyone is welcome, please attend.
 - 3. Sports Boosters has decided to fund a Strength and Conditioning Coach, who will be available to work with all of our sports teams.
 - 4. Sports Boosters is looking for board members for next year, and also looking for someone who'd like to learn to run the Snack Shack; they will be able to shadow the current Snack Shack lead next year to learn how.

3. HSC President Update (Susan Smith)

- Our CUHDS Board Buddy (the board rep assigned to come to our HSC meetings) resigned from the school board, so we don't currently have a board buddy. The empty seat will be filled in the elections in November, but they are looking for someone to volunteer to fill that seat on the board in the interim.
- HSC is looking for board and committee members for next year. Several current board and committee members are graduating out, so we need replacement. Please email president@hsc.org if you're interested.
- Mrs. Butler spoke about priorities for funding, to give HSC some ideas of projects that might be an appropriate use for the large anonymous donations we've received. We've received about \$23,000 in large, anonymous donations, and also our Annual Giving Drive is over budget for the year by about \$33,000.
 - i. One possibility is a large sail-like cover to shade part of the quad. She is looking into having one installed and it will cost \$60-\$70K, if HSC would like to cover part of that.
 - ii. The science departments always need lab equipment, both consumables and permanent equipment (since some of the permanent equipment is delicate and sometimes gets broken by students); cost for the entire science department's equipment wish list is about \$7,000.
 - iii. Activities during lunch and at dances. Leigh would like to add additional activities to dances to encourage students to attend who might not be interested in dancing; they would like to buy some high-quality lawn games that can be used over and over again.
 - iv. New/improved sound system with a high-quality wireless microphone, for the gymnasium. Could be used for rallies, assembly speakers, P.E., etc. Cost would be about \$500.
 - v. Bulletin boards around campus: Some are worn out or damaged, and it would cost about \$300 total to replace them with new ones.
 - vi. Math department is in need of more graphing calculators, since now all students are required to take at least three years of math. Would like to purchase a class set of 32 calculators, for a cost of about \$4,000.
 - vii. Our bowl doesn't have speakers on the visitors side, so we would like to get those, so our visitors can clearly hear announcements at the games, and so everyone can hear at graduation no matter where they're sitting. Mrs. Butler is currently seeking quotes for this, and she doesn't have an exact figure yet, but she guesses the cost will be about \$5,000.
- Parents discussed their thoughts about the priorities. We aren't voting on it tonight, but if you have more feedback please email president@leighhsc.org. We want to get as much feedback as we can, before we decide what to do.

4. HSC Committee Updates

- Wellness Center (Kristin Welter)
 - i. Kristin is almost finished shopping for items for the Wellness Center.
 - ii. Aine just sent out an email to parents telling them about the Wellness Center and reminding them that it's open.
 - iii. The Wellness Coordinator reports that the number of students using the Wellness Center was right on target for our first month. The total number using it in the past month is 54 students. They're averaging about 2-8 students per day. Most students are coming in for a short break, but 9% needed immediate help for a crisis situation. 37% were 9th graders, 28%

were 10th graders, 24% 11th graders, 9% 12th graders. Common reasons to use the wellness center were stress, family/relationship issues, and grief.

- iv. Current focus is on spreading awareness of the Welcome Center among students. Also on psychosocial education, via a Wellness Center newsletter and other avenues.
- v. A Hickleebee's wish list is available for anyone who wants to purchase books for the Wellness Center:
<https://www.hicklebees.com/wishlist/1187>
or go to <https://leigh.cuhsd.org/apps/pages/SupportWellnessCenter>
- vi. Here's more information about the Wellness Center:
<https://conta.cc/3tewAlr>
- Stampede 5K Run/Walk (Aine O'Donovan)
 - i. Thank you to everyone who's signed up so far. Early bird ticket prices are still available, but prices will be going up soon.
Thanks to Amy Gardner for a great poster/flyer design.
 - ii. We need more volunteers to put up flyers.
 - iii. We also need more sponsors.
 - iv. Here's the link to sign up and to volunteer and for more information:
<https://leighhsc.org/stampede/>
- Staff Appreciation (Alexis Hoesktra)
 - i. The February staff appreciation event was a Baked Potato Bar with a Valentine's theme on February 18, the day before break. The next food-related staff appreciation will be in April; theme is TBD.
 - ii. In March and May there will probably be some kind of little gift in the staff's mailboxes, and in June there will be a catered lunch.
- Campus Beautification (Ashleigh Coffeng)
 - i. The campus beautification committee is talking with Mrs. Butler about what the needs are. At the next HSC meeting they will announce the date of the next campus beautification event, which will be scheduled for sometime after spring break.

5. HSC Finances

- Treasurer Report (Amy Hogg)
 - i. We have a total cash balance of \$155,771.63. For details, see the her report:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Y6uN4-SRRz8SuOrduBnRaLR_y/BFKFT
 - ii. Here's how to purchase a yard sign for your senior:
<https://leighhsc.org/yardsigns/>
 - iii. Here's how to purchase Grad Night tickets:
<https://leighhsc.org/gradnight/>
- Present & approve staff grant requests (Ashleigh Coffeng)
 - i. We had approved a grant for \$450 to buy scientific calculators for Ms. Pantoja's class, but it turns out she doesn't need it because there was money in the science department budget already, so HSC didn't give her that money after all.
 - ii. Ms. Tanner is requesting \$200 plus tax and shipping to buy colorful sociology wall posters for the Sociology class. Ashleigh went online to

look at the posters and it seems like tax and shipping are included, so the need might be just for \$200.

- iii. Ashleigh Coffeng made a motion to approve the \$200 staff grant for Ms. Tanner. Susan Dahl seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- iv. We currently have \$2,989 remaining in the Staff Grants budget for this school year. Ashleigh said she wanted to point out that we have this money left so if we end up being able to purchase the graphing calculators that Mrs. Butler mentioned earlier this evening, some of that money could potentially come from the Staff Grants budget.

6. HSC February Newsletter (Amy Gardner)

- The February HSC newsletter will go out in early March, since our HSC meeting was on February 28.
- We will need a new HSC newsletter volunteer for next year, since Amy's two seniors are graduating.

7. Approve January 2022 Meeting Minutes

- Susan Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.
- Amy Gardner seconded the motion.
- Motion passed with 93% approving, and 7% abstaining.

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.