

## Leigh HSC Meeting

August 28, 2023

7:00pm

1) **Welcome/Introductions** - HSC Co-president Kerry Haywood welcomed everyone. Attendees were encouraged to share their positive experiences about Leigh so far this school year. Attendees introduced themselves and their connection to Leigh including their students and roles. Approximately 30 people attended.

### 2) COMMUNITY UPDATES:

**Principal Wall:** Mr. Wall welcomed everyone and said today is day 9 of this school year. Leigh has nine new teachers, a new counselor and a new social worker. He organized a scavenger hunt at the first staff meeting this year, which was fun and well received. First week festivities for students included a balloon arch, welcome back rally and a BTS dance where over 700 students attended. APs did their grade level presentations this week. Enrollment is steady. BTS night is this Thursday.

**Teacher Rep:** Ms. Smiley - not present

**Student Rep:** The ASB team worked hard for a festive back to school - balloon arch and many posters. All ASB packages were delivered before the start of school. BTS dance and rally took place on the first Friday. Lots of hype/excitement. Ice cream & pizza were much enjoyed. The first football game held last Thursday was the "green game" which offers a focus on mental health. They are trying to improve the communications/newsletter. Outreach made new posters for the 11 new staff members' classroom doors. Club meeting was last week & the club senate will be 9/6 to prepare for the student club fair on 9/15 in the quad.

**District Rep:** James Kim is our new District representative from Campbell Union High School District. He reported the school board meetings are held on Thursdays every two weeks. Any of the trustees can be reached by email. Trustees are here to listen to parent concerns and provide support. He reported that the facilities bond is coming to an end and they will be looking toward the next steps. An equity study is almost complete.

**College & Career Center:** Natalie Goricanec gave an update. She held a camp to kick off the college application process. College night at Leigh is next Thursday, 9/7. There is a pre-session for first generation college applicants. Fair is geared for Juniors and Seniors, but anyone is welcome. The District college fair is 9/19 with 70 representatives committed. C&C Center focus for the fall is college, career/vocation focus is in the spring. Every Friday from 1-pm there is coffee & cookies with Natalie for parents. (No students)

**PAPAs:** Art Singer, President reported. He is a first time Leigh parent/President. PAPAS is doing a lot of fundraising to support the great arts at Leigh. They currently need help with operations and finance. Large rummage sale is coming on 9/9. They need donations dropped off on the 8th. There is a list of acceptable items on the website. This time of year is marching band season. Main fundraiser is the Haunted House and they have already started construction. It runs three weekends in October. It also funds CTE.

**Spirit Boosters:** (not present) A parent reported that Sideline & Comp cheer has started.

**Sports Boosters:** Maureen Currie, SB President reported that they had their first meeting of the year. Budget was voted on. Snack shack, the main fundraiser, has 6 home games this year. Donation drive is going on right now with incentives like yard signs, shirts, etc. Fall sports are in full swing. Pre-season games have begun.

3) **HSC goals and objectives** for 2023-2024 were reviewed by the HSC Co-President, Kerry Haywood. Slides available. Link: [HSC Goals & Objectives](#).

4) **Open board positions** were listed and voted on: VP Andrei Iancu and Auditor Jo Spehar. Nomination was made by Susan Smith. 2nd made by Alexis Hoekstra. All votes Ayes. (No abstentions/nays.) Motion passed.

#### 5) **HSC Budget**

Presentation by HSC treasurer, Pam Reynolds. Link for this year's budget is: [budget for 2023-24](#). A question was asked about reserves. Response was that there are many outstanding things from last year that prevent an accurate answer. Motion made by Susan Smith to approve the budget, 2nd made by Natalie Goricanec. One abstention, no Nays. Rest Ayes. Budget passed.

Mr. Wall made a proposal to replace the letters in the quad that say "Leigh Longhorns." Current ones are worn out and both 'L's were stolen this summer. \$2000 will be used from campus beautification leftover. Asking for \$3903.13. Kerry suggested taking money from campus beautification & part from grants. Motion for approval made by Alexis Hoekstra to make the sign. 2nd made by Mary Ellen Poirier. One nay. No abstentions. Motion passed. Discussion ensued about the colors and possibly adding a background color to the proposed sign to make the letters 'pop' more like the Westmont sign.

Grant Requests - 1) Health office requested a countertop ice machine for emergency/injury ice packs. A short discussion ensued about the D.O. possibly providing for the medical needs of students, the reliability of the product, and the possibility of using better ice packs instead. More information is needed before this request can be approved. 2) CTE calculators for the accounting class. Motion made by Jen Fosco to approve the calculator grant. 2nd made by Maureen Currie. One Nay vote. The rest Ayes. Motion passed.

Pam did a short report on the current budget, including reserves being held for items already earmarked. Natalie asked about how to secure grants for the college students who can't afford their applications. She has personally paid for them in the past. It is unclear how many there might be this year. A parent offered to help fundraise. It was suggested the Community Liaison would have knowledge of families who need assistance. HSC will discuss offline how to get this need met and report back.

**Grad Night 2024:** Kris Suzuki reported that the SC Boardwalk and buses are booked. Buses Graduation/grad night is 6/6/24.

**Communications:** Mindy Chan & Aine O'Donovan are doing the HSC newsletter and are looking for more volunteers to help with the website, communications and other tasks. Mindy is a new helper and this is Aine's last year at Leigh. The HSC newsletter goes out a few days after the meeting.

8) **Approve May 2023 HSC Meeting minutes:** Alexis Hoekstra made a motion. Natalie Goricanec made a 2nd. People who were at the May meeting voted to approve. Quorum reached. (Non-attendees abstained. No nays.)

A thank you was offered to Aine for all her help with problem solving issues this week and as the school year got started.

6) **Back to School Night** is Thursday, 8/31 - 6:00-8:00. Band and cheer will be there and Mr. Wall will do a welcome before parents head to the classrooms.

## 7) HSC COMMITTEE UPDATES:

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Ann Haro, the new volunteer coordinator introduced herself and reported that there are 30 sign ups for volunteers so far this year. She will continue to ask for help in the newsletter. Main positions needed now are: Corresponding Secretary (mostly donation receipts), Communications/Tech Support & Campus Beautification Lead. (All positions can be shared)

**Staff Appreciation:** Alexis Hoekstra & Amanda Bierly (not present). Alexis presented photos of recent offerings, including cups for the new teachers & a homemade breakfast. Next day is 9/14. Meal every other month. Other months they are doing a little gift/treat. They ask for donations to help with things they offer and parents can sign up.

**Mental Health & Wellness:** Committee rep not present.

Wellness center opened last year & is open to students for services every day. Committee rep not present.

**Campus Beautification:** There are volunteers signed up for this committee, but we are currently looking for a lead, or co-leads.

**Stampede:** Aine O'Donovan reported that the Stampede will be held May 11, 2024. Work for this event starts now and takes a large team. Opportunities are there for any type of help people are willing to give.