

Leigh HSC Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2024

7:00pm

- 1) **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS** Kerry Haywood, Co-President called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Kerry asked for introductions and positive comments from attendees. Some comments were shared and then each attendee introduced themselves and their role at Leigh. Approximately twenty people were in attendance.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF November 27, 2023 MINUTES** Motion made to approve minutes made by Maureen, seconded by Natalie. Motion passed.
- 3) **COMMUNITY UPDATES**

Principal Wall: Mr. Wall shared the fall semester grade data, which was in the latest school bulletin. It shows increased grade success percentages across all student categories. Staff reviewed the performance data at the latest collaboration days. The counselors recently worked hard to present a professional development session on strategies to work with students that are managing anxiety and focus. The football stadium lights were replaced and look very clear and bright. The stadium entrance sign will be replaced with a new design and will be installed later this Spring. Over the holiday break, about half the security cameras were updated. Kitchen update is moving forward and will open next fall. 24/25 Programming has begun. Leigh will be hosting the CUHSD wide Professional Development day on 1/31.

Teacher Rep: Ms. Smiley reported on spirit week - Wacky Winter Week - teachers dressed like students one day. Please tell your student that the course information sessions are going on. Teacher highlights included: 3D design made cups and drank hot chocolate out of them, Psychology students are making bracelets, Foods is having a Friday kitchen where they are making food for teachers, and they are also hosting a Jr. Chef Competition. 17 Leigh students recently went on the Close Up Washington DC trip and watched voting on the Senate floor.

Student Rep: No student present/no report sent. Mr. Wall reported that the Winter Ball was a huge success with very positive feedback and over 900 students attending.

District Board Trustee: James Kim gave an update on facilities. He reviewed the Measure AA Facilities projects, which are rated with stars depending on need and cost. The AA bond has about 30 million dollars remaining. A map of the 20-year facilities plan for improvements at Leigh was shown. An assessment was done of each high school and staff were consulted to help develop goals/needs. Mr. Wall spoke to this. A more detailed description of the plan can be found on the CUHSD website. The board is considering putting a bond on the next ballot. Looking for volunteers for a parent committee to help put the Measure on the ballot. Bonds require 55% votes to pass.

College & Career Center (CCC) - Ms. Goricanec reported the busy season of college applications declined with the November 30th, state college deadline. In December, the focus was on essay reviews for private colleges and helping students before the break.

In January, CCC Nathalie hosted an event for current Leigh students to talk with recent Leigh alumni regarding life and college after high school. HSC provided refreshments. Last week Nathalie had a college readiness night. Although it is for Jr. parents, others are encouraged to attend because it is good to hear the information more than one time. After a lot of preparation and cooperation from staff, the SAT will be given on April 19th. It is open to Juniors only. A parent thanked Nathalie for getting this opportunity for Leigh students. There is an issue with the FAFSA date requirement and also possibly an issue with the software. Nathalie is looking into it.

PAPAS: Not present. Kerry read a report. The Crab Feed is on February 3rd. The annual mattress sale will be in April. Spring play is Video Mania and will be in March. Auditions have taken place. A Spring Musical will be in April. Winter Percussion and Color Guard are developing their shows and fundraising. Detailed information about all of these events is available on the PAPAS website.

Spirit Boosters: Not present/no report. Cheer team is competing in Nationals this week.
Sports Boosters (SB): John Hart reported that Winter sports are wrapping up. Girls/Boys soccer are currently in 1st place. Spring sports start 1/31. SB is pushing merchandise. Funds are low at this time. Sponsoring a Spirit Night February 13 at Chick Fil A. ASB helped with advertising and they recorded a video for the fundraiser and posted it on YouTube.

4) **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Pam gave a budget update which included this report:

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Kerry Haywood and Pam stated that they wanted to clarify where from the budget the funds came from for the Leigh letters approved in the August & September HSC meetings. Due to a couple of questions, Pam will provide the funding amount to the Executive Committee for final reporting.

5) **GRANTS:** Andrei presented Five staff grants, all which were approved. There was much discussion around approval, including what HSC has paid for in the past, supplies that should be covered, etc. It was mentioned that HSC has always supported academic clubs. Shirts now qualify as a 'gift' and can no longer be paid for by the district. Time of meals provided to staff matters for reimbursement. General discussion was in favor of always trying to support teachers/staff. Details as follows:

- Physics Olympiad - Tournament fees of \$219.00. Motion made by Kerry, 2nd by Susan. Motion passed.
- SPED Therapeutic Classroom - fish tank/supplies totalling \$150. Motion made by Natalie, Jen 2nd. Motion passed.
- Robotics Club parts/materials \$500 (up to \$500 to be used on materials, not to be used on refreshments) Andrei made a motion to approve up to \$500 for materials only. Kerry 2nd. Motion passed.
- History/SS Department Collab Day T Shirts totalling \$853.13. - This is a one-time approval to help a teacher. The teacher received a purchase order approval from the district office (DO). She then pre-paid for this item and went to DO for reimbursement. Due to a change in policy between receiving the PO and paying

for the product she became ineligible for reimbursement. Motion made by Jen as a one-time expense to support a teacher, 2nd by Susan. Motion passed.

- Staff Lunch Provided by Mr. Wall- \$1276.95. Because of a regulation about the time he provided food to staff, Mr. Wall was not able to be reimbursed by the D.O. After discussion of the staff grant request, a decision was made to have the funds covered by Hospitality. No motion was made and no money was used from staff grant funds.

6) HSC COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Volunteer Opportunities - Anne Haro reported that there are three leads for Campus Beautification and they will soon begin to plan projects, including a spring clean day.

Staff Appreciation: Alexis reported that they had a bagel snack day. They have treats coming and then another luncheon. Both volunteers will not be continuing in their roles. Therefore there is a need to find a new lead(s) for the hospitality team next year.

Mental Health & Wellness: Mr. Wall reported that they hired a new specialist and she is moving through the fingerprinting process. The old CCC has been repurposed for a crisis space, hopefully with therapy rooms in the future.

Stampede: (May 18, 2024) - Aine reported that they are almost ready to launch the registration. Website is complete. They need more team members for tasks and about 150 volunteers the day of the event.

Grad Night 2024: Grad night flier is out in the bulletin and has all the details. Tickets are on sale now. (\$160) They need volunteers to chaperone the night of. Grad night signs are also on sale.

Communications: No report.

Presidents' Council: Nothing new to report since December.

7) Old Business - None

Next meeting 2/26.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm