

Hall PTA Board Meeting

Larkspur Rec Center
240 Doherty Drive
Larkspur, CA 94939
December 3, 2024

- A. Meeting called to order at 8:33am.
- B. Attendees:
- C. Gratitudes/Questions: Jeannie and Erin pulled together a gratitude gift for teachers (sweatshirts) very quickly; First trimester grades went out: teachers' comments are generic and not personalized/more of a high school report card
- D. Dr. Brown
 - a. 6th graders have moved from Design to Speech. Speech competition coming up.
 - b. Mathlete and Spelling Bee competitions coming up in January. Hosting Math at Hall in the library. Every student participates in the Spelling Bee.
 - c. Leadership Spirit Days were a success.
 - d. Ability Awareness: Meeting coming up on 12/12.
 - e. Excellence in Learning: Social Justice Lesson #4.
 - f. Basketball season starting
 - g. Two band concerts coming up. 12/16 and 12/17.
 - h. Early day on 12/20.
 - i. Safety Task Force Meeting: new panel doors going in at the front of the schools for buzzer entry. Waiting to hear if we will receive the grant for the next three years. Meeting Wednesday at 3:30pm in room 401.
 - j. Revisiting TK conversation on 12/18.
 - k. Still giving tours – twice a month in the new year.
 - l. 7th Grade Dance is on Friday.
 - m. Graduation will be on Wednesday 6/11 at 4pm.
 - n. There was a pulse survey included with report cards. A lot of parents missed it so will resend separately.
- E. Co-Presidents
 - a. Website input is being incorporated. Will launch soon.
 - b. DLA Meeting: honing in on budgets in January to see what PTA can support. District has March 15th deadline to solidify what they have to support. Need to figure out our ask for next year.
 - i. We will not gift the sports going forward. Up until two years ago, players' families gave \$60 per sport. No stipends for parent coaches this year.
 - c. Start thinking about PTA roles for next year.
- F. Teacher Rep
 - a. Fine-tuning grading via Aeries. Stressful first experience but hoping it gets easier going forward. Teachers found that grades were getting cut off.
 - i. Possible collaboration with other middle schools using Aeries?
- G. Treasurer
 - a. Lara will send out a budget to actuals by the end of the week. Would have to go in to RevTrak to distinguish transactions/deposits.
- H. Historian
 - a. Keep track of how many hours you are putting in to your PTA role. Historian would need this information at the end of the year.
- I. Hospitality

- a. Should be able to hand out gratitude gifts by 12/16. Kim to send out another Parent Square asking for donations this week.
 - b. Sign-up Genius going out this week to bring in food and goodies to staff lounge. Teachers will receive gifts then.
- J. Membership
 - a. One more push in January.
 - b. Received an award for sending in our membership dues.
 - c. Will look at language more closely when sending out asks next year according to new laws.
- K. Parliamentary
 - a. Let's not forget 7th period at Hall. How do we keep it on the radar? We miss the enrichment students had/didn't have to decide between a language and an art.
 - i. Amir: he will take this to the Fiscal Advisory Committee. There is a list of things we would contemplate funding if we had reserves or a bump in revenue. We will make the list public.
- L. Programs
 - a. Trying to see if Katia can offer a middle school-only program. Elisa will email Katia directly to ask if she can open her existing programs to 8th graders.
 - b. Golf team: should be a large group of kids this spring. Sign-ups and evaluations in January.
- M. 8th Grade Rep
 - a. Graduation on June 11th.
 - b. Sent out targeted emails for sweatshirts.
 - c. Six Flags: was approximately \$5,700 for buses.
 - d. SPARK Auction from 3/13-3/16. Gala is 3/29 at the Jonas Center. We really need volunteers to solicit auction items from businesses. Tickets to game or vacation home sell best.
- N. Lost and Found
 - a. Five bags donated to the Cerebral Palsy Foundation. Disabled American Veterans is another option.
- O. 7th Grade Rep
 - a. Volunteer hours: St. Vincent de Paul. Campus clean-up is third Wednesday of every month. Next one is 12/11.
- P. Meeting adjourned at 10:30am.