



**LACHSA Parent Association
Board Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2021**

Attendance (via Zoom): Daryl Barbieri, Sharyn Grose, Brendan Schallert, Kim Delgado, Gabriela Patao, Margaret Jacquemin, Erlinda Stiles, Cecile Chiu, Michelle Keller, Esther Ibarra, Dani Klien Modisett, David Schniederman, Michael Schlessinger, Stephanie Obiako, John Lawler (Principal), Margaret Yasuda (LACHSA Foundation), Jeffrey Dollinger (LACHSA Foundation). Absent: Heather Arndt, Novelyn Aquino

I. Welcome – 6:03 pm

- Daryl presided over meeting and began at 6:03 pm.

II. Updates from John Lawler

- No COVID cases this school year. Most students are vaccinated while others are tested. LACHSA continues to follow guidelines.
- First live performance of the school year will be the 64-Hour Film Festival.
 - Largest gathering of the year with 600-700 people. COVID guidelines will be in place requiring proof of vaccination at time of ticket purchase. Health checks and masks will also be required.
 - Looking into event live streaming but probably won't be available for this event.
- Career Technical Education (CTE) will be adding classes (rebrand versions of existing classes) to include discussion on career aspects. CTE generates funds and creates partnership opportunities. LACOE Board in process of approving courses.
- Teachers are being hired to fill vacancies.
 - The current PE substitute is not credentialed. LACHSA is in the process of looking for credentialed PE teachers.

- Hired US History teacher (Was kicked out of Zoom so didn't hear the rest of the information on this. Anything that can be added would be appreciated).
- In preparation for WASC accreditation, LACHSA will turn in self-study report, then a visiting team will come for 3 three days and make a recommendation for length of next accreditation. LACHSA is targeting a 6-year accreditation. The visiting team will conduct parent focus groups as part of the accreditation process.
- Coffee with the Principal is scheduled for next week.

III. Updates from LACHSA Foundation - Jeffrey Dollinger

- Approximately 30% of LACHSA families have made contributions through arts programming or PAB dues.
- Received returning grants from Broccoli Family, \$25K from Hollywood Foreign Press, Caucus of Producers Writers and Directors, and Colburn Foundation with 3 grants totaling \$53K.
- Newest grant from FOX TV in association with Big Leap, dancing competition show premiering Sept 20. LACHSA alumni involved with show.
- As part of 64-Hour Film Festival, student teams act as producers and raise money for the school. They have raised over \$40K in two weeks in support of the cinematic program.
- Fall Foundation fundraising appeal will start in October.
- The Foundation is planning a live event, a Parent Mixer. It will be in an outdoor venue in mid-October with faculty speaking on what they do outside of LACHSA.
- Volunteers needed for events
 - Approx. 6-10 volunteers needed on Sept 24 for the 64-Hour Film Festival. Those interested in volunteering can email Margaret.
 - Volunteers are also needed for check-in at the Parent Mixer event on Oct. 17. It will be an outside event in the courtyard of Terasaki Bodukan in Little Tokyo featuring cocktails, snacks, and faculty speakers. Considering possibility of virtual or live streaming version in addition to the in-person.

IV. Updates from Parent Association – Daryl Barbieri

- Elections for remaining positions are complete. New PAB members are:
 - Cinematic Arts Parent Reps - Dani Klien Modisett and David Schniederman
 - Dance Parent Rep - Stephanie Obiako

- 9th Grade Parent Rep & Shared Decision-Making Committee (SDMC) Rep - Michael Schlessinger
- Daryl will ask John Lawler for permission to send out PAB monthly newsletters since the administrator in charge of distribution is no longer at LACHSA. No newsletter distributed for this month due to volume of LACHSA communications.
- The 2021-22 Reflection and Action Plan / Class of 2022 Survey meeting to be scheduled with Mr. Lawler, Dr. Vartanian, Ms. Spevak and Ms. Flores to discuss feedback. Issues relating to remote learning are no longer an issue, but many issues need attention (guidance counselors, community engagement, etc).
- Future PAB Meetings will remain virtual for the time being. Dates could be rescheduled if possible conflicts. Possible conflict with first meeting 1/10/22 and may be brief or skipped. Let Daryl know if any conflicts with department events.
- LACHSA Website –Looking for someone to facilitate updates of calendar and events.
- Sharyn/Cecile reported that College Fair is scheduled for Fri, Oct 1 & Tue, Oct 5 during advisory periods and Wed, Oct 6 8:30 – 9:30 am for Non-US schools. There is a planned in-person panel for September 29. Close to 90 schools have confirmed so far and will provide Zoom links for students to virtually visit them.
- All-Staff/WASC Meetings / PAB providing refreshments – Esther facilitated using Holy Grounds, a local artist-run coffee shop. Provided coffee, tea, bagels, pastries, and fruit. Teachers gave thank you note. Supplied 1st meeting and maybe will supply once more towards the end of the year.
- Receipts will go out for 64-Hour Film Festival GoFundme's and can request company matching.

IV. Budget Updates – Kim Delgado

- Starting balance \$6,285.53. Total revenue so far is \$15,535.53 (greater amount at this point than in prior years) consisting of \$9,250 in Parent Dues. Total expenses are \$263.69 including teacher appreciation and miscellaneous, leaving a fund balance of \$15,272.14. More parent dues have since been collected.

VI. Committee Updates

- Margaret J. has collected information on scholarship opportunities. Trying to get a page on the college fair website with the scholarship information as resource.
- Communications committee will focus on making sure social media accounts are being managed to market events and other information related to students.

- Liora suggested a kick-off Teacher Appreciation event, a lunch for the teachers before Thanksgiving break. Possibly setup in amphitheatre and inform teachers well in advance so everyone can attend. Being mindful of CalState LA restrictions, lunch will probably be individually plated.

VII. Department / Grade Level Updates – Representatives

- No 9th Grade updates to share yet. New students seem very happy.
- Brendan provided 10th grade updates. PSAT will be Oct 13.
- Kim provided 11th grade updates. Working on getting the test dates for Juniors.
- Daryl provided 12th Grade Updates. She is distributing newsletter focused on college prep.
- Cinematic Arts – Dani/Dave were pleased about teacher involvement in shooting for 64-Hour Festival shooting. Cinema Scare event will happen at end of October, possibly in conjunction with Halls of Horror.
- Dance – Erlinda reported that there were masterclasses during the first week of arts. On Wed will begin celebration of Latinx Heritage Month.
 - Supporting inner city art 10-week program pilot program for grades 6 – 8.
 - Senior photos will be Sept 20-21.
 - Investigated fundraiser for guest artist and fundraising. Daryl will connect with Aimee and another former dance parent on fundraising aspect.
 - Need water donations since no water fountains in place.
- Music – Michele/Cecile reps reported that music students scored films for the 64-Hour Film Festival. There is plans for a 7-day album project. The Saturday department meeting had ~75-80 parents in attendance with 25 signing up for volunteer interest. Tentative holiday concert will be in December.
- Musical Theatre – Gabi reported that water was an issue for the students and asked for water donations, but many parents didn't like the use of plastic water bottles. Water fountains will be fixed in about a month to accommodate filling water bottles. Will have a live event on December 10 & 11, "Beauty & the Beast" with live orchestra most likely outside.
- Theatre - Esther reported that water and packaged snacks were requested for students. The fall play was canceled so focus will be on Halls of Horror on Oct 28, 29, 30. Volunteers will be needed for building sets, tech rehearsal, and during the event. Auditions will be this Wednesday after school.
- No visual arts rep present to report.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:34 pm.