



Lakeside PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: September 18, 2025

Executive Board and Chair Attendees:

VP - Lower School - Kristin Duguid
VP- Upper School - Tanisha Rose
Secretary - Samantha Lienau
Treasury - Angelica Worsham
Communications – Chris Sileo
Fundraising - Nicole Turano
Hospitality - Melissa Dovel
Volunteer Coordinator - Shana Rector
School Events - Lenni Shochat
Membership - Brianna Einhorn
Teacher Events and Fall Fest– Lacy Danielson
Fall Festival - Lacy Danielson
Boosterthon - Karen Albertini
Room Parent Liaison - Jessica Todd
Community Partners - Courtney Van Wickler
Party Events - Melanie Martin

Call meeting to Order: Kristen Duguid

- **Welcome:** Meeting called to order at 8:27am
- **Additional attendance:** See Appendix

Principal Update: Dr. Gates

- Boosterthon
 - Students are very excited; Dr. Gates reported hearing lots of chatter around school
 - Parents are reminded to RSVP with the school for the event if they plan on attending
- Testing
 - Testing continues to be a challenge due to the school's large size
 - There are not enough computers to accommodate all students efficiently
 - Hoping we can raise enough money through booster-thon to purchase 2 computer carts
- School Growth
 - Enrollment has surpassed 1,100 students, which has provided the school with an additional resource teacher
 - A drama program is being added at the elementary level. This teacher has been hired and is being processed through the district now. They will have a classroom in the portables
 - The addition of new electives has had a positive impact on student behavior at the school level, as students are more engaged in classes they enjoy
- Character Counts
 - September's meeting has been rescheduled to October 2nd
- Millage Increase
 - The community voted to approve the increase, which has been very beneficial
 - The school is now fully staffed
 - The district has hired over 30 new bus drivers, made possible by increased wages funded through the millage
- SAC (School Advisory Council)
 - Membership includes 50% teachers and 50% community members
 - SAC receives district funding, which can be used to support student data improvement initiatives
 - Meetings are held monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 3:30 p.m
 - SAC committee is urging parents to attend

President Update: Charles Ramirez

- No update

VP - Lower School Update: Kristin Duguid

- Cards will be created for all staff recognition days this year in coordination with administration
 - An appreciation card was delivered to the IT department

- Proposal for a \$75 membership level allowing parents to contribute financially without other commitments was presented. Vote approved

VP - Upper School's Update: Tanisha Rose

- No Update

Treasurer Update: Angelica Worsham

- Teacher Mini Grants
 - \$100 mini-grants offered to supplement classroom resources.
 - Ten teachers have applied so far
 - Vote to approve all 10 was approved
- Budget for School Food Bank
 - Counselors have been preparing food bags for students in need, with some funding already provided by the school and additional district programs
 - PTO will add \$500 to the annual budget for this program
 - Sponsorship opportunities will be included when contacting grocery stores. Mr. Pieretto will coordinate efforts
 - PTO will also support the Angel Tree program for families during the holidays.
 - Budget item approved
- State of the Bank - August
 - Starting Balance: \$32,748.51
 - Income: \$23,162.91
 - Expenses: \$4,176.70
 - Ending Balance: \$51,734.72

Secretary Update: Samantha Lienau

- No Update

Committee Chair Updates:

Communication Update: Chris Sileo

- Website remains active; new pages being added for Fall Festival, Boosterthon, and technical updates
- Facebook posts continue regularly, including sponsor highlights, event notices, and membership drives
- Newsletter has been started, with the first issue going out next week. Contributions requested this week

Fundraising Update: Nicole Turano

Fundraising – Nicole Turano

- Playa Bowls Fundraiser: September 29, 20% of sales from noon–close.
- Upcoming Fundraisers - In planning state:
 - Chipotle – October (date TBD)
 - Iceman Event – Saturday, January 24
 - Jumbo Shrimp – Spring 2026 (date TBD)
 - Urban Youth Park – Saturdays, with 70% of proceeds returning to the school

Shop Event Update: Jennifer Rodriguez

- Book Fair signups underway; classes will receive additional times outside resource periods
- Parent Night being planned, currently date pending
 - Art Walk and food trucks being organized
- Holiday Shop canceled; replaced with Charleston Wrap fundraiser due to revenue and logistical challenges

Volunteer Coordinator Update: Shana Rector

- Current volunteer focus: Boosterthon prize patrol, health screenings (October and December), and Boosterthon day-of support

Party Events Update: Melanie Martin

- Jeremiah's Ice Cream party for PTO class winners
- Surprise dance party planned if the \$70K Boosterthon goal is reached

School Event Update: Lenni Shochat

School Events – Lenni Shochat

- Parent Event Survey feedback shows strong interest in glow party, family service night, and movie night; planning is underway

- Author reading event being explored with local authors
- Feedback highlighted limited events for middle school; discussions underway with staff about adding middle school-specific events such as a Bravos event night and fundraiser
- **Character Counts Budget Review:**
 - No food allowed during Character Counts ceremonies due to food allergies
 - Jeremiah's and Kilwins sponsored free treats for goodie bags for winners
 - Middle school incentives include elevator passes, medals, and balloons
 - Large banner requested by school/district:
 - Option 1: \$200 small banner – 0 votes
 - Option 2: \$650 banner – **25 votes, approved**
 - Option 3: \$1,200 banner with stands – 0 votes

Membership Update: Brianna Einhorn

- Membership has already surpassed last year's totals
- Early planning underway for next year's membership drive
- This year's drive proved very successful
- Contest winners: Sohacki, Sawyer, and Tyree classes, each receiving a Jeremiah's Ice Party
- Incentives still being distributed; members experiencing website access issues are asked to reach out

Spirit Wear Update: Andrea Nelson (Update by Brianna Einhorn)

- New pink options added for t-shirts and sweatshirts
- Additional new items in progress
- 98% of PE exchanges are complete
- "No exchanges/returns" policy added to website
- Noted that youth sizes run small; families encouraged to trade/sell individually

Teacher Event Update: Lacy Danielson

Teacher Events – Lacy Danielson

- Playa Bowls recap: free açai bowls for staff; successful event with future collaborations planned
- October 3 event: "It's Poppin' Time" providing gourmet popcorn
 - Volunteers needed: 3 needed (10 a.m.–1 p.m.)

- Supplies needed: Popcorn bags

Fall Fest Update: Lacy Danielson

- Location: staff parking lot; families encouraged to carpool or walk
- Most vendors confirmed; sponsorships still being accepted
- Yard game donations/loans still needed
- Marketing begins late September; ticket sales open October 1
- Room parents will assist with communication

Boosterthon Update: Karen Albertini

- Current profit raised: **\$38,181**
- Incentives & challenges:
 - \$5–10 daily challenges
 - \$55K – Dr. Gates gets pied
 - \$65K – Dr. Gates duct-taped to the wall
 - \$70K – Top-earning middle schoolers shave Dr. Gates head
 - \$85K – Dean dyes beard pink
 - \$100K – Dean shaves beard
 - Top student earner: “Principal for the Day”

Room Parent Update: Jessica Todd

- Calls made to teachers to assess classroom needs

Old Business:

- Treasury Audit - In progress

New Business:

- Committee to be formed to explore managing Boosterthon in-house for future years

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 9:40

Appendix:

- Additional Attendees