



LACHSA Parent Association Board Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2021

Attendance: Daryl Barbieri, Sharyn Grose, Brendan Schallert, Kim Delgado, Gabriela Patao, Margaret Jacquemin, Erlinda Stiles, Cecile Chiu, Heather Arndt, Michelle Keller, Esther Ibarra, John Lawler (Principal), Margaret Yasuda, Jeffrey Dollinger (LACHSA Foundation), Esmeralda Xochitl Flores (Social Justice Committee). Missing: Novelyn Aquino (due to travel).

I. Welcome – Introductions - 6:05pm

- Meeting presided over by Daryl and began at 6:05 pm.
- Attendees introduced themselves, their positions, student names and department.

II. Updates from John Lawler

- Tues 8/10 will be the first day with teachers at the school. First day of school for students will be Wed 8/11.
- The front of the school will be blocked for first day of school. Student dropoff will be adjacent to LOT C.
- Guidelines for a safe environment will be followed including masks and no visitors unless advance appointments. Social distancing will be self monitored among the 550 students. Testing may potentially be mandated for all regardless of vaccination status.
- Food and beverage will be in short supply on campus with one restaurant, Everytable, and Starbucks open.
- Amphitheater will experience upgrades with one year expected completion at best. The sound system has been upgraded, the lighting grid will be rewired with canopy installed over it.
- Creating more instructional space on the roof behind the scene shop.

- Arts will start working with community partners to ready 6th graders for the LACHSA admission process. LACHSA teachers will help in the preparation process. Looking for state funding and will begin in fall.
- Masks will still be planned for use in arts performances and classes. Will provide special masks for instrumentalists, vocalists, pads and other accommodations to maintain guidelines. If not wearing a mask, students need to be spaced out while inside.
- Testing will be available thru the school nurse but students need to opt-in for testing. Will start Wed 8/11. Looking into a possible contract for onsite testing at the school..
- Open teaching positions in academics, by contract, have to be offered first to anyone in the school. Talking to LACOE to fill the resource position. Half-time PE teacher is being hired. An offer was made to a history teacher. Substitutes will fill in until hired teachers are in place.
- PAB Representation at back-to-school events is welcome. This year's back to school night will be 100% remote due to mandates.
- Will be sending an email out to parents for dues.

III. Updates from LACHSA Foundation - Jeffrey Dollinger

- Need to raise over \$1M/year for arts curriculum. Spent summer to plan events that are inclusive and bring in needed funding.
- Reinstating Parent Salons - at least 1 live this year with parents from different departments. Targeting late Sept/early Oct. for the live event.
- At least one virtual event with professional faculty to talk about work in arts and 1 or 2 alumni to talk about their journey.
- Started work on the next gala. To raise money at the needed scale, it needs to be a live event. Looking at venues for next March for a live event and will also include a virtual element to expand reach.
- Gearing up for the fall annual fundraiser. More information to come.
- Jeffery will give a full presentation to the arts department next week.

IV. Updates from Parent Association – Daryl Barbieri

a. Back to School Events

i. BTS Night – August 12th

- ii. Art Department Parent Meetings – August 21st
 - Will email to coordinate volunteers to represent PAB at department meetings and let them know about dues.
 - Art dept. reps should reach out to the department to see if they want to organize a social gathering after the meeting.
 - Daryl will provide art reps with a blurb about PAB for parent meetings.
- b. Elections
 - Another round of elections will happen once the school year starts and the school community will be notified via email.
 - i. Cinematic Arts – Need two (2) reps
 - ii. Dance – Need one (1) rep
 - iii. 9th Grade Parent Rep
 - iv. Shared Decision Making Committee (SDMC) selection
 - SDMC committee gives a holistic approach to what’s going on at LACHSA. Will meet once a month on Wed morning. Ideally looking to elect a new PAB member who can serve two 2 years.
- c. 2021-22 Reflection and Action Plan (Business Plan)
 - Surveyed suggestions from the Board and LACHSA community at the end of last school year. Business plan will be reviewed and edited in preparation for a meeting with the administration to present the plan.
- d. Future PAB Meetings
 - i. Dates and Times
 - Meeting times are set for 6pm. Proposed meeting schedule:
 Monday, August 9, 2021
 Monday, September 13, 2021 (In Person)
 Monday, October 4, 2021
 Monday, November 8, 2021
 Monday, December 13, 2021 (Open Meeting)
 Monday, January 10, 2022
 Monday, February 7, 2022
 Monday, March 14, 2022 (In Person)
 Monday, April 11, 2022
 Monday, May 9, 2022
 Monday, June 13, 2022 (In Person)
 - ii. Vote for Preference (virtual vs. in-person)
 - Sept. meeting will potentially be in-person at Daryl’s house. The Board will be surveyed in advance to determine if it will be an in-person or virtual meeting.

- Jeff suggested using the amphitheater for a hybrid meeting.

V. Budget Updates – Kim Delgado

- The starting balance for 21-22 school year was \$5,524.44. \$1,250 in parent dues collected. One expense of \$100 for teacher appreciation so far. Fund balance remaining for 21-22 is \$6,674.44.
- Daryl motioned to pay \$149 for a dedicated PAB Zoom account. Kim 2nd the motion. Motion passed. Kim will moderate all of future meetings for the year.

VI. Committee Updates

- Chairs still needed for most Committees
- Need Hospitality Chair - Volunteers
 - Everyone on Board will participate in rotation for in-person events such as monthly Coffee with Principal by purchasing and bringing food. Receipts can be submitted for reimbursement.
- Teacher Appreciation - Liora
 - Gift cards were emailed to all teachers and were given Yeti mugs at the end of last school year.

VII. Department / Grade Level Updates – Representatives

- 9th grade - Daryl
 - Daryl reported there was a 9th/12th grade family gathering in the park yesterday (8/8) with ~100 people.
- 10th Grade Updates - Brendan
 - Brendan reported that will be sending back to school welcome and reminder communication out to community. Looking at options for a get together.
 - Last year 70 families completed a directory for communication and carpooling. Looking to increase participation this year.
- 11th Grade Updates
 - Kim had nothing new to report.
- 12th Grade Updates
 - Daryl reported that the 12th grade newsletter focused on college prep.
- Cinematic Arts - Daryl
 - Daryl reported that the 64-hour film festival will kick off on 9/10. Screening will be on 9/24.
- Dance - Erlinda
 - Erlinda reported there will be gathering and assessment on Thur/Fri this week. Department Head retired and will be led by co-chairs.

g. Music

- Michelle reported that she will meet with Music Chair, Mr. Powers, on Thur. Looking to do longer-term planning for Music Gala. Music placements will happen on Wed 8/11. Music parent meeting 8/21.

h. Musical Theatre

- Gabriela reported there is a goal of a live production this year. No details yet.

i. Theatre

- Esther reported there will be a leadership meeting for parent reps next Tues. Freshman will try out for DTASC the first two days of school. Waiting to hear if DTASC will be virtual or in-person. The tryouts will consist of potentially multiple auditions and callbacks.

j. Visual Arts

- Heather had nothing to report.

Meeting closed at 7: 12 pm.