

Hall PTA Board Meeting

Larkspur Rec Center
240 Doherty Drive
Larkspur, CA 94939
October 1, 2024

- A. Meeting called to order at 8:37am.
- B. Attendees: Kate Lowe, Amanda Dickerman, Lara Dillon, Erin Alvarez, Jen Moss, Kristin Scales, Yasmine Zdencaj, Sloan Wilson, Florencia Gazcon, Julie Houtkooper, Elisa Cullen, Sara Esslinger, Jessie Freeman, Lisa Griffin, Lisa Carpenter, Marina Krueger, Annie Sherman, Toni Brown, Jeannie Lin.
- C. Gratitudes/Questions: Walkathon Thank You, thank you from teachers for treats in lounge.
- D. Walkathon
 - a. Raised just over \$62,000. Over 85% participation rate – higher than ever before.
 - b. Perhaps a tighter time frame is beneficial.
 - c. Spread-out obstacles better than one obstacle course.
 - d. Will reevaluate timeline for asks from the community.
 - e. Two Walkathon leads are leaving, so will do a download now to prep new leads for next year.
- E. Dr. Brown
 - a. Shout-out to teachers for adjusting to new grading system.
 - b. We are calendaring for next three years, so there may be errors. Feel free to share input or feedback.
 - c. LCMSD 2036 Guiding Coalition
 - d. Violence threat at the high schools was a challenging day at Hall. Another safety drill with Great Shake-Out this month. We have a better plan if this happens again: communication, make triage plan clear (Wellness Center), School Safety Task Force (meeting next Wednesday). There are technology flags at the school. Potential Parent Ed topic.
- F. Measure B
 - a. \$289M Facilities B bond. There are \$17M of urgent facilities upgrades needed over next two years. If Measure B doesn't pass, our students' educational programming would not be as high quality. About 50 teachers would be laid off.
 - b. If you have any questions on Measure B, reach out to Annie Sherman or Corbett Elsen. Go to YesOnBTUHSD.org for lawn signs.
- G. Update from Presidents
 - a. Updated directory. New Presidents' email: HallMSPTA@gmail.com. New Treasurer email: HallMSPTATreasurer@gmail.com.
 - b. Parent Square is translated to 27 languages, so updates need to be sent through there.
 - c. Erin and Lisa are repping at Spark meeting tonight. Amanda will be at LCMSD Board Meeting on 10/23. Send quick report on meeting via email to Presidents.
 - d. Amanda is updating our website.
 - e. Coach stipends: we will not pay parent coaches going forward due to budgeting (volunteer positions), teacher coaches will receive stipends.
 - f. Updated financials shared.
 - i. \$10k deficit for school supplies. Motion to move \$10k. All in favor.

- ii. Big part of our budget is supplies, but we will explore if the PTA or the district should pay for that. PTA would prefer to cover enrichment programs.
 - iii. Around \$81k income and over \$170k potential expenses.
 - iv. Starting next year, players will start paying again.
 - v. \$250 stipends go to teachers who help oversee the 10 clubs.
- g. Steep learning curve for teachers with Aeries, new school supplies system. We will be more prepared with supplies for next year once we receive feedback from teachers at the end of the year.
- H. Eighth Grade Rep (Julie Houtkooper)
 - a. 30 sweatshirts for 8th graders remaining. \$40 per sweatshirt.
 - b. We do have some money in reserves to cover the excess if families who can afford one do not buy one.
- I. Parent Ed (Lisa Carpenter)
 - a. Any ideas or thoughts on Parent Ed topics, reach out to Lisa.
 - b. Lisa wants to send out a parent survey to ask about: preferred Parent Ed topics, medium (virtual/events/documents), time of day.
 - c. Potential for combined events with other middle schools.
- J. Spiritwear
 - a. Cat Tolson will be heading this up.
 - b. We're working with a district parent on a new logo and design.
- K. Programs (Elisa Cullen)
 - a. We cannot provide new theater program because it conflicts with Katia & Co.
 - b. Can we ask K&Co. to extend to 8th grade starting next year (Yasmine).
- L. Hospitality (Erin and Jeannie)
 - a. Are there any gaps where there aren't as many monetary asks to sponsor more teacher appreciation events. January or February?
- M. Parliamentary
 - a. Updated by-laws.
- N. Community Service
 - a. Melissa Murphy and Shelly Kerr stepped up to lead.
 - b. Working with Class Reps to come up with Community Service opportunities for students.
- O. SPARK
 - a. Sparktober launches today.
- P. Next PTA Meeting on Tuesday, November 5 at 8:30am.
- Q. Meeting adjourned at 10:55am.