

Hall PTA Board Meeting

Larkspur Rec Center
240 Doherty Drive
Larkspur, CA 94939
January 7, 2025

- A. Meeting called to order at 8:32am.
- B. Gratitudes
 - a. Appreciation sent from teachers and administrators for PTA events before break.
Thanks to Jeannie and Erin.
- C. Principal's Update
 - a. We had a great close to 2024 and felt the love from PTA!! Thank you for spoiling us and making our space so festive!! We appreciate it – thank you Erin and Jeannie for all you did!
 - b. Winter Concerts have been rescheduled! Our 6th grade concert with Beginning Band and Exploratory Music will be on Tuesday, January 28 and our 7th and 8th Grade Concert will be on Thursday, January 30 both starting at 6 pm.
 - c. Our 8th grade class is currently engaged in Health Education programming and will be for the remainder of the week in their Science class. As a reminder, all 8th graders will be going to Redwood on Friday, January 10 for an orientation with Dr. Payne. Students will be escorted by teachers and Dr. Brown for this short assembly.
 - d. We are hosting Raising the Bar and Marin Healthy Youth Partnerships to hold a community night for families of TUHSD feeder middle schools at Hall on Wednesday, January 15th at 6pm in our gym. We have included families from Del Mar, Kent, Ross, and White Hill. This will be in-person or via zoom and a recording will be posted after.
 - e. We have a new Community Liaison with us at Hall that will support family engagement and inclusion. This is a shared position with Kentfield SD and she will be with us half the time. I am very excited about this addition and looking forward to bringing her to one of our future PTA meetings to get input and ideas for PTA support as well!
 - i. Could be a good tie-in with our Parent Ed Rep.
 - f. We are wrapping up our We Are One lesson about the history of racial slurs, so students have a deep understanding of why we do not use those words and how our language affects us.
 - g. Basketball season is underway with the first games happening today at Home!! Very exciting and we look forward to a great season!
 - i. Let's check with Leadership to make sure they aren't setting up a snack table at the games. Could be good fundraising opportunities.
 - h. On Friday, January 17th, you can come for a Hall Coffee Chat to support understanding Standard Based Grading and new report cards. Our recent pulse survey data shared the need for additional support so we will be hosting a workshop type session to provide a framework and training for families. This will be offered in-person and via zoom with a recording posted after the event.

- i. Spelling Bee is tomorrow and AMC is set for January 24th- excited to see our Cougars participate!!!
 - j. School Site council is set to meet on Tuesday, Jan 28th with Mr. Blatt. If you are interested, come to Room 401 at 3:30 pm.
- D. Co-Presidents' Update
 - a. Sports are getting expensive. Next year we will ask for participants' families to pay, so we need to determine the numbers for next year. Need to make verbiage explicit and charge different fees per sport. Mountain biking and golf are more expensive to run. Sports will have scholarships available if needed.
 - i. Hall is hosting this year's Central Marin Area Track Meet (probably held at Redwood) the last Friday of April/first Friday in May so we need to cover those costs.
 - b. New PTA website has launched. Let's think of how to draw people to the website (Community Service hours form?).
- E. Teacher Representative Update
 - a. Teachers and administrators are working on how to report on students' work habits (note taking, study habits, etc.), which are just as important as academic achievements. They're working on integrating this with the Aeries system. Habits of Learning are already included in Aeries if the teacher chooses to report on it. Expected to be reported by class for Trimester 2.
 - i. We continued with a long conversation about how Hall students might not have the study skills to be prepared for high school. PTA reps identify very limited homework requirements and lack of overall study habits across all three grade levels. Social-emotional concerns seem to outweigh academic priorities.
- F. PTA Reps' Updates
 - a. 8th Grade Rep
 - i. Starting Grad Preparation
 - b. Spiritwear
 - i. Going to provide a RevTrack report on numbers to-date, excluding PayPal (Lara/Quikbooks).
 - ii. We are not placing new orders until we sell what we have.
 - c. SPARK
 - i. Auction opens on March 13th. If you have access to vacation homes, sports tickets, connections to local businesses, etc, please let us know.
 - ii. Gala tickets go on sale February 2nd. Gala is March 29th.
 - iii. Meeting tonight is via Zoom (Amanda repping).
 - d. Programs
 - i. Elisa reached out to Katia directly to see if she could come up with a middle school-specific program for Hall. Katia said she was open to it. She does Legally Blonde (tryouts March 26th), which is for ages 12 through 17. Through her website, not Larkspur Rec. All rehearsals at Hall.
- G. Next Site Council meeting is Tuesday the 28th at 3:30 in Hall Room 401.
- H. Next PTA meeting is February 4, 2025 at 8:30am in the Larkspur Rec Conference Room.

I. Meeting adjourned at 10:51am.