

## Hall PTA Board Meeting

Larkspur Rec Center  
240 Doherty Drive  
Larkspur, CA 94939  
February 4, 2025

- A. Meeting called to order at 8:32am.
- B. Discussion with Dr. Geithman
  - a. LCAP (Local Control Accountability Plan): Need to align resources to achieve three goals:
    - i. Equity: we have a problem with equity. We need to shrink the gap: socioeconomic disparity, disabilities, English learners, Spanish/Latino families.
    - ii. Academic Excellence: might not be as much visibility of this goal as there are for goals one and three.
      - 1. iReady: Goal is for all students to make a year's worth of growth
        - a. What do we do with this data? Our school district is constantly making implementations based on data.
          - i. i.e. Groups are created based on iReady Math results and specific interventions implemented.
          - ii. If results show slower than one year's growth, the student's growth needs to be accelerated.
      - 2. CAASP: Autopsy for how the year went.
      - 3. Guaranteed Viable Curriculum: all students across one grade level are exposed to the same curriculum and greater ideas.
      - 4. Curriculum
        - a. Literacy curriculum K-8 just adopted. About to adopt a Math and Science curriculum.
        - b. We want to build a capacity with teachers so that they own the curriculum and want to teach it at that time (they need discretion). We can't have a curriculum police.
        - c. Curriculum needs to match the instructional strategies, otherwise we will see too many inconsistencies.
    - iii. Wellness: Students need to feel safe at school.
  - b. Readiness for high school
    - i. Are we lacking in pillars of study habits?
      - 1. Many people feel their kids can't write a coherent 5-paragraph essay, take notes, study for tests, allocate their time, etc.
      - 2. Hall students seem to be bored and unprepared for Redwood.
    - ii. There is a unanimous acknowledgement from the public and across the LCMSD board that there is a deep desire to address our academic readiness goal.
      - 1. What are we going to do *right now*?
        - a. We need shorter term goals.

- b. An actionable step could be monitoring technology usage/playing games in class when they're done with their work.
    - i. One member asks, why are they done with their work in class at all?
      - 1. "Bell to bell": increasing consistency; students will rise to the occasion.
  - iii. Role of schools has drastically changed
    - 1. School used to be much more simplified and straightforward.
    - 2. Much more of schooling is online now.
  - iv. Math Placement
    - 1. Geometry is highest level of a math as a high school freshman.
    - 2. Percentage of students from each middle school going into highest level of math
      - a. Hall is 48%; second highest. We also have a large percentage going into foundational math.
    - 3. There have to be multiple measures to place a student into an advanced class, not one test or class.
    - 4. We have a Mathletes group
- C. Dr. Brown Update
  - a. Danceathon
    - i. Next Friday. Dancing in gym for 45 minutes. Will fund the end-of-year Field Day.
    - ii. 99 Pledges: goal is around \$35 of donations per student.
    - iii. If we have a raffle, all students need to be included (per PTA guidelines) regardless of whether or not they have donated.
  - b. Bake Sales have to start 30 minutes after the last bell rings if held on campus.
- D. Gratitudes/Rumors
  - a. Appreciation for Dr. Geithman and Dr. Brown for standing up for our entire community at the last LCMSD Board Meeting.
- E. Presidents' Update
  - a. DLA Meeting: met last week. Trying to figure out about contributions across SPARK, PTA/PTO donations for possible consolidation.
  - b. Hall PTA Job Descriptions
    - i. We were all sent job descriptions. Board members should update these in the Google Drive by the end of February.
    - ii. According to bylaws, we need a committee of 3 people to vote for a slate. There must be an opportunity for open nominations, too.
    - iii. All open positions will be posted in the Sunday Weekly.
    - iv. An official email will be sent out asking if Board Members will be returning. Please respond.
  - c. We need to amend budget
    - i. Unforeseen expenses: Golf club, mountain bike club, 8th grade sweatshirts, school supplies, hospitality gifts

## F. Board Members' Updates

### a. Treasurer

- i. We need more in-depth conversations about the budget and ongoing expenses. Lara will give us a monthly rundown going forward. Most of our money is given to teachers for ongoing supplies, hospitality gifts.
- ii. The budget for next year is usually set by June, but maybe it should be reviewed and discussed sooner/in the spring. Fiscal year starts July 1st and ends June 30th.
- iii. Ideas: talk about the budget, business and nitty-gritty at the beginning of our meetings. Deeper dive into finances quarterly.

### b. Walkathon

- i. Please put Walkathon on agenda for May. Yasmine Zdencaj has stepped into the role.

### c. Membership

- i. Nothing came in from the push in the last Weekly. Possibly one last Parent Square push after mid-winter break.
- ii. Moving to RevTrak format next year. Everything will live on one platform.

### d. Eighth Grade Rep

- i. Two more sweatshirt responses last week.
- ii. Signing up for 8th grade volunteers for graduation: not much response yet. Communications need be set to "default" so they appear on ParentSquare digest. Ideally one link.
  1. Might be some miscommunication: we need 8th grade parents to know their volunteer roles won't interfere with graduation, and that the 7th grade parent volunteers will have the roles during the ceremony.
- iii. Talk to Norbutas about getting "th" fixed to "8th" in email subjects.

### e. Spiritwear

- i. Mildly cropped hoodies, adult sizes and hats going to be released soon.
- ii. Not much existing inventory. Cat is ordering about 4 of a certain item at a time.
- iii. Would like to reach the students. Could have students model the new styles at an assembly. Kids won't be looking at LCMSD's Instagram, but at least it's a way to access parents. Send post to Mr. Beach.

### f. SPARK

- i. Gala ticket sales launched on Sunday. Sold 8/9 VIP tables and a few standard tables.
- ii. Auction opens on the 13th.

### g. Programs

- i. Katia is still part of Larkspur Rec, even though she isn't currently on their website.
- ii. Still open to musical theater/drama program ideas starting next year:
  1. Creating a lunchtime drama club/school play at the end of the year.

2. Improv teacher/students from Redwood holding an after-school program at Hall.
3. Look into Melissa Tanner: musical theater at NC and Cove. Currently through CM Rec.

G. Next SPARK meeting is tonight. LCMUSD is February 11th at 6pm. March SPARK meeting is March 4th. Next Hall PTA meeting is March 4th also.

H. Meeting adjourned at 11:47am.