

Hall PTA Board Meeting

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

A. Meeting called to order at 8:31am.

B. Gratitudes & Questions

- a. Danceathon was a \$ success/hit their goal to cover Field Day.
- b. New homework/technology policies
 - i. Backlash from some teachers and parents.
 - ii. How this is being interpreted and implemented is varying across all classrooms. We need to make sure everyone is getting the right/clear message.
- c. 8th Grade Dance
 - i. Fewer than 20 students attended.
 - ii. Need to have this on the calendar from the beginning of the year/included in Weekly starting the month before.
 - iii. We will try to plan dances around outside activities/potentially find a better time of year.

C. Presidents' Update

- a. Budget
 - i. Have tried to fine-tune budget over the last couple of years.
 - ii. Take a look and review your line items.
 - iii. Presidents and Lara are getting together with Dr. Brown this month to come up with the right financial ask for PTA next year. \$95 was not sufficient. Hoping to have the number by next meeting.
- b. DLA Meeting
 - i. Considering a financial one-ask (combining Spark/PTA) to simplify things. Still putting together a team to evaluate.
- c. PTA Board Job Descriptions
 - i. Review if you haven't.
 - ii. Lara (Treasurer), Kristin (Financial Secretary) and Erin (½ of Hospitality) are moving on. Elisa will take Erin's role next year.
 - iii. We will post open roles in the Hall (and NC/Cove) Sunday Weekly. Parliamentarian, Lost and Found, 6th Grade Rep are open.
 - iv. If PTA isn't paying for sports next year, will we even need to be involved/have a Programs Rep?
 - 1. RevTrak is an option going forward, ideally linked to TeamSnap. It should be one step for parents to sign up/pay for the season.
 - 2. Need to meet with the Athletic Director to discuss.

D. Teacher Rep Update

- a. Track & Field: 80 athletes signed up.
- b. New Homework/Computer Usage Policies: many different opinions. Some teachers feeling attacked.

- c. Work Habits will now be included in report cards, starting Trimester 3.
 - i. Need to communicate to parents what “Work Habits” means, and also where the Homework Policy changes came from
 - 1. Citizenship grade will be empty starting T3 (included in Work Habits).
- E. PTA Board Members’ Updates
 - a. Treasurer
 - i. Budget-to-Actuals sent out. Going through Actual numbers.
 - 1. Any large discrepancy might be a filler number.
 - ii. Major items we spend money on are: school supplies, stipends, hospitality events.
 - iii. General Donation
 - 1. Line item in budget.
 - 2. Comes from Sports Basement, one family, grants.
 - 3. Should be labeled as Reserves.
 - b. Auditor
 - i. Near completion. Need to find new Auditor for next year.
 - c. Historian
 - i. Track hours everyone has put in and then send to the board in May.
 - ii. We need to start thinking about how much time we have spent in our roles.
 - d. Spiritwear
 - i. Online store built with photos/prices of items. Through RevTrak.
 - ii. New spring hoodies, trucker and baseball hats, grad bundles
 - iii. Potential Spirit Day to kick off Trimester 3. Encourage kids to wear spiritwear if they have it/school colors if they don’t.
 - iv. Cat will set up tables to sell at NC/Cove spring flings and Open Houses.
 - e. Hospitality
 - i. Valentines bundt cakes, wrapped up.
 - ii. Friday, 3/14, is the next Staff Lunch from Comforts.
 - iii. May 5-9 is Teacher Appreciation Week.
 - 1. Requests for volunteers will go out.
 - iv. We’ll bring coffee back to PTA meetings starting next week.
 - f. Membership
 - i. No new donations. We’re going quiet now.
 - g. Parliamentary
 - i. Bylaws have been approved.
 - ii. We are supposed to advertise the bylaws 30 days in advance of voting.
 - iii. Executive Board
 - 1. The Executive Board is the President, Secretary and Treasurer. Secretary is a Recording Secretary. Required to have Parliamentary and Historian. We will have a President and Executive Vice President. We have opted to have 6th, 7th and 8th

Grade Liaisons. Including the Principal and Teacher Rep, our Executive Board will have 11 members.

- iv. Dues must be listed in the bylaws. Same with date of election.
- v. We will be voting on Board Member positions next meeting.
 - 1. We need to post this in the Weekly so anyone who is a member of the PTA has the option to come and vote.

h. 8th Grade Rep

- i. We need an update on sweatshirts.
- ii. "th" has been updated to "Eighth" on Parent Square.
- iii. We made \$150 at the Winter Concert Bake Sale.
- iv. These people will be chairing the following events and will send out revised Sign-Up Geniuses:
 - 1. Graduation Ceremony & Reception: Casey Roberts & Jess Ullin
 - 2. 8th Grade Dance: Jen Corteville
 - 3. Six Flags Field Trip: Shelly Kerr
- v. Leigh & Julie will send out the informational email/Parent Square next week with the proposed financial ask of \$185 (Last year's ask was \$175). This should cover the costs and make up for our deficit.
 - 1. We will set up a table at Open House to accept payment and answer questions.

i. 7th Grade Rep

- i. Scheduling a Moms' Night for this month.
- ii. Lost and Found as part of 7th Grade Rep role
 - 1. Have encountered poor behavior from students. Students will throw things around or take what isn't theirs.
 - 2. 75% of stuff is PE clothing.
 - a. Kate will talk to Tony and the PE department.
 - 3. Presented once a quarter.
- iii. Lisa is stepping up into 8th Grade Rep role.
 - 1. Will probably need a partner.
 - 2. Role includes sweatshirts, grad prep, dance planning, Six Flags trip.
 - 3. Jeannie has a timeline for this role, will send to Lisa.

j. SPARK

- i. Online option next Wednesday 3/13.
 - 1. Items will be released around next Monday.
 - 2. Using a new software. People should set up accounts ahead of time.
- ii. Different auction items and three large raffle items at the gala. Handful of tables still available.

F. Principal's Update

- a. Danceathon was a success.
- b. Homework expectations established for each grade level.
- c. Will be visiting PE classes next Monday to talk about expectations for T3.

- d. BAMO is tomorrow after school. Mathletes is coming 3/11. Basketball playoffs coming up.
- e. Thank you notes from teachers for PTA.
- G. LCMSD Board President's Update
 - a. Tomorrow's meetings
 - i. They will review LCAP Survey results
 - 1. Very low response rate.
 - a. Perhaps survey fatigue. Should we consolidate surveys?
 - 2. Hall: low ratings for teacher communication.
 - 3. Does school support academic growth? Low percentage for Hall, NC and Cove.
 - a. Low CASP scores. Need to make changes to improve this.
 - 4. Does school support social-emotional growth? Spike this year for Hall (88%).
 - 5. We need to address the consistency across classrooms (starting in elementary school) and grade levels.
 - ii. Dr. Geithman will respond to concerns about academics that have been brought up.
 - 1. Frustration with academics has existed for a long time.
 - 2. Growth Mindset should be primary focus.
- H. Meeting adjourned at 11:32am.