

LCHS PTA Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2023

General Meeting @ School Library

Welcome

Stacy Devenport

Principal's Report

Dana Lee

- SREB Review last week; Southern Regional Educational Board - District contracted with a company, at the district level, to give feedback on where school can improve. Last year they worked with middle schools; interviewed parents and students. Focus on CTE (College and Career Preparedness), spoke with CTE teachers, as well as LCHS students referred to as “completers” the push is to shore up all CTE programs in the district.
 - Issues: Master scheduling is a problem. The schedule is designed by the student's needs and desires, then the choice of electives is selected. Staffing for the courses students are interested in has been difficult (Example: Culinary Arts - LCHS has a kitchen but no qualified instructor). SREB came in to give feedback. More students attend CEC classes here at La Cueva than other high schools.
 - Conducted a survey about future plans for students; 1300 and some completed the survey; 12% plan to enter the workforce immediately, 7% enter some type of apprenticeship, 6% want to attend trade school, 12% 2-year college, 80% want to attend 4 year college, 20% no idea.
 - SREB's Report will come back in 4 weeks; the SREB team was overwhelmed with what they saw on campus, and their conversations with students. Students here are happy and know where to go for adult support and resources.
 - Demographic data from 2018 was provided; graduation rate is still improving after COVID, LC is still in the 93% percentile.
 - Demographics and social graphics have changed drastically but we have done well as a school at adjusting.
 - Principle Dana was commended on her presentation by the SREB.
 - District will come up with a plan on better access to CTE programs for school.
- Homecoming was a success.
- LCHS is 1 of 4 schools that is participating in a pilot program for “Gun Violence Prevention”, which is coordinated through APS - Police, APD, BCSO, Department of Justice, where they are speaking to 9th graders, in a short assembly format, during an advisory schedule. First assembly is in October.
 - La Cueva, West Mesa plus two other middle schools are pilot participants. The goal is to talk to students about the dangers of guns. Lots of social media threats and we have students on safety plans for checks. Students are doing the best to avoid guns at parties, etc. LC students have plans on what to do when they see guns at places and are more likely to leave parties to avoid it. If the

pilot goes well and is successful, it will be utilized throughout the district.

- “See something, say something Program” here at La Cueva - we do have processes in place but the reporting and specifics are not always there.
- ALICE Fence Update: The funding is an issue; later around the holiday’s; front won’t be blocked off like previously stated. Still a plan in progress.
- Security Guards did not get granted. 4 more CSA available but no one has been hired through APS. At risk money to teachers who are doing perimeter security during lunch.
- Increase in alcohol in school reported from last year; purchased 2 new breathalyzers. Kids are not happy being randomly tested but are compliant.
- Public Comment would be helpful on school safety and comment.

Activities Report given by Dana Lee

Lacey Metzger

- Things have slowed down, if your student is not in a sport there are over 50 clubs meeting weekly. All clubs are listed on the activities website.
 - School IDs are printed but all look the same; does have school names but mostly look the same.
 - i. Possible to use StudentView; options are school ID lanyard - possible dress code modification.
 - October 2nd, 2023, undergrad retakes info on website.
 - Film “Screen-agers”,
 - October 4th PSAT 10th graders only. All other Asynchronous days.
 - Academic Letter Ceremony for Jr’s and Sr’s.
 - Halloween Community Events
 - i. Choir Fall Festival
 - ii. Cheer and Clubs
 - iii. Senate: Haunted House
- Water for homecoming was appreciated; 1600 mini bottles were used and hopefully it can be increased for next year.

Academic Letter

Lisa Davis

- Last night to apply was September 17th; all applications are in. 352 Qualified students; 420 potential. October 23rd at 6 PM, Dana Lee will be speaking, chairs ordered by Ms. Metzgard, 72 teachers. Kids will get letters, seniors who get letters will not get a pin. All Seniors who didn’t qualify 3.5 weighted GPA, still reapply so they can get awarded still. Kids are asked to apply but hold students accountable and learn opportunities. Presenting PTA soon on budget items. Thank you notes assist is needed. Week of October 2nd all students will get a letter of acceptance or denial. Letter in the office with all students who were awarded. Solely based on GPA 3.5.

Teacher’s Report

Lancing Freeman

- Adjustment to the new school bell schedule; we have noticed growing pains. Traffic in the PM is an issue. Kids like 8:30; 3:40 are not liked so much. Time management issue to be addressed at home.
- Attendance and Tardiness is a huge problem but it is diminishing. Not much progress in the tardiness especially at the end of lunch. Eric Owell are working on this and it’s a challenge.

- Change is scheduling. Practices and activities are having issues. APS has made a choice to prioritize academics versus athletics.
- Is there a coordinated schedule for all clubs available for parents?
- Volunteering options at La Cueva PTA are available.

Treasurer's Report

Joe Johnson

- See budget at end of minutes.
- Donations can be done through MemberHub.
- *Motion to approve budget, 2nd motion. All in favor, no objections.*

Committee Reports

- Mini Grants- ***Alyson Shurtz***
 - In this school year, we have approved 7 so far this school year.
- Staff Appreciation - ***Tiffany Doyle***
 - 3 meals throughout the year.
 - October 24th is a baked potato bar.
 - January 9th, before kids come back - Olive Garden
 - March 6th is Rudy's BBQ
 - Sign-up genius is available to anyone wanting to volunteer.
- Staff Birthdays ***Denette Dabbling***
 - August and September have already been provided; birthday card and Two Boys donuts gift cards were given. *\$50.35 is the total cost.*
- Banner ***Michelle Jensen***
 - Need a volunteer to do banners. Received two volunteers - thank you.
 - This year we have sold 25 banners; 22 are repeat customers and 3 have contacted her directly to advertise.
- Rad Grad- **NEED CHAIR** ***Joe***
 - Joe has already started getting things ready pertaining to contracts. Underclassroom parents are very appreciated.

President's Report & Closing

Stacy Devenport

- Committee positions need to be filled for next year.
 - Helper for Staff Birthdays, Allen Krumm, Helper for Staff Appreciation lunches
- Staff Appreciation Breakfast was held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 - Breakfast burritos from Blakes were served.
- Staff Appreciation Drinks - sign up genius will be going out.
- Senior Fun Day Helpers needed.

Future Dates

- Next PTA Meeting, November 13, 2023.

*Minutes taken by Famaira Panteah, PTA Secretary

2023-2024 Budget

La Cueva PTA 2023-2024 Budget		
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INCOME		
	Contributions/Memberships	\$3,000
	Banner Sales	\$25,000
	United Way	\$500
In-N-Out	Scholarship Donation - Allen Krumm	\$1,250
In-N-Out	Scholarship Donation - Bryce-Briscoe English Dept	\$1,000
In-N-Out	College Prep Income from Practice SAT	\$2,000
In-N-Out	Rad Grad Income: Ticket Sales & Donations	\$12,000
TOTAL INCOME		\$44,750
EXPENSES		
PTA General Expenses		
	PTA Operating Expenses: Bank, Square & MemberHub Fees	\$850
	State PTA Dues	\$700
	State PTA Convention	\$125
	Insurance	\$350
	Banner Expenses	\$3,500
	Discretionary: Money to use as needed	\$500
School/Community Support		
	Mini Grants	\$7,500
	Counseling - Helping Hand	\$500
New 2021-2022	Activities - Homecoming/Prom	\$500
	Clothing Bank Donation	\$500
PTA Programs		
	Academic Letter	\$3,200
In-N-Out	College Prep Expenses (Practice SAT)	\$2,000
	Rad Grad - PTA Annual Donation	\$7,000
In-N-Out	Rad Grad Operating Expenses	\$12,000
	Staff Appreciation Lunches	\$3,000
	Staff Birthdays	\$75
	Staff Hospitality	\$5,000
PTA Awards		
	Achiever Scholarship	\$2,000
50% In-N-Out	Allen Krumm Scholarship	\$2,500
	Austin Denton Scholarship	\$1,000
100% In-N-Out	Bryce-Briscoe English Dept Scholarship	\$1,000
	Senior Art Award	\$1,000
	Senior Art Award Operating	\$400
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$55,200
NET INCOME		-\$10,450