

Lake Ridge Academy Parents Association  
September 17th Meeting Minutes  
Meeting in CRC Quiet Study

Attendees - Erin Currie, Kate Dake, Jessica Deutsch, Kim Ding, Ashley Doolos, Chaz Gatian, Lauren Givan, Julie Huck, Jane Lacoste, Sarah Lee, Taryn McPherson, Anca Obid, Sarah Parker, Lacey Richardson, Barb Ridel, Julia Sertich, Niyati Sheth, Sheri Terens, Vicki Todd, Jayme Ward, Mitch White

Virtual attendees - Mae LaRusch, Michele Monnolly and Alyssa Ripple

Called to order at 8:30 am by Jayme Ward

**Call to Order/Introductions** - Jayme Ward

**Minutes Review and Approval** - Julia Sertich

Motion to approve By Sarah Parker. Second by Barb Ridel

**Financial Report + Budget Approval** - Sarah Parker

Expected Income vs Expected Expenses

Mumkin and LS Pizza are primary fundraisers

\$18575 income

\$18575 expenses

- Supported Programs are broken out to Teacher Appreciation and Dinners and Breakfasts (was lumped together last year)
- Lower School Lobby Project is new on budget this year (\$5,000) - will come from the Gala. Historically PA gets \$5k from that, for a big project of our choosing
- Senior Scholarships total amount has been changed to \$1000 this year (down from \$2000)

Motion to approve by Kate Dake. Second Niyati Sheth

**ByLaws Update** - Jessica Deutsch

- Last updated in 2016
- Draft in process thanks to ByLaws committee
- Substance does not change - just clarifies a few things.
- Hoping to bring to PA at next meeting for official approval

**Communications** - Jayme

- Monthly Emails to all families
- Facebook/Instagram posts via PA Accounts
- Division Updates every Friday via email

**Grants** - Belinda Amentas was not present but heads the committee

- Fall Semester applications due late October. Decision to be made in November

- Update Omid's Basketball Court mural - hoping to complete this fall [rec'd grant last year]
- Grants committee for this year will include the following people
  - Belinda Amentas (Chair), Vanessa Delgado, Vicki Todd, Jayme Ward

## **Fundraising**

### Mums - Ashley Doolos

- Closes 9/19. This fundraiser is difficult b/c of back to school busy-ness with LRA staff and parents. Trying to see if we can start to sell AFTER Labor Day next year
- Delivery date is late. October 10 this year
- Open to ideas but nursery has final say in date
- We are \$2699 total profit. Goal was \$3500. Historically we range \$2500 - \$3000
- Delivery 10/10, still need volunteers - will post to social media
- DaVinci House assists us, they get profits for US events

### FunDrive - Anca Obid

- Bring used clothing / household items.
- Bettcher porch / tent.
- Collecting October 7 - 10.
- Payment is based on weight

### Gala - Sheri Terens

- State Theater November 23, 2024
- Money in right now is same as last year's gala with more money coming in !
- Let us know if you'd like to be involved

## **Upcoming Events**

### Day of Service - 9/27 - Jayme

- Everyone is on campus this year
- Students participate w their classes. Parents help too!
- Lunch provided to parents via PA
- Part of the afternoon will be to help set up for FFD
- Will post "How can I help" links to social media that include DOS, Mums, FFD

### Fall Family Day - 9/ 28 - Niyati Sheth

- Different games / events geared towards K - 12
- No charge, want to encourage everyone to come, something for everyone
- Pie in the face raffle — \$1 per ticket to pie division directors. 200 tickets = Mitch pie in the face October 31
- Asking US and MS students to help, parents too.
- Cub Scout camp out that evening
- NEO Extreme Games offering a special LRA day on 10/15 where we get \$10 back for each ticket sold

### Spirit Week (leading into FFD) - Jayme

- option of PA having a float for spirit week/ US homecoming (float on a car or truck)
- US wants help decorating campus in blue and gold week of 9/23

### Pinspiration - Anca Obid

- Mom's crafty escape October 2 At 6pm
- Wine / crafts/ charcuterie
- Registration until 9/26
- 15 people have signed up as of today - no official limit / space constraints

### Gala - Sheri

- tickets on sale now, will be on sale at FFD. Gala 50/50 raffle on sale at FFD also
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### Holiday Craft Workshop

- First Meeting October 7th 8:30 am
- Jessica Deutch chairing the event
- HCW is 12/17. Set up is 12/16 - volunteers needed both days

### **Financial Contributions**

#### Bagels Wednesdays

Monthly. Starts in September. Six total this year

#### Day of Service T-Shirts - Ashley Doolos

- Provided to everyone K-12 and faculty / staff
- Heat press at DAC - we need parents to help make them (Jayme and Ashley will start this morning)
- Since we are making them here, we can do \$5 per shirt instead of \$12 per shirt. All shirts must be created and labeled and delivered to classrooms by 9/26
- 4 colors for the 4 houses of US [LS and MS will be sorted into houses as well, and will get appropriate color]
- We can put extra shirts in spirit store when kids grow out of their shirt / trade in

#### Lower School Special Project - Erin Currie

- PA Flyer from Curriculum Night
- Grade parents have been selected (2 per grade)
- Grade parents provide specific grade info - field trips, volunteers during the year. (Not general PA info)
- Consider joining your class FB groups to stay up to date
- Recurring roles in LS - most have been filled.
- Lost and Found Parent still needed
- Library Helpers - a few more still needed (Julia is in touch w Vanessa for what exactly she needs and will report back)
- Nitty gritty copying / laminating roles for teachers are available
- HCW is another good volunteer opportunity - grandparents can help too! (Make sure you fill out the volunteer form if you want to help on campus)

### **Questions / New Business**

#### Jane LaCoste - Admissions update

Planning ahead for fall 2025

We have 7 kdg applicants already. If you have friends / siblings / etc, we have a priority application period so take advantage of that!

Meeting adjourned at 9:24am By Jayme Ward