

Lake Ridge Academy Parents Association
October 22 Meeting Minutes
Meeting in CRC Quiet Study [no tables!]
Called to order at 8:33 am

Attendees - Erin Holzaepfel, Shantell Milan, Jessica Deutsch, Julie Huck, Lacey Richardson, Kim Ding, Lauren Givan, Barb Ridel, Kate Dake, Sarah Lee, Anca Obid, Dawn Wells, Gradient Wreh, Jayme Ward, Julia Sertich
Virtual attendees - Niyati, Vanessa Delgado, Becky Gaitan, Katina Bays, Deema Fatayer
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 Second by Kim Ding

Financial Report - Sarah Parker
Pizza money is almost all in
Lunch Program amounts come in small amounts over semester
FFD made \$263 (our goal was \$100!)
Crushers budget was \$500 made \$516
We have \$18,000 to spend this year

Expenses are mostly from last year - don't apply to this year's budget so looks a little funny
DOS T Shirts were a gift from our budget from LAST year but were given this year so don't come out of this school year's budget

Grants - Belinda Amentas
Application closed on 10/18
Committee will meet and decide who gets award

ByLaws Update - Jessica Deutsch
IN PROGRESS - no update since last meeting because of other fall activities
Will have a new set of By/Laws by November meeting

Fundraising -
Mums - Ashley Doolos / Erin Deak
\$3200 raised from fall sale
\$540 goes to Davinci
We keep \$2660
Do we want to continue?
YES but want to have delivery date in September

FunDrive - Anca Obid
Raised \$824 from fall collections
Will do another one in April, looking for chair to manage spring
\$1300 between Spring 2024 and Fall 2024
Fall 2024 was well organized - signs and reminders etc.

Post Event Recap

1. Fall Family Day - Niyati, Jessica, Jayme
 - a. Niyati is super excited to be part of it, thank you everyone for helping and attending!
 - b. Used entire campus!
 - c. Pie division directors was a success - lots of energy from community
 - d. The music bus w/ drawing pens was a hit also
 - e. Survey / feedback- folks liked hayride a lot also. Recommendation to offer more seating. We can set up a tent next year if needed. Niyati has an extra
 - f. NEO Games was on campus for FFD and also had a special promo for LRA on Tuesday 10/15. \$20 per student, \$10 back to LRA. Waiting on final total - we expect approx \$200 back from that
2. Pinspiration - Anca Obid
 - . Hosted in October at Avon location - wine and cheese and crafts for parents
 - a. Mom's Night Out - was had 17 people show up - lots of fun
 - b. Made approx \$160 (15% of each ticket)

Upcoming Events

1. Book Fair - Julia Sertich
 - a. Messaging went out per classroom w envelopes
 - b. still need helpers on Thursday and Friday if possible
2. Faculty Dinner - Thursday evening for conferences. Catered, drinks and desserts donated by families
3. 10/31 - Pie Mitch - In front of Kiva after Halloween Parade
 - . all FFD tickets will be entered in a large drum for master drawing
 - a. We are thinking of one per division
 - b. Asking Mr. George to MC [he did great at FFD]
4. 11/23 - Gala - Kate Dake
 - . Invitations have been mailed
 - a. All tickets are digital this year
 - b. Final push for procurement - if you have silent auction items / ideas / connections let Kate know
 - c. Raffles night of only for attendees - golden ticket raffle \$100 each. Prize is a live auction item
 - d. Non- attendees can participate in online silent auction. Will get an email about mobile bidding and other options in the next couple weeks
5. 12/17 - HCW - Jessica Deutsch
 - . Jessica & Addie Norlander are overseeing and have a craft team, decoration team, lunch team to help coordinate each piece
 - a. Website will show crafts in November so kids can choose their crafts and purchase before Thanksgiving break
 - b. Small craft / community focused item will be available as well (ie placemat for meals on wheels)
 - c. October 28 is next meeting - in LS Commons after drop off - but you can help w/ o coming to that meeting!
 - d. We need help w set up. Clean up, guiding kids, assisting crafters,
6. Cookie boxes 12/18 - Julia
 - . SUG will be out after Thanksgiving to K - 12 parents
 - a. Drop off week of 12/16, assemble 12/18 morning
7. Parent Social - Sarah Parker
 - . We don't have a date yet - maybe January or February?

- a. Sarah is looking for feedback as to what we want to do
 - b. The PInspiration event was very fun, we could do something similar
 - c. Do we want to do something during the day? Luncheon for example?
 - d. Weekends are hard, evenings can be tricky
 - e. Casual [versus fancy attire] ?
 - f. Maybe do a tea party theme?
 - g. Galentines Day
 - h. Maybe reserve space at Main Event for families but there's a minimum # of people to attend and there's a large deposit we would be responsible for initially (but it would include adults and kids, built in child care, etc.)
 - i. Let Sarah know of other ideas
8. Spring Event
- . Niyati and Jayme decided we don't have much time to focus on that right now so it will be a 2026 spring event
 - a. If we do a parent social in late winter / spring it is close enough
9. Bunny Hop 2026 - we need a date for Niyati

LS Commons

PA is going to help w a LS Commons refresh, use money from Gala to go toward it

New Flooring, cooler, etc. Still working on details, stay tuned. Sarah and Jayme have a meeting re budget as a next step.

Division Update -

Kate Dake- Upper School

Friendsgiving Dinner (freshmen) coordinated by parents, held in KSE and a lot of folks came. Should do a US parent social, especially for new parents

Support around Exams - snacks for students, via SUG so parents can donate

Belinda Amentas - Middle School (Belinda not here, Jayme gave update)

Movie night is November 15. Popcorn, dinner, inflatable screen, etc. Looking for parents to help coordinate. More info to come

Erin Currie - Lower School

Grade Parents class emails are up and running. If you are not getting class emails, holler. Join the Class FB groups

Field Trips and Volunteer opportunities are via SUG to make things equal for parents to help

Many grades have activities on Halloween before or after the parade. Info is starting to be shared from grade parents and teachers so keep eyes open

Teacher Favorite Sheets - missing 4 from Core teachers. Will be shared to parents via email to help w/ holiday gifts etc. Considering specials teachers on a google doc so entire LS can view them

Volunteer Opportunities

Erin Deak - Lost and Found (look when here for conferences) No add'l hands needed yet.

Bulletin Boards (will be reset a couple times a month)

add'l volunteers needed

Royals Resource Team - waiting for progress reports to go out before this gets off the ground.

add' volunteers needed, flexible days and times

Library - shelving is main focus

add' volunteers needed, flexible days and times

Pet Parent and Story Book Trail in the works

Class lists (names of kids in each classroom) - please email teacher directly

Questions / New Business

Barb Ridel reminded us New Parents coffee is next Monday - coffee shop area. Will be raffles! Leadership team will be there to chat

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 am By Jayme Ward