

Lake Ridge Academy
Parents Association
January 14, 2025 Meeting

Attending in Person - Dawn Wells, Julie Huck, Jessica Deutsch, Niyati Sheth, Erin Currie, Sarah Parker, Barb Ridell, Kate Dake, Deema Fatayer, Kim Ding, Jayme Ward, Lauren Givan, Julia Sertich

Attending on Zoom- Taryn McPherson, Ashley Doolos, Nicole Hoban, Lacey Richardson

1. Call to Order/Introductions - Jayme Ward
8:33 am called to order

2. Minutes Review and Approval - Julia Sertich
Motion to approve - Sarah Parker
Kate Dake - second
Unanimous approval

3. Financial Report - Sarah Parker
Not officially reconciled per BO - these are estimates
HCW - still have a few reimbursements to pay out. Sarah is guessing a \$3k net (budget is \$1600)
Lots of supplies were donated so that helps with the bottom line

Pizza ebbs and flows, we won't know net for a while, but the #s keep increasing year to year

No significant expenses last month
Large #s under grants / scholarship were from last year but were paid out this year.

SARAH will speak to business office to determine the PA's new point person and also get an update on outstanding payments to see when folks can expect reimbursement

4. Grants - Belinda Amentas
Jayme reporting in her place (BA not attending)
Elizabeth Russell - \$83 for policy debate
Katie S. counselor - ROCKS program for girls in grades 5-12 (empowerment / self esteem etc.) It is an annual cost, PA will sponsor in year one and LRA can decide to fund it going forward if needed.
Omid Tavakoli - aquaphonic program

These 3 were close to the total budget so we approved all 3 rather than calling for anything in spring. This concludes the grants budget / allotment for the school year

5. Fundraising

A. HCWS - Jessica/Addie/Niyati
approx 50 parent volunteers
700+ crafts purchased by about 95% of LS students
Got great feedback from participants / families

B. Pizza/Lunches - Kim Ding/Deema Fatayer

PIZZA -

- Smooth start to the semester
- Business office owes master pizza money due to MP late invoices [invoiced after Thanksgiving for the entire semester, so Kim said they prob won't get paid til January at best]
- MP is owned by a new person, manager is the same, but nothing has changed on our end

HOT LUNCH -

- new lunch option on Tuesday, restaurant is owned by a LRA family. Not finalized yet

C. Flower Sale - Ashley Doolos/Erin Broderick Deak

- Rep is on maternity leave til end of Jan. Ashley has a zoom set up in February with the rep
- delivery day is May 19 [similar to last year] but we don't have selling dates yet (which is strange, usually is the opposite)
- Ashley needs to know who at LRA can sign contract, since Mark is leaving. Shouldn't impact sale

D. FunDrive

- SPRING collection is April 21 - 24. Will load truck Friday 4/25
- Hoping for a clean out of Heusinger House garage and can donate those items to FunDrive
- Bettcher kitchen clean out - Barb Ridel will spearhead that, but will coordinate w FunDrive. Clean out will be BEFORE spring break.

E. LS Commons project

- a. Will start a few little things before spring break - larger portion will be after spring break
 - b. If you know anyone who wants to contribute financially let the PA and or advancement know.
 - c. Will be in stages / tiers similar to GFTH
 - d. Should we reach out to Barry Spang (alumna)? She owns Sapphire Pear. Ashley can reach out to her
- F. Cookie Boxes- went well, will do again! 1600+ cookies were donated
. Dawn Wells can help w food sensitivities [gluten]

6 UPCOMING EVENTS

A. PA Social - Sarah Parker

Galentines Day - would do February 11 due to president's day weekend and not having school. Timing maybe 6 or 6:30 pm

Not in the budget, so do we want people to pay for drinks? Should we fund the appetizers?

Location - HYDE PARK at Crocker? They have a room that can accommodate a group
Maybe do games? Favorite things exchange?

- B. 2/21- MS Musical
- C. 4/25 - FunDrive truck
- D. 5/3: Night at the Races
- E. 5/9 - MS Musical
- F. 5/11 MS Dance - put on by PA, usually it's MS parents. holler if you want to help
- G. 5/28: Senior Luncheon - holler if you want to help
- H. 5/29: LS Move Up Picnic

10. Division Updates:

UPPER SCHOOL Kate Dake

- did snacks for exams, kids loved it. Good turn out.
- Also a reminder to contribute to the SGO

MIDDLE SCHOOL Belinda Amentas-

- Dance in spring. Holler if you want to help

LOWER SCHOOL Erin Currie

- teacher sheets were helpful/ successful for holiday gifts. 100% participation from faculty for the first time! Thinking about expanding it to other areas besides LS
- Will remind grade parents to turn in volunteer hours
- Erin Deak is doing a fantastic job w lost and found
- Royals Resource program last met in November. Teachers requested some changes for how to ask for help (google form versus paper form). Will be relaunched early February
- Birthday program - can purchase something for classroom or LS in honor of your child's birthday (Working w Caitlin and Regan) - fun extras, via amazon or maybe create a google doc with links to various online vendors
- Jayme is asking to send out picnic info a little earlier in the spring. YES. Erin is in touch w Regan, Regan has some ideas for adjusting the picnic

11. Teach Appreciation week nationally is May 5 - 9 2025 — Interferes with AP Testing

Would probably be better for our campus to do it week of April 28 - May 2

- Last year, massages were a big favorite.
- Yoga was good but not well attended due to timing
- Snack carts were fun, parents enjoyed donating to that
- Lunch was well received - it was cold but we were outside b/c of AP Testing. Fourth grade played ukulele during lunch, teachers loved it. Maybe we can get another student led music group participate this year

If you are interested in helping plan or participate, let Jayme or Jessica know

12. PA Committees and Officer Roles 2025-2026

Document is available for review of open positions

If you are interested in serving in one of these roles please let us know.

Erin noted the roles are mixed in - those appointed by President, those nominated by committee, etc. Are we following by-laws as to how people are included on the list? Some roles have term limits, some don't. Julie Huck noted that the list was difficult to read and determine what roles are open for the next year.

List will be updated to include current roles and how long the person has served in that role. Will clarify terms and interest in different areas to prepare for next year. This will be in the open call for next year

13. New Business - Next meeting FEBRUARY 12 in CRC Quiet Study

Adjourned 9:46