**Lake Ridge Academy Parents Association**
September 15th Meeting Minutes
Meeting in CRC Quiet Study

Ashley Doolos called to order 8:35 am

In person attendees - Erika Cann, Shuntele Milan, Taryn McPherson, Lacee Richardson, Erin Currie Holzaepfel, Lauren Givan, Ashley Doolos, Kate Dake, Mary Mangione, Julia Sertich, Caitlin Siebenaller, Jane Lacoste, Barb Ridel, Sarah Lee, Anca Obid, Julie Huck, Kim Ding, Rachel Forthofer, Evan Lang, Nathan DeLong, Mary Doherty, Liz Teagno, Mitch White, Niyati Sheth, Linda Kozler

Virtual attendees - Dawn Wells, Sarah Cicarello, Vanessa Delgado, Sarina Turner, Laura Vrabel, Lindsay Portier, Michele Monnolly, Amber Chaudry, Jana James

President Ashley Doolos
Vice President - Kim Ding
Secretary - Julia Sertich
Treasurer - Rachel Forthofer
Past President - Kate Dake

1. **Welcome** - Ashley Doolos (President)

2. **Introductions**

3. **What is the PA? What do we do?** - Ashley
Parents of community coming together to support the school via fundraising, volunteering, events. Fund raisers support kids programing (Dances, graduation, lunches, HCW) faculty and staff via teacher appreciation week, meals during conferences, grants to faculty

4. **Present and approve the 2025-2026 budget - Rachel Forthofer (Treasurer)**
Over / Under column comes into play later in the year
This is a prediction for the year, with expenses that we know for the year
$4000 line item for discretionary funds that have not yet been allocated. As things come up we can vote as a group to move to a specific area.
DIGITAL copy of the budget is saved in the PA Drive
Motion to approve budget - Julia Sertich
Second - Kim Ding
Approved unanimously

5. **1st Semester Fundraisers (All School unless noted)**
    1. Mumkin sale

ends 9/17 // delivery day 9/29
profit goal $3500, $2800 today
Can sing up via Sigh Up Genius to help w delivery and distribution

[Brief Website tutorial]

Scrip GiftCards - Kate Dake
They have an app called RAISERIGHT so you can purchase gift cards in the parking lot before you go in!
PA takes a cut of gift card sales
Volunteer Tab is updated throughout the year, links to a SUG for a particular event
Meeting minutes will be uploaded to the website once they're approved at the next meeting

2. Pizza Friday - Lower School fundraiser - Kim Ding
a. Semester program, talk to Kim if questions
b. One of the biggest fundraisers for the PA

3. Fundrive - Taryn McPherson
10/17 collections due. Collection is 10/15, 10/16 at DAK
Gently used or new soft and hard goods
volunteer help to load truck and deliver to Savers
look for sign-up genius for volunteer information

6. **Events**
1. Crushers Night was 8/22
sold 106 tickets -> $3/ticket -> ~$300 profit
raffle for 2026 tickets - 4 pack to any game in 2026 season, will be raffled off to folks who attended the 2025 LRA Crushers night

2. Day of Service 9/26 -> SUG available for volunteers (Part of Homecoming Week)
Mitch White, head of School & Kate Dake
i. entire school performs acts of service -mostly on campus. Pair big kids w/ little kids working together.
ii. Parents can help too - Tom Dake helps create parent list of tasks. Lunch provided to volunteers
iii. You can donate a gift card (Home Depot etc) to go to supplies for volunteers

3. Volleyball Night -> MS and US games (Homecoming games)

4. HOCO parade -> Nyree Skimin leading the charge for the parade. PA to have a float. Look for volunteer help. (May be part of Day of Service tasks for parents)

5. Homecoming Sunday - Browns Tailgate pregala event
a. Admissions is $25 gift card of $25 bottle of wine
b. Family friendly event in Lorain
c. RSVP needed for planning purposes

6. MS Movie Night and Parent Social 10/3 - Julie Huck
Info went out in email recently

Kids watch movie, parents hang out
Both Ashly & Julie are out of town that night, so they can coordinate but won't be on campus. Could use 3 people to set up the night, be a social instigator (Tim Unger will be there) but need parent support on campus. Parents bring dessert to share. More into to come

7. Conference Meals 10/23 -> more volunteer info to come
PA Provides dinner to teachers on Thursday evening b/c they're here all day
Donations of drinks and desserts and help serving (SUG to come)

8. LRA Gala - Kate Dake & Erika Cann
Viva Las Vegas theme - NOVEMBER 15
a. Largest fundraiser for the school all year
b. Reverse raffle, casino games, prizes, trips,
c. early bird tickets on sale now
d. Volunteers needed for procurement
e. Gift Cards are needed this year
f. Amazon Wish List
g. Sponsorship opportunities still available
h. Silent Auction is online, don't need to be present at event to bid
i. DRESS CODE - cocktail / Las Vegas Glam
j. Next Gala meeting is 9/23 in CRC Quiet Study

9. Holiday Craft Workshop (Lower School)
a. Winter Wonderland set up in Bettcher, kids build crafts (parents order ahead of time) to give as gifts later in the month or keep for themselves
b. Planning starts in October - you can join the planning committee and serve in a number of roles
c. Set Up for HCWS 12/15
d. HCWS 12/16
i. Decor -> Niyati Sheth
ii. Crafting -> HELP needed! - Mary expressed interest!
iii. Gift Wrap -> Julia Sertich
iv. Food -> Kate Dake
e. Cookie Boxes 12/17

8. GRANTS Committee Chair position is ***open*** - let us know if you are interested
PA has $2000 to distribute to faculty (via application process)

9. Division coordinators
Erin & Lacee (Lower) - 30+ parents interested in roles on campus
Grade Parents - most are new this year to being grade parents
2 per grade- one manages email, one oversees the Facebook group for announcements.
Grade Parent Emails will be coming out this week. Each grade has a Facebook group you can join if you haven't yet

Recurring roles - bulletin boards, laminating, photo copying. Erin is starting training now, holler if interested
Library shelving - email Julia if interested
Lost & Found coordinator

Teacher Favorite Forms will be coming out in the next week or 2, so families know teacher preferences for gifts during the year.

Julie (MS) - movie night (See above)

Nyree (US) - homecoming week! (See above)

REMINDER – Next Meeting 10/21 @ 8:30am - CRC (we think!) watch FB for updates on location in case the room is not available.

10. Questions, comments, concerns?

Adjourned 9:36 am