Lake Ridge Academy Parents Association
January 13, 2026
CRC Quiet Study

In attendance in person - Erin Currie, Ashley Doolos, Julia Sertich, KIm Ding, Rachel Forthofer, Kate Dake, Julie Huck, Linda Kozler, Chaz Gatian, Nathan DeLong, Niyati Sheth, Barb Ridel, Lauren Givan, Brittney Alegant

ZOOM - Michele M, LIz Teagno, Taryn McPherson, Shuntele Milan, Anca Obid, Mary, Kayla Mercer, Caitlin S.

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

1. Welcome / Call to order 8:31 am
2. Introductions
3. Approval of November meeting minutes

Motion to approve- Kim Ding. Second Erin Currie. Unanimous approval

4. Review of Financials - Rachel Forthofer - BW Photos raised money, will go in discretionary funds (that we hadn't budget for) $4000 went in, $500 came out for check ordering. Was unplanned, Will be further addressed outside the meeting (per Kate). $3500 net with combo of BW Photo deposit and debit for checks.

HCW Net $3400 (less imbursement)

Pizza is paid thru October. They have not sent invoices since then - Rachel has estimates built in so $ will be earmarked accordingly.

ZOOM account will renew late January (We have $175 budgeted, which will cover the cost)

Should we do B&W photos annually? Kate says Erika will spearhead it for next year (earlier in the school year) and we will try it for a few years. The $ raised is ours to continue to GFTH. In other words, it is our $ now but will go back to school, earmarked for that project.

5. HCW, Holiday Project Cookie Boxes - THANK YOU for participating / helping
   Crafters can still submit for reimbursement

Amount raised before reimbursement is $3461.65

6. Black and White Photos still available for purchase! Talk to Kate Dake

7. Grants

$2000 budget to go to teacher grants (things out of their classroom / dept budgets)
5 applications submitted. Awarded 4 / 5 ($1873 total)

- Theater safety - mats for combat course
- Dramatic play materials (kdg)
- Digger / tools (prek)
- Boyz 2 Men Program (Kate McKenzie) - starts in 5th, hope to expand. It is a mentoring program focusing on character development. (similar to ROX program middle school girls are using)

8. Upcoming PA events

Spring FunDrive - Taryn looking at first or second week of April, will let us know what they have available.

February Conferences: lunch provided by PA / volunteer needed Thursday 2/26 for set up on campus. BRITTNEY WILL DO IT! Usually have a SUG for dessert / drinks

Spring flower sale: TBD (catalogs sent during conferences) Delivery 4/29

Middle School dance sponsored by PA 4/10

Teacher appreciation this spring - interested in being part of the committee? Let us know! Julie says MS teachers appreciated the amazon wishlist option. Erin notes that registry function works better than wish list

Last year we had one large committee, school said last year was great but maybe a little over the top. Less would be fine this year. Division coordinators can check with their division chair for what is needed / appreciated. **We are looking for a chair for the committee. Will put out a plug in February email and ask who is interested and set up a meeting end of Feb for those interested. Dates will be April 27 - May 1**

9. Division Coordinator updates

ERIN (LS) - lost and found still going well

Grade parents who are doing events w/ food can talk to Tanj to get a list of food allergies for their grade to avoid allergen issues. Will be in touch with each grade individually about Valentine's Day events

Coordinators needed for next year (Jr K - 2 and 3-5) Jr.K appreciated being included in HCW and are now going to community meetings. Just confirm w Jr K on an event by event basis

Key dates will go out to parents for spring

LS Picnic (5/28) will be nearly identical to last year. Jr K will participate.

Royals Resources going well, will have a sign outside lounge to let all teachers know they are available that day. Still have openings if anyone is interested contact Erin.

JULIE (MS) - Holiday breakfast was lovely

Next event is MS Dance 4/10 - might do a fiesta theme - Anca wants to help!

Looking ahead, will need help for MS Musical food

Nyree (US) - not at meeting, Kate reporting in as proxy

No updates. Some parents made signs for exam week and had snacks

10. Next Meeting FEBRUARY 10 (date change, was on calendar for 2/11) at 8:30 - location TBD

11. Open positions for 2026- 2027 school year - see additional document (last page of minutes)

Slate will be presented at March 10 meeting for officers for next school year to be voted on in April meeting

Please email PA if you are interested in the position. Ashley will make a list to start

Julia will make sure google doc is accurate and send to Kim as PDF to put on website so folks know what each position entails. Will be up before next meeting

12. Questions, concerns, comments?

Michelle asked if we were going to do Grandfriends day again
Linda said we would like to, there are concerns with space due to size of LS. "Definitley will happen" just figuring out how to make it work logistically

Kate notes that Thursday Feb 5 will be a Gala Interest meeting at DAC
Date is set- Looking at venues
Masquerade ball theme

Save the Date for April 25 - night at the races
Will be on campus in Rob Hall - more casual feeling than usual. Catered event. Mostly focused on MS and US families but all invited

ADJOURNED 9:31 am
Open PA Positions
2026 - 2027

President - open (2 year term)
Vice President - open (2 year term)
Secretary - open (2 year term)
Treasurer- Rachel Forthofer

LS Coordinator (jr K - 2)
LS Coordinator (3-5)
MS Coordinator- Julie Huck
US Coordinator - Nyree Skimin

Grants- Vanessa Delgado
Flower Lead Chair - Vicki Todd
Flower co-chair - open
Holiday Craft - Lauren Givan overall logistics
Contact Lauren if interested in helping with decor / craft/ gift wrap / etc
Pizza Friday / Lunch Program - open - can be separated. 2 for pizza and 1 for lunch program would work
Teacher Appreciation '27-'28 - Open
Library Coordinator - Julia Sertich
FunDrive - Taryn McPherson
Webmaster - Chaz Gatian
Middle School Dance - Committee TBD each year based on parents in MS
Conference Meals (fall / spring) - open
Fall Fest / Spring Event - TBD
Senior Lunch / Other event for seniors - TBD