



Lake Oswego
High School

Parent Club Meeting Minutes

WEDNESDAY, May 13, 2020

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4:00 PM

PRESENT: Principal Dickinson, Dr. Lora de la Cruz, Devrie Brennan, Mary Hofmann, Kate Firmin, Jennifer Zagacki, Danielle Miller, Molly Ducker, Nancy Woolard, Jennifer Roumell, Cathy Lewis-Dougherty, Wendy Boyles, Linda Scipio del Campo, Liz Welsh, Tim Morris, Michelle Bennett, Tanya Halvorson, Sara Dazelaud, Whitney Woolf, Marcie McAuliffe, Kerstan Ruffer, Amy Waterbury, Chad Stingle

4:00 - Meeting Called to Order by President, Danielle Miller

Approval of March Minutes: Danielle Miller

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Principal's Report: Rollin Dickinson

- There was a huge staff meeting virtually which was a big adjustment to all be on screens. They sang the alma mater and waved- wild to see what can emerge in this format.
- School update: Thank you to Laker Club and families and parents. Staff members miss the magic of being together. All are trying to provide meaningful learning opportunities and celebrate students.
With this experience there is loss, but also a lot to be gained- everyone is learning a lot as professionals, partners, parents. There is ongoing professional development.
Students end June 5th and teachers will use the following week for grade prep and professional development and will try to figure out what students' experiences will be as we move forward while really trying to learn and keep getting better
A lot is still continuing- Mayfete, ASB, committees- students are still trying to lead and stay involved.
- Graduation- there will be a drive thru ceremony on May 28th 3-6:30- students will be assigned a specific time by alpha group. Teachers will be in the parking lot, the student will get out of the car, cross the stage, get a diploma, and there will be a DJ and music to celebrate the students and have a community event while still abiding by the rules. Some students are joining the military and this is their only chance to get a diploma. Also hoping to have an in person ceremony on July 16th on the football field. The administration is prepared to do as many ceremonies as needed to make something happen on July 16th- they will make it happen whether it's an all-day deal to accommodate gatherings of 25 and under, or fewer ceremonies if we are allowed to have larger gatherings by then. More details on that to come in an email.
- Questions:
 - Will the student get out of the car? Yes- the family should stay in the car- graduates should sit in the passenger seat so they can get out. The student will get out, get up on stage, names will be announced, they will ring the Laker bell, give out Honor cords, envelopes with letters, and notes. Cars will have to snake through the lot to make it longer.
 - Will there be photo opps? The school will have a professional photographer to take pictures as kids cross the stage and the LO Review will be there to cover it.
 - Is there a rain backup plan? Most people will be in cars and the stage that is rented has a see-through canopy just in case so it shouldn't be a problem.

How is distance learning? Staff and administration doing our best to make it work- have received positive and affirming feedback from parents and students- seems everyone knows we're all doing our best. Dr. de la Cruz shared the feedback from survey that was sent out. It is interesting and this is ongoing - at the last Laker Club meeting we were just talking about changing the education model and now we are doing it. We still need to learn a lot and adjust to make the rest of the year work well- if we need to do this next year, there will be more time to plan and do it even better.

Parking for next year? If kids are staggered, there may be extra parking. The hybrid model is being talked about to have fewer students at the school at one time and be more spread out- maybe 2 days a week and distance learning the other days. In general, there are enough spots for seniors and a lottery for juniors.

Is there any more info about what school will look like in Fall?

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Lora De La Cruz

- Rollin (LOHS) and Desiree (LHS) have put so much thinking into decision making about graduation- they have built a plan around what would be valued by the students. It is not ideal but they are making the best decisions from the choices. The district is working with a now and later framework for thinking about distance learning- thinking about where we are now and building for the future.
- **Now:** They have received a healthy amount of input from parents, staff and students- the schools are monitoring students' engagement through email, live contact, work turned in, and access to google classroom. At the HS level, there is 87-90 percent engagement and there are solid graduation plans in place to support any seniors who need additional support, paying attention to students who need extra help and making sure students get support they need.

Results from the survey: mixed input- parents rated around 5 out of 10 for overall satisfaction. For stress, 22% thought too much, 22% too little, and 55% thought just right under the circumstances.

From the students- the largest percent thought it is just right but with a strong sentiment that they don't like school at home. The district is working on more coherency around the way we are communicating and google classroom is primarily being used.

Teachers are reaching out through emails, remind app, and synergy. The district will build more consistent communication and try to streamline assignments and workload- can't transfer 7-8 period day to home.

They are refining their approach- working on a personalized support level for teachers who aren't as comfortable or trained at technology as needed for distance learning.

All principals shared feedback from student surveys. The district is using the student input in order to better the system and they are taking that feedback to plan for the future.

They are adding ways to support the staff- including Wednesday workshops with special assignments as part of professional development.

The goal is to have every student have the opportunity to connect with teachers and staff- there is a loss of person to person connection and they need to create more pathways to connect and more consistency.

- **Later:** Planning that is beginning- the Superintendents meet with the Oregon Dept of Education for updates. Schools will likely open in the Fall, but will look different than they did on March 13th. The plan is not definitive or formalized, but sharing what we are working with- there are still many uncertainties- want to be proactive in LOSD now that we have a sense of what's coming by putting together a team of internal people to plan for transportation, technology, instruction, and wellness- building a team to look at these parts and pieces.

What's the right platform should school open in a remote way? How can we better organize the system to deliver high quality education?

Will it be in-person learning with preventative measures? There may be scattered schedules, immunocompromised students won't be able to attend, and could be a hybrid of in school and remote, or fully remote learning.

- We will need to plan for 5 possible phases when school opens in August- need to plan for any possibility- 1st stage: online, 2nd stage: mostly online, 3rd stage: hybrid of bringing in more students, 4th stage: mostly in person with some online, 5th stage: all in person except students who may have restrictions.
- The district had to completely remodel strategic planning- switched all full day sessions to a few virtual meetings- sent out surveys from a variety of groups and committees- in order to make sure they take in input and prioritize a 5-year plan. The ultimate goal is to have a strategic plan that is shaped by Sept or Oct.
- A budget email went out- there are difficult choices but keeping in mind always the emotional and academic well-being of students.
- Questions:
 - Are kids moving back to Oak Creek? Yes, all construction is on track- major projects on track- the one that may have delays is Lakeridge Middle.
 - Who will be at Uplands this next year? The district may need Uplands and Palisades for child care or staggering schedules- when starting to bring kids in and stagger schedules, families will need a place to be on alternate days- anticipating needing more space.
 - Plans for all 3 possibilities? With more distance learning, will we have grades or get more feedback? The principals are working with teachers about the best way to give feedback in the digital world- not sure about grading- can't imagine a full year of P/I knowing the implications. It would be detrimental to the students and would not be best in the long run for students. With more time for planning, we can be mindful about the best ways to support the grading and hopeful we will be transitioning as science comes up with a vaccine.
 - Will there be Fall sports? Still waiting for more info from OSAA and the Governor as well as the City Manager and City Council about phases for opening LO. Principal Dickinson is working on creative solutions about what Fall sports could be in this environment- they include possibly moving sports to different seasons. Figuring out how to scale things across the district while we wait for information and get creative about how to make it work.
 - Will we still start school on the August date? It may be delayed a bit- might start later if it means we will be further along in phases.
 - Are there projected dates to make decisions? We want to work with the design team to create benchmarks and will work with the DOE.

President's Report: Danielle Miller

- Fundraising recap: We had asked for \$125 per family and 48% of families donated. We raised the majority at registration which was great, people were willing to give then. Later in the campaign we wanted to get the percentage up so we asked for any amount that people can give - it doesn't have to be \$125- and that got more donations.
- For next year, taking into consideration that the economy has taken a hit and some people are not working, the executive board discussed whether or not we should scale back. But we will also have budget cuts at schools and will need money more than ever so we decided to still ask for \$125, but make it clear that any amount/no amount is great. We are happy to have parents come to meetings and support kids and teachers. And if you are able to give, please give and that's great.
- Thank you to Jenn Altman and Tanya Halvorson who put together Grad Night and to Mary Hofmann the Grad Night Treasurer. The 3 of you are stars! It's disappointing that we didn't get to have the Grad Night party, but thrilled that something will be put together for the seniors so they will feel as special as they possibly can. It's a lesson learned for disappointments in life.
- Thank you to Kate Firmin who has been this year's VP and next year will stay on as Secretary.
- Thank you to Stephanie Lum who has been Treasurer on and off for years and is staying on for next year and hopefully training someone to take over for the following year.
- Thank you to Devrie Brennan who has been Asst Treasurer and then took over the role as Concessions Treasurer for this year and thank you for staying on for another year!

- Thank you to Nancy Woolard who has done everything- Concessions Scheduler first, and has been bringing all supplies to concessions. We will miss you next year and are looking for her replacement. The job would be best held by 2 people- depending on what happens with Fall sports, we may get food trucks in Fall if we have games but will keep everyone posted.
- ACS interviews- Thank you Kristy Cory and Kerry Hinrichs who will stay on next year.
- Thank you to our Auditors- Whitney Woolf and Liz Welsh.
- Thank you Monica Iizuka for taking on Concessions Scheduler.

Vice President's Report: Kate Firmin

- Recap/explanation of teacher grants- Teachers submit grant requests to Principal Dickinson and he prioritizes them and we come up with the list and get as far down that list as we can with the amount we are able to fundraise.
Some of the grants from this year included a refill water station, aluminum easels, a TV monitor for the counseling department, drum line equipment, food equipment, photography equipment, support for the musical, mats for cheer, and more. The requests may look different for next year but we will hope to raise money and do it again.
- Parking fundraiser: There are 6 parking spots used for fundraising. A \$1500 donation puts you in a lottery to win one of 5 spots. The 6th spot goes up for a bidding war. We plan to do it again this year and hopefully people will offer \$1500 for the spots. Principal Dickinson picks the winners out of a hat. We will plan to do it next week and a Directory Spot message will go out to families.

General Treasurer's Report: Stephanie Lum

- Presented the financial statements as of April 30th.
- Explanation of proposed budget for 2020-2021 school year: Fundraising projection is \$35K for coming year - last year shows \$44k raised and numbers were higher due to excess funds from Grad Night that were transferred and we made a lot from the parking auction too. Projected parking number is a little lower for the coming year, and if we make more it will go to the Principal's fund.
- We will plan to do the Glassybaby votive fundraiser next year.
- Comment: The Counseling department is very appreciative of the gift cards we donate. Please let them know if families are in need as they don't have access to a list of free/reduced lunch students.
- In past years, we have carried over \$5K. Proposing to lower to \$4K and we can give the extra \$1K to the school to use right now.
After bills are finalized, we will be left with about \$3700 to move to the Principal's discretionary fund to use now. We will be lowering the amount for reserves and taking the extra funds from Hospitality that weren't needed since we ended the year early.

VOTE: 2020-21 Laker Club General Budget and excess money for the Principal's discretionary funds:

- Devrie Brennan made a motion to approve next year's budget. Cathy Lewis-Dougherty seconded. **Motion passed.**
- Devrie Brennan made a motion to rollover the excess \$3700 for the Principal's discretionary funds. Kate Firmin seconded. **Motion passed.**

Concessions Treasurer's Report: Devrie Brennan

- The current balance is \$4654. Would like to carry \$3K into the Fall but have no idea what it will look like. Some of the stock has expiration dates so we will shed that and repurchase when we open up the concession stands. We will probably need about \$2K to restock to a full concession stand which could decrease the balance.
- The winter payout was over \$5K and Fall was around \$10K. We can't predict what will be this Fall. Both 2020 and 2021 classes benefited. Also wrestling, snowboarding, dance, cheer, lax, and soccer participated.
- Comments: For next year's Grad Night, the class of 2021 has about \$2K and will need to look for other fundraising opportunities for Grad Night bc football is usually the main money maker for the senior class and we may not have football games. There is an additional \$1500 from Grad Night reserves for the class to use if needed.

VOTE: 2020-21 Laker Club Executive Board as follows:

- President- Danielle Miller
- Vice Presidents- Molly Ducker and Jennifer Zagacki
- Secretary- Kate Firmin
- General Treasurer- Stephanie Lum
- Concessions Treasurer- Devrie Brennan

We are still in need of a Grad Night Treasurer and will vote next year when we have someone.

Kerstan Ruffer made a motion to vote in the 2020-21 Laker Club Executive Board. Mary Hofmann seconded. **Motion passed.**

Grad Night Treasurer's Report: Mary Hofmann

- It is very disappointing that we had to cancel the event. 200 tickets had been sold early in the year. We have refunded everyone who purchased a ticket. And the venue fully refunded our deposit. We are left with a balance of around \$8600 in the account. We usually leave \$3k in the account which leaves us with about \$5600 for a gift from the class of 2020 and to possibly enhance the celebration planned for July 16th.
- Question: Is there a place to enhance the July 16th event? There may be an opportunity- we don't usually do graduations outside so there are possibilities of things but don't know what is possible right now - might be nice to add something to the school- banners or beautiful things that could be used in July and then put up in school afterward.
- Jenn Altman found a company in Milwaukee that is now making masks and will print logos on them. It would cost about \$400 to give each grad a printed mask with the class of 2020.
- Committee members have reached out to support any of the events that are being planned- please let them know how they can help
- 2020 class officers to meet with Principal Dickinson and then put a link to a google survey to vote on ideas for class gift.

VOTE: Excess money in Grad Night account: Danielle Miller

Mary Hofmann made a motion to use the excess money in the Grad Night account for a gift and to enhance the celebrations on May 28th and July 16th. Kerstan Ruffer seconded. **Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:
Molly Ducker
Secretary

