

HSC Minutes October 23, 2018, 8:25am

Welcome & Introductions

The group went around and everyone introduced themselves. Tara motioned to approve the minutes, Fiona seconded, all in favor.

Principal's Message

Our beautiful mural has been completed as of yesterday! Thank you to MEF for the grant and thank you to HSC for supplementing the cost! About two weeks ago the artist came and projected the mural on the wall in the dark to begin the sketching. The process of painting the mural went very fast. It is gorgeous!

While we are thrilled to have the back parking lot, we know that some people are trying to make left turns out of the parking lot and that is causing some confusion. We have ordered a large "no left turn" sign and we are going to do our best to enforce it. We are also going to add more Drop Off Only signs in the back parking lot.

We have lunch clubs up and running! Most of them take place here in the library and include Pokemon, Go Noodle, Origami, Cards and Games, and more. The beautification club is still ongoing as well!

We have some middle school clubs that are beginning as well. Latimer Leaders is a group of leadership students that help with dance decorations, planning roar outs, and more. Cindy Hilliard is starting a games club, Math Olympiad is starting, and we try to do Friday dance parties at lunch.

We had our first International Walk to School Day and it was a big success! Erin and Allison helped to arrange the "walking school bus" idea where groups of people meet up at certain locations. There was a significant decrease in car traffic that day. Our first Move Your Feet Friday is this Friday! We have to turn in a count twice a year to Walk n Roll. We are going to do a practice count this Friday and do an official count in November or December. We need volunteers once a month from 7:45-8:15am to help count kids!

We started using our pedestrian flags on International Walk to School Day. Thank you to Darlene Sales, Tanya De La Cruz, and Richard Hendricks! A parent suggested reminding parents to discuss traffic safety with their children so that students don't get a false sense of security by using the flags to cross the street.

Latimer participated in the district wide great shakeout last Wednesday. It went really well! Each time we do a drill we try to add another piece to practice. We sent out our search and rescue team, we built the latrines, the students were quiet, and the drill was completed district wide in 17 minutes.

President's Message

Spirit wear is in and has been distributed!

Project cornerstone is going well!

Fund Drive - we are still receiving company matches. We have an additional \$600 that we were not expecting.

The color guard grant was approved for middle school! We will be getting the high schoolers to come do a performance in December and we will begin recruiting shortly after that.

Copy Center is doing great and running smoothly!

Room Parents - it's time to start planning for Halloween parties. There is a pinterest board to help with ideas!

WAT was great! We came in under budget! We purchased a balloon arch that can be used for future walk-a-thon's, school dances, etc. If we all pledges turned in, we expect to have raised \$23,471! We still need to buy the items for the incentives and class parties so the budget has not been reflected to account for that. A parent suggested having more volunteers at the water table. Another parent suggested moving the volunteer table to the shady area under the pop-up tent on the field. We are sending home reminders in the Wednesday envelope for people that still need to turn in their pledge money. This year we had 4 kids who ran 50 laps!

WAT Raffle - We raised \$1,089. The single highest entry was the one where staff and teachers can win gift cards. We chose winners yesterday and they will be posted in the office window this week!

Kona Ice is scheduled to be at Latimer after school on Halloween!

Budget

There is not a huge amount of change from the last meeting. Teachers have started spending their allotments and they have already been made aware of their field trip allotments as well. We currently have an all-school assembly scheduled and we are looking at booking a second assembly.

We have about \$50k in reserves and we are proposing to spend around \$20-25k this year.

A list of proposed expenses was compiled by the HSC Executive Board and presented at the meeting.. Last year we got a donation of an exterior mount bulletin board. We are proposing to purchase two more. We would like them located at the front of the school, the back of the school, and somewhere in the middle.

It has been proposed to spend money in the maker space and the science lab for large trash cans, brooms, shelving, etc. A marquis has been on our list for a very long time. We are proposing to move forward with the current quote of \$12,000 although we anticipate it will be less.

Chris Bean donated her die cut press to the copy center but we need more die cut letters.

It has also been suggested to get a Silhouette cutter for the Copy Center that staff and volunteers have access to.

We would also like to purchase a coin counter to help with juice pop sales, book fair sales, etc.

Kristin Brown suggested spending more on playground equipment. HSC has already discussed increasing the playground equipment line item.

Another parent asked if we can start saving for a shade structure for PE.

Kristin Brown also brought up the fact that Latimer was left off of the District's new playground list and how we can advocate for our school. Nancy explained that when the District plans for things like new playgrounds, there is a formula that is used. She will look into the fact that Latimer is not scheduled to get a new playground and report back at the next meeting.

This year, we have moved 3rd-5th grade to the lunch tables side of the campus where we have another playground, tetherballs, wall ball, and natural grass to play on. It has been working wonderfully and the students love it!

Amy suggested moving a table closer to the lunch tables playground for the parents to be able to sit, while still being close enough to watch their kids.

Nancy would be interested in getting tables for all of our teachers outside their classroom. It is a need and the teachers would love it. Our current picnic benches cost \$850 each.

Shveta would love to see more trash bins around campus. She also mentioned talking to Kim in the cafeteria to see if there is anything that she needs. Nancy will check with the District to see if we will be moving to permanent trash can structures.

A parent asked about the maker space. Are there open hours where parents can go in with their kids to create things? Right now we have an elective teacher who teaches Project Lead the Way and she uses it three periods a day. We also have a sign up where the younger grades can take their class into the maker space. Preeti Amin will email Nancy and Heather about volunteering and the possibility of a Maker Club.

Fiona motioned to approve the expenditures, Amy seconded, all in favor.

Nancy and Heather will check in with teachers to see if they have recruited parents for hour of code.

We had a restaurant night at Chipotle but it did not go so well. You have to make a minimum of \$300 in sales for Chipotle and we only made ~\$111. Weeknights seem to work better than the weekends for restaurant nights.

Winter Boutique is coming up in December! Have your kids start thinking of ideas of what they want to make!

Kristin brought up that Latimer is the only school that does not donate back to Project Cornerstone. We will discuss increasing the Project Cornerstone budget so that we can donate that amount back to Project Cornerstone.

Meeting adjourned: 9:50am