

HSC Minutes

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Attendees: Allison Holzapfel, Erin Hammer, Chanelle Brearley, Nancy Cisler, Heather Scharer, Kristin Brown, Megan Leon, Sina Croom, Fiona Anderberg, Tara Borwey, Amy Cody, Dawn Kragelund, Dianna Wolf, Darlene Sales, Christina Paulson, Shveta Bagade, Madison Lottermoser, Janine Daly, Michelle Zhang, Miranda Kwan, Alona Trytiak, Cindy Louie

Welcome & Introductions

The group went around and everyone introduced themselves. There are no minutes to approve, however, minutes from the previous school year can be found on the school website at latimer.moreland.org

Principal's Message

We are no longer under construction! This school year has been off to a smooth start! We are very excited to have two parking lots. Another big change this year is the Aeries parent portal. It's a big change from how we used to do things. Previously, a thick stack of first day paper packets were sent home with every student. Now, parents will use the portal to complete the first day packet online, confirm the emergency card, communicate with their child's teacher, and monitor grades (middle school). Currently, we have 551 students enrolled and 376 who have completed their online packets. We only have 3 families without email.

Across the District, our Kindergarten numbers are low. We went from three full 3rd grades last year into two 4th grades. The District is working hard to keep our primary grades at around 22 students so that there is no overflow in 4th grade.

We have a beautiful new succulent garden outside the library that was spearheaded by Amy Cody and our board member Julie Reynolds Grabbe. Thank you! We are also looking into a larger garden project here at Latimer.

Jeannie has worked her schedule this year so that the library is open during elementary and middle school lunch 5 days a week. Jeannie is going to work on some lunch clubs. We are also planning to build a lego wall in the media center.

We are working on getting Walk n Roll up and running. Last week, our teachers collected data and they did a great job! We are going to do a huge kick off on October 10th which is International Walk to School Day. We will need parent volunteers to help count kids! The goal is to get kids walking and riding bikes and then we can get help from the City to help determine safe routes to school.

A parent asked about flags for the crosswalk over Hamilton. We have a parent who helped start this at Payne and there is discussion to start this at Latimer as well.

Another parent asked about follow up with Chappie Jones, our San Jose Councilman. There is a delay between the pedestrian light and the stoplight at San Tomas Aquino and Latimer. There is a traffic study going on at the Hamilton and Latimer intersection and the city is also looking again at the San Tomas Aquino and Latimer intersection.

The parking lot in the back says right turn only, but it's close to the ground. A parent recommended making the sign bigger and raising it higher. Another parent suggested that the front lot bushes be pruned to allow more visibility to pedestrians.

President's Message

HSC runs a lot of programs throughout the year and almost all of them have an event lead! Current events without leads include: Yearbook Co-Coordinator and Middle School Dance/Music in Moreland/Sports in Moreland representatives, Walk n Roll/Move Your Feet Fridays lead, Grocery Loyalty Programs Volunteer.

Middle School Dance/Music in Moreland/Sports in Moreland: There are two middle school dances offered throughout the year in the winter and in the spring. MiM and SiM are chairs that fall under the Moreland Educational Foundation. They benefit each school by bringing in sports and music programs, assemblies, and more. For SiM, the biggest piece is helping with the sports banquet. For MiM, you work with Nils to help fundraise for things like the 8th grade disneyland trip. If you want more information, please contact HSC.

Move Your Feet Fridays - We need someone to take the lead after the program is up and running. It is one Friday a month except for October, which will be two Fridays.

Grocery Loyalty Programs - Your loyalty cards allow Latimer to earn money when you shop. We have Amazon Smile, Raleys, eScrip, and more. If you are interested, please contact HSC.

Latimer HSC has a Facebook page, Instagram, and email. We encourage people to follow the Latimer HSC facebook page to learn more about different events going on around school!

Upcoming Events

If you have things you want promoted, email Megan and she will add it to Latimer HSC social media. If you see something shared, please like or comment as this will help Facebook's algorithm share it with more followers.

Fund Drive - Amy

Our annual fund drive is our first major fundraiser of the year. It's a simple way to raise money for school! Last year we set a goal of \$10,000 and we raised \$18,000, this year we have increased our goal to \$15,000. We encourage company matching! Last year we raised \$9,000 in company matching! The fund drive ends September 14th. We are asking families to make a \$50 or more donation.

Harvest Hop - Erin

The harvest hop is on September 14th from 5-7pm. It is a family community event! The big draw is the staff choreographed dance. We have Road Dawgs and Lala's Tacos food trucks coming! We need volunteers to help decorate before the dance and we need volunteers to help with game monitoring and face painting. If you are available to help, please contact Brooke!

Silent Auction

The silent auction runs during the Harvest Hop. Money raised helps to offset the cost of the Walk A Thon. If you or family member own a business and would like to make a donation, please contact HSC. Brooke is asking for all donations by September 6th.

Box Tops

Michelle DeGuzman is helping with box tops! Thank you! When you clip them out and bring them to school, we get 10 cents per box top. Last year we raised around \$400 from box tops. Students can drop off collection sheets or ziploc bags to their teacher or to the front office. If you are interested in helping or have suggestions, please contact Michelle.

Next month's HSC meeting will be in the evening.

Budget - Christina

We are requesting receipts to be submitted no later than 30 days after the event. We are working on new forms for deposits and reimbursements.

We will vote on the proposed budget at the September meeting. Erin will be adding a line item of \$1,000 for lunch clubs. We kept the same fundraisers, we bumped up our staff appreciation amounts, we added a line item for electives, and a line item for the band Disneyland trip. We also increased the library budget. This year, we will be increasing the amount of money used for field trips and decrease the amount of staff allotments.

In addition to the budget, we have a large amount of reserves that have accumulated over the years. We have talked about a marquis, display cases, blacktop painting (USA map, hopscotch), and a poster maker. Our primary goal is to support the school, students, and staff.

Other ideas for funding include folklorico dance and color guard supplies.

Upcoming Restaurant Nights

Panda Express - Wednesday, September 19th, 11:00am - 10:00pm

Chipotle - Sunday, October 21st, 5:00pm - 9:00pm

Last year, Fiona's husband did hour of code with her daughter's class. He's willing to train people so that they can bring it into all of Latimer's classrooms.

ABC Reader/Project Cornerstone

Parent volunteers go to the classrooms once a month and read a book and do a small activity with the class.