



# GENERAL MEETING

**April 19, 2021 / 7:00 PM / Virtual**

**PTA and School Staff Attendees:**

**LHMS PTA:** Kimberly Hotz, Treasurer; Annmarie Swope, Secretary; Traci Pickering, VP, LHMS Spiritwear and General Membership, Ana Gabriela Godoy, PTA President

**LHMS Staff:** Aimee Monticchio, Principal; Ms. Liz Falcone, Math Department Chair

**7:00 PM Meeting CALL TO ORDER by Aimee Monticchio, LHMS Principal.**

Principal Remarks & Welcome

Presentation: Ms. Aimee Monticchio presented Spring SOL Testing

- Presentation Highlights:
  - State has mandated that SOL testing take place this year
  - Because of Covid-19 the State is allowing the following:
    - Reduced testing – removal of two 8<sup>th</sup> grade tests, Civics and Writing. Both test requirements will be met in the student’s classroom throughout the month of April.
    - Extended Window to conduct testing
    - Covid-refusal option
      - A student may refuse all or take one SOL but not others.
    - And alternate remote test-for families of virtual students who refuse the SOL, scores are for the family
  - For middle school students enrolled in a HS credit-bearing mathematics course, the Algebra 1, Geometry, or Algebra 2 SOL test is used to fulfill the federal testing requirement
    - If you choose not to have your child, take an SOL test that has a verified credit, they can take the appropriate SOL in the Fall
      - Keep in mind that the high school testing timeline will vary at each school
      - Knowledge retention could be a factor taking the SOL test
  - All SOL tests must be taken in person. An SOL calendar for both in-school and virtual students will be sent out via LHMS newsletter and placed on the website
    - Virtual Students will be taking the tests on Mondays
    - In-School on Tuesdays or Thursdays if a student is not present Tuesday
    - Testing will start at 7:30pm and students will be 6’ apart, will need to wear a mask, and they will be facing the same direction.
- For full presentation please use the following link:  
<https://us.bbcollab.com/recording/43acdc333f34fe7b8db1b1bd98e344c>

## March Meeting Minutes

- Annmarie, PTA Secretary, presented the meeting minutes for approval
- Meeting minutes were also shared onscreen
- Annmarie S made motion to approve
- Aimee M: 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion
- March meeting minutes were approved and will be posted to LHMS PTA website

## Treasurer's Report

- Kim Hotz presented the current PTA budget on screen
- The Gift Cards for the BUGS program will be purchased this month
- PTA received a Mini-Grant Application from LHMS Library Staff:
  - Ms. Liz Falcone sent a Staff Mini-Grant application to the PTA Board on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> for review and consideration
  - The Grant request is for \$200
  - These Grant funds would be used to kick-start a "What to Read....Summer 2021!" program for LHMS students.
    - Specifically, Staff would use the funds to buy print copies of books on our list to give to students to read, keep, and share.
    - In addition, if the PTA is open to it, staff could create an Amazon wish list of books that the PTA/Staff can circulate to parents who are willing to buy/donate more copies
  - The Grant request was approved by those in attendance.
  - During the PTA executive meeting prior to the general meeting, the PTA approved the following:
    - \$200 from the Hospitality fund to pay for decorations and ice pops for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration
    - \$1000 to help fund the Taco Truck for the staff during Staff Appreciation Week. PTA and LHMS will also conduct outreach for donations from the community.
- The revised budget will be uploaded to the LHMS PTA website

## President's Report

- Gabriela thanked the Board and Committee members for their time and hard work this year.
- She advised of Board Elections coming up and open Board and Committee positions
- Updates regarding PTA Board and Committee Chair openings will be uploaded to LHMS PTA website and will continue to be included in upcoming PTA and LHMS newsletters.
- If anyone is interested in volunteering next year, please contact Gabriela at [president@lhmspta.com](mailto:president@lhmspta.com)

## Committee Chair Reports

- Membership, Traci Pickering
  - Memberships have done well despite school being done online for most of the year and all PTA meetings being done virtually.
- Spirit Wear, Traci Pickering
  - Spirit Wear is closed for the year

- Store will reopen in August
- All orders placed to date will be delivered home

#### Other Items for Discussion

- Staff Appreciation
  - Staff Appreciation week is May 3 - 7
  - Ms. Monticchio requested financial assistance to secure a Taco Truck for lunch for the staff on April 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - This would be in lieu of the traditional lunch provided by the PTA and LHMS families
  - Current estimate is \$1000 (\$10/staff member)
  
- 5-Days of In-Person Next Year
  - Effective July 1, 2021, SB1303 becomes a law.
  - This law requires each division to offer full time in-person instruction for all enrolled students
  - Virtual enrollment will be limited
    - Requests for virtual will be considered through a free application process like Homebound Education eligibility requirements
    - Some elective programs requiring highly specialized equipment will not be available to virtual students
  
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration
  - Due to Covid, there will be no in-school 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration
  - Ms. Monticchio advised they would be creating a video for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and are recommending doing an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Drive by Parade on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm
    - Asking for assistance with regards to securing decorations (i.e., balloon arch from SLHS), ice pops (to be handed to students as they drive thru), and some funds to assist with buying all items.
    - PTA and LHMS will include call for 1-2 volunteers to assist with securing the items and helping to decorate the parade route
  - Buses would be provided for students who could not get a ride from their parents. Stops would include:
    - Dogwood
    - Lake Anne
    - Forest Edge
    - Hunters Woods

#### Key Dates:

- April 19<sup>th</sup> – April 23<sup>rd</sup>: Spirit Week
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>: Staff Appreciation Week
- May 17<sup>th</sup>: PTA Meeting
- May 31<sup>st</sup>: Holiday – Memorial Day
- June 8<sup>th</sup>: Virtual School Day for all students due to Democratic Primary Election in school buildings
- June 11<sup>th</sup>: Last Day of School

**Meeting ADJORNED at 7:46 pm.**

