



# GENERAL MEETING

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**March 15, 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

**LHMS Staff:** Aimee Monticchio, Principal; Sharon Duncan-Hudspeth, Assistant Principal

**7:05 PM Meeting CALL TO ORDER by Aimee Monticchio, LHMS Principal.**

**Principal Remarks & Welcome**

**Guest Speaker: Kevin Anderson, Head Coach SLHS Golf**

- **SLHS Golf Highlights:**
  - It is competitive sport and not a club
  - SLHS will be moving to the Concord District next year
  - Looking to develop 10-12 players as a Competitive Team for SLHS. Players should have some level of experience including lessons, camps, play with family or friends
  - Looking to also develop 10-12 players as a Development team. Players will not need to have golf experience to participate
  - Team will need to raise money for uniforms, equipment, etc. Katie McClain is the Golf Booster contact.
- Provided information regarding what to expect when playing a high school sport
  - Fall sports (including Golf) begin Aug 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Most sports will go into the late Fall and have individual and/or team regional and district competitions
  - All athletes will need to have physicals and concussion checks
- Would like to set up an interest meeting with LHMS students and SLHS Coaches
- LHMS PTA and Principal offered to include a blurb regarding the interest meeting and where to find more information about SLHS golf and other sports via their newsletters
  - Kevin Anderson should send blurb to LHMS Principal, Ms. Aimee Monticchio

**February Meeting Minutes**

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

## Treasurer's Report

- Kimberly Hotz, PTA Treasurer, shared the current PTA budget on screen
- The PTA had \$7,369 at the beginning of February and the current balance is \$7,164.75
- Expenses included screening for Spiritwear and dues
- Most of the funds coming in are from Spirit Wear and Membership dues.
- February Dining for Dollars event at Santini's brought in \$100. The owner included \$40 donation to the PTA.
- Additional funds are coming in from AmazonSmile and Box Tops
- The revised budget will be uploaded to the LHMS PTA website

## Principal's Update: Summer Learning Presentation

- Ms. Aimee Monticchio presented
- Meeting and presentation may be found here:  
[Langston Hughes MS Principal - Ms. Monticchio - recording 2](#)
- Highlights include:
  - Classes will be taking place in the new wing (school construction will be done in August)
  - Programs include:
    - Imagine (July 12-30)
    - Young Scholars (July 12-30)
    - VIP Summer Camp (June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 24<sup>th</sup>)
      - For 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from various middle schools in the area
      - There is a nominal fee to attend
    - Panther Preview (August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>)
      - Free event
      - Provides sneak peak of student life at LHMS
      - Rising 7<sup>th</sup> graders are invited
      - School will explore also providing 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are new to the school to attend
    - Rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders will receive information regarding an introduction to SLHS
      - Students also could secure 2 credits during the summer
      - For more information, please visit  
<https://www.fcps.edu/academics/summer-learning>

## President's Report

- Gabriela was unable to attend due to technical difficulties.
- Updates regarding PTA Board and Committee Chair openings will be uploaded to LHMS PTA website.
- If anyone is interested in volunteering next year, please contact Gabriela at [president@lhmspta.com](mailto:president@lhmspta.com)

## Committee Chair Reports

- Fundraising, Kimberly Hotz
  - There will be another Dining for Dollars event after Spring Break.
  - It was recommended that PTA Membership and Donation opportunities via MemberHub should be included in newsletters moving forward (School and PTA)
  - AmazonSmile has brought in \$75, and it is extremely easy to set up and start raising money for LHMS PTA with every purchase.

- To set up an AmazonSmile account please use the following link:
- <https://www.aboutamazon.com/news/community/how-to-sign-up-for-amazonsmile>
- Box Tops has a new electronic format, and it seems people may not be participating due to the change.
  - Advised it is extremely easy and will look to include more instructions/a video in next PTA newsletter on how to redeem. Meantime, please use the following link to get started:
  - <https://www.boxtops4education.com/How-To-Earn#:~:text=BOX%20TOPS%20MAKES%20IT%20EASY.&text=Download%20the%20Box%20Tops%20app,credit%20your%20school's%20earnings%20online.>
- Spirit Wear, Traci Pickering
  - Brian (assists with PTA website, social media) and Traci were able to get the new Spirit Wear store up and running using MemberHub (same system PTA uses for Membership Dues)
    - There are more color options with each item thanks to MemberHub services
    - Brian will be leaving LHMS next year so will need someone to help with website, social media, etc.
    - There is some inventory with the old logo available. Will look to include on the site and sell while supplies last
    - Items purchased this year will still be delivered home. However, for next year, they will be delivered to 3<sup>rd</sup> period teacher.
  - Spiritwear can still be purchased on the website:  
<https://www.lhmspta.com/home/lhms-spirit-wear3741666>

#### Other Items for Discussion

- A parent asked how many families receive the PTA newsletter and how many open the email. Need to get back regarding numbers as they were not readily available during the call.
- All trailers will be removed from LHMS campus by July!

#### Key Dates:

- March 18<sup>th</sup>: AP Parent Coffee: Updates and Observations about Return to School
- March 22<sup>nd</sup>: Picture Day (for virtual students only)
- March 23-26<sup>th</sup>: Picture Day (for in-school students only)
- March 26<sup>th</sup>: End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter – 2-Hour Early Release
- March 29<sup>th</sup>: April 2<sup>nd</sup>: Holiday – Spring Break
- April 5<sup>th</sup>: Student Holiday
- April 19<sup>th</sup>: PTA Meeting

**Meeting ADJORNED at 7:51pm.**