



GENERAL MEETING

October 18, 2021 / 7:00 PM / Hybrid In-Person & Virtual

PTA and School Staff Attendees:

LHMS PTA: Suzanne Zurn, President; Nicola Hamilton, Vice President; Kimberly Hotz, Treasurer; Candice Benvenuti, Secretary

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

Parents/ Other: Larry Howell, [AIMEE – are you able to pull the online attendance??]

7:03 PM Meeting CALL TO ORDER by Suzanne Zurn, President.

President Remarks & Welcome – Thank you for joining. As a reminder, all PTA meeting are being held as a hybrid virtual and in-person meeting.

Presentation/Monthly Topic: Service Hours and Opportunities, Aimee Monticchio, Principal

- Presentation Highlights:
 - Students will learn about service hours through History and Civics classes and have already seen this presentation.
 - Students need 15 hours of service plus written reflections by the end of 8th grade year.
 - If admitted to NJHS (8th graders only), there will be additional 5 hours needed.
 - The portal used is X2Vol that can be found in Schoology. Different opportunities will be posted there as well.
 - Service = anything that helps someone outside of immediate home with no payment received for the service.
 - In Schoology, go to Naviance, then X2Vol...click tab Opportunities.
 - Add links and presentation:
 - To log hours, create new in Activity Log, add hours, and save.
 - Student must write a reflection for their service hours; think of the question: How did you help and how does it connect to the IB traits?
 - Each time you log hours, an adult must verify hours. Parents, teachers, etc. can verify hours.
 - Questions, contact Chris DelGrosso: cjdelgrosso@fcps.edu

September Meeting Minutes – Candice Benvenuti, PTA Secretary

- Presented the meeting minutes for approval; meeting minutes were also shared onscreen.
- There was a motion to approve and 2nd the motion.
- September meeting minutes were approved and will be posted to LHMS PTA website.

President's Report – Suzanne Zurn, PTA President

- Absent having a specific fund raising coordinator, Suzanne took on those responsibilities. On 10/06/2021, we had a Dining for Dollars Day at Moe's and earned \$64.69 for our school. She has about 12 requests out for events at various locations in Reston and is waiting for confirmation of the dates. The dates will be sent out once she gets them.
- Look forward to sharing an update for our call for open positions.
- E-mail: president@lhmspta.com

Principal's Report – Aimee Monticchio, LHMS Principal

- We have had a busy month. Please read the Friday emails for updates.
- We had a Spirit Week last week, joining in with South Lakes Homecoming week.
- We had a nice showing at the South Lakes Parade. Ms. Monticchio rode in a convertible with the Hughes Panther. Other clubs joined in the parade as well.
- Today, we opened the Music wing of the building, which houses band, orchestra, chorus, etc.
- The gym continues to make progress. We are aiming for the beginning of November for the gym to open.
- Elections will be held in the building on November 2nd, so staff will work from home.
- We are looking for monitors, long-term sub positions in the spring (Civics, Spanish, Math), and anyone available to work in our school. We could use additional adults in the building.
- We are moving to have four lunches. Since we are moving into winter, students will be moved inside for the lunch period.
- There have been some cases of the corona virus. Most students and staff are vaccinated. So long as vaccination cards are presented and the individuals have no symptoms, they can return. Results of contact tracing have confirmed that there has been no transmission of the virus inside the building.

Treasurer's Report – Kim Hotz, PTA Treasurer

- Started off the school year strong. Profit and loss in first quarter are below:
 - Gross Profit: \$5,653.09
 - Total Expenses: \$1,467.34 (*This includes our first payment for spirit wear*)
 - New Income: \$4,185.75
- Thank you for helping us start strong!

Webmaster's Report – Peter Crowe

- Unable to attend, but has been looking into domain hosting options to save the PTA money.
- Links to spirit wear and other resources are on our website.

Committee Chair Reports

- Membership/ Spirit Wear, Traci Pickering
 - Has fielded the first set of orders.
 - Link to PTA Store: [LHMS PTA Store](#)

New Items for Business

- Skate Night update: Suzanne has signed a contract with Skate Quest Reston for December 3rd from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Presale ticket price \$8; door price \$10. We will publicize this information in the newsletter. If there is enough interest and availability, we will possibly schedule a 2nd Skate Night.

Other Items for Discussion

- Open PTA Positions
 - 8th Grade Basketball Coordinator – Anna Gradashar has stepped forward to fill this position. She has been in contact with Mr. Kyle, and they are looking at a spring 2022 date. She is not on call to be introduced.
 - 8th Grade Party Coordinator – This position coordinates the 8th grade party, tickets, theme, snacks, etc.
 - Diversity Events Coordinator – Not filled, but Ms. Monticchio and staff have been planning events and activities for next month. We will be removing this position from our need in the announcements.
- The link is still open to our survey to provide feedback about topics you want the PTA to focus on this year: <https://forms.gle/KLxEb7hVNqaqwMxm6>
- Key Dates:
 - October 28th – “Helping Your New Middle Schooler Survive & Thrive” – Educational series for parents/caregivers by 7th grade principal, Amy Smith – 6:30-7:30 pm
 - October 29th – End of 1st Quarter/ 2-hour Early Release
 - November 1st & 2nd – Student Holiday/ Teacher Workdays
 - November 11th – Veteran’s Day/ 2-hour Early Release
 - November 24th, 25th, & 26th – Schools and Office Closed for Thanksgiving
 - November 15th – PTA Meeting
 - December 3rd – Skate Night at SkateQuest Reston, 7:30-9:30pm
- Reminders:
 - Important emails to read: PTA – Wednesdays; News You Choose – Fridays. Look for these for you information and planning.
 - Thank you Nicola Hamilton, our Vice President, for all you do in keeping the community informed!!
 - PTA website: www.lhmspta.com
 - Purchase spirit wear and membership.

Thank you everyone!

Meeting ADJOURNED at 7:39 pm.