



GENERAL MEETING

May 10, 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; Brian Davidson, Web Master

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

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

Principal Remarks & Welcome

Presentation: Ms. Aimee Monticchio presented What 5-Days of School Will Look Like in the Fall

- Presentation Highlights:
 - 50% of students have returned to LHMS
 - Seeing an increase in teacher to student and student to student engagement, improvement of grades, and access to in-school and teacher resources
 - LHMS is only using 1 monitor!
 - Vaccines for access for students is increasing and 90% of FCPS staff is vaccinated
 - FCPS has been endorsed by AAP's Virginia Chapter for their return to school plan now and for the Fall
 - There will be 5 days of in-person in the Fall with athletics, activities (before and after), and hot lunches making their return as well
 - School will be fully renovated – no more trailers!
 - Division-Level Virtual Program
 - Will be available for MS and HS
 - Enrollment will be limited to students who have documented health/medical needs (not siblings or family members)
 - Students will be virtual for all classes and will need to commit to minimum of semester long enrollment
 - Those who wish to remain virtual are required to submit a COVID-19 Health Eligibility Form (virtualenrollment@fcps.edu)
 - Course offerings will be subject to student enrollment and availability
 - FCPS Central Virtual Program Enrollment team will contact families with a decision by June 1
- Q&A:
 - When will we receive confirmation of course selection?
 - Mock schedule will be available at end of June
 - You may also refer to your Parent Vue in Student Information System (SIS)
 - Summer Learning?

- LHMS summer programs will be held at the school. For more information, please see <https://hughesms.fcps.edu/index.php/summer-learning-opportunities>
 - For FCPS summer learning please see <https://www.fcps.edu/academics/summer-learning>
- What will PE look like next year
 - Specifics regarding PE class next year have not been finalized
- Will there still be a mask mandate?
 - To date all teachers and students are wearing masks
- Will there be a requirement to get the Covid-19 vaccine?
 - To date, there is no requirement for teachers, MS, or HS students
- Bus Seating?
 - Bus routes will be sent out late Summer
 - Seating capacity will probably go back to pre-Covid
 - Currently there is 1 student per seat, but the buses are not nearly full
- Are the Air Vent systems approved?
 - Yes. It is a new school so new ventilation system
 - In addition, the school has been audited a couple of times by Mitigation Audit Teams and all is approved
 - These audits will continue for the remainder of the year
- Will there be orientation this year?
 - Panther Preview will be held for rising 7th and rising 8th graders this year
 - Will be Aug 3rd and 4th from 7:30-11:30
 - Register at <https://hughesms.fcps.edu/index.php/node/4866>
- For full presentation please use the following link:
 - [Langston Hughes MS Principal - Ms. Monticchio - recording_4](#)

April Meeting Minutes

- Annmarie, PTA Secretary, presented the meeting minutes for approval
- Meeting minutes were also shared onscreen
- Annmarie asked for a motion to approve
- Ms. Falcone made the motion for approval
- Ms. Monticchio: 2nd the motion
- April meeting minutes were approved and will be posted to LHMS PTA website

Treasurer's Report

- Kim Hotz presented the current PTA budget on screen
- Not expecting too much more in revenue. Maybe some money from AmazonSmile and a potential Dining for Dollars in June
- Two, previously approved expenses will be hitting the budget in May:
 - \$200 for 8th grade celebration
 - \$500 for the BUGS program
- The revised budget will be uploaded to the LHMS PTA website
- Will be looking for volunteers for Audit Committee. Audit is done over the summer and will need 3 volunteers (anyone who is designated to be able to sign PTA checks cannot participate in the audit)

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 positions
- Updates regarding PTA Board members 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

Committee Chair Reports

- Nominating Committee: Chair, Annmarie Swope
 - Announced PTA had candidates for all positions including
 - President Candidate: Suzanne Zurn
 - Vice President Candidate: Nicola Hamilton (Returning Board Member)
 - Treasurer Candidate: Kimberly Hotz (Returning Board Member)
 - Secretary Candidate: Michelle Michlick
- Annmarie opened the floor for anyone else who may want to be considered for a Board position
 - There were no other people on the call interested in being a candidate for next year
- Current candidates were provided the opportunity to speak:
 - Suzanne Lurn provided her extensive experience as former PTA President at Lake Ann and as the founder of IMFCPS (5013c) and instrumental in getting FCPS fully funded in the past
 - Michelle Michlick would like to help the community where she can and would look forward to being a part of the PTA next year
- The nominees will be featured in PTA and school communications over the next month
- Election will be during the next PTA Meeting on June 7th.
 - If we continue to have one candidate for each position, we can do a verbal vote
 - If we have more than 1 candidate, we would need to move to a ballot

Other Items for Discussion

- Staff Appreciation
 - Ms. Monticchio expressed her gratitude for the LHMS community's generosity.
 - Between Gift Card donations and gifts, all 100 staff members were able to receive a gift during Staff Appreciation Week
 - She also thanked the PTA for providing funds for the Taco Truck for Lunch.
- End of Year Celebrations
 - Look out for end of year activities including
 - 7th and 8th Grade Award Ceremonies
 - Talent Show (tentative)
 - 8th Grade Drive by Parade will be taking place on June 10th at 5:30
 - The staff has received several volunteers to assist with this event.
 - Staff will use the money from the PTA to purchase decorations and ice pops

Key Dates:

- May 31st: Holiday – Memorial Day
- June 7th: PTA Meeting: PTA Board Election
- June 8th: Virtual School Day for all students due to Democratic Primary Election in school buildings
- June 10th: 8th Grade Celebration: Drive by Parade
- June 11th: Last Day of School

Meeting ADJORNED at 7:50 pm.