

LCHS PTA Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2025 6-7 PM

General Meeting @ School Library



Welcome

Joe Johnson

Activities Report

Katherine Casaus

- LCHS Spirit Week Sept 22-26:
 - Tuesday: "Twinday" when students dress alike
 - Wednesday: Pep Rally begins at 5 pm
 - Thursday: Spirit Day-Wear all LCHS Bear gear
 - Friday: LCHS Homecoming Parade
 - Club sponsors turn in your signed form to activities director, Katherine, by Friday!
- Next week is "Rivalry Week"
- Oct 6th: "Dunk Distracted Driver"
- Oct 7th- Dunkin Donuts \$5 gift cards for students who come
- Concert season starts next month
 - Oct 25th: Band Concert
- Hunted House event: Oct 24th
- Picture Retakes Oct 27th-Last day for seniors
 - Student ID: Students must have school pic taken at school to get a school ID
- PTA Staff Appreciation Lunch: Nov 5th

Principal's Report

Darrell Garcia

- Current LCHS student enrolment; 1857 students!
- LCHS Goal 3: We are working to expose more kids for AP and honors classes by adding more variety and increasing the number of AP and honors classes. We expect to see higher enrollment in these classes this year.

- LCHS Goal 4: Students are not feeling connected with adults on campus-survey results show that 50% of students don't feel connected so the school is working to enhance this connection
 - 91% is our current graduation rate. We want at least 95%. In order to get there we are developing tier 2 strategies to implement in the classroom and provide supports necessary for English language learners and students of color who tend to underperform at the school.
 - Bear Success center is a big success: We are seeing significant decrease-50% less- of discipline data because of bear success center by using mediation and restorative work (making individual whole instead of just dealing with discipline) focused on prevention instead of dealing with the aftermath. We want to teach mediation skills to help students resolve conflict between themselves and with staff
- PSAT and SAT Test Dates this year will be on normal school days, on a C day.
- Students don't want clear backpacks. Students feel it is an invasion of their privacy. The principal encouraged students to attend the APS Board meeting to voice their concerns as final decisions will be made by the board.
- APS Board of Education Rep for LCHS is Courtney Jackson (courtney.jackson@aps.edu) Send her an email with any concerns regarding the survey about cleared backpacks.
- The decision is school specific so even if the board passes this the school can still chose not to participate.

Teachers Report

Lansing Freeman

- Bear Success Center focuses on prevention- Because of this we haven't had as many discipline problems. This fall is a calmer start of the school year than last year due to this center and preventive efforts that the school is taking.
- Students and staff would have preferred to have more choices in the survey instead of a Yes/No question and clear bags beings the only solution

- Budget review & handout
 - Approved
 - 2nd approved
 - Passed

Peer Tutoring Debra?

- Career day will be in the gym-Oct 20th
- PTA provided bagels to welcome the 21 new staff members this year
- Peer Tutoring: Student tutors are set in classes (30 tutors this year)
- There is a Peer tutor station in the Bear Success center for students to come get help as needed
- Tutoring is offered for English, Math, Science and Spanish

Committee Reports:

- *Banners* *Michelle Jenson*
 - *Raised \$15,000 this year already!*
 - *Scholarships and Homecoming budget comes from these sales*
 - *Teachers can apply for \$250 mini grants thanks to the money we raised from selling banners*
 - *\$1000 for one*
 - *\$750 for returning customers*
- *College Test Prep* *Tony Breen*
 - *Club Z tutor preparation program gives us instant results and all families get one free consultation with tutors*
 - *Nov 13th test preparation*
 - *Nov 15th practice test for ACT/SAT*
- *IC Representative* *Jamie Jones*
 - *Email Jamie Jones for anything that you'd like her to bring up before each IC meeting*
 - *IC meets every two weeks*

- **Mini grants** Stacy Devenport
 - Any item purchased through mini grants stays in the classroom
 - Money from banners help fund all mini grants
 - Mini Grants: Teachers can apply for \$250 mini grants
 - Math teachers who use Delta math applied and got mini grants already for this year!
- **Achievers Scholarship**
 - Teachers nominate students to apply for this scholarship
 - Two \$1000 scholarships are awarded each year-funded by banner sales
- **Allen Krumm Scholarship** Stacy Devenport
 - Two \$1500 scholarship are awarded each year-funded by banner sales
- **Austin Denton Scholarship** Empty Chair/Debra Chandler
 - For students who are involved in extracurricular activities
 - Scholarship applications are due on the Spring
- **Senior Art Award** Roman Gurule & Wendy Campin
 - For students who love Art (2d and 3d art)
 - 3D Art gets \$500 and 2D Art gets \$200
- **Staff Birthdays** Kirstin Horne
 - 180 staff birthday cards-Gum + positive message
- **Staff Luncheon/Appreciation** Tiffany Doyle & Natalie Eames
 - Nov 5th is 1st of 2 Staff Appreciation Lunches this year
 - Sign up genius will be shared soon
- **Rad Grad** By Committee/Joe Johnson
- **Academic Letters** Andrea Landaker
 - This a program for students who have 3.5 or higher GPA
 - We ask for students to write about a teacher who has inspired them so we can highlight our best teachers at the school
- **Website** Shannon Lopez