

Parent Cats Minutes
November 1, 2023
7:00pm in the LHS Library

- I. Welcome and introductions
 - A. Megan called the meeting to order at 7:04.
- II. Principal's Report-Dr. Tom Kouleentes
 - A. LHS is moving from the fall, "spirit season" to the winter, "serve season." Kicking off will be a canned food drive beginning in a week. There is a push for all students and families to participate by dropping off canned goods.
 - B. Military family appreciation day and veterans' appreciation day is coming up. There will be a guest speaker who is a Libertyville alum who wrote a book about 4 Libertyville students all served at the same time and all died at Okinawa within days of each other.
 - C. Fall sports winding down, winter sports starting.
 - D. The main office is collecting leftover Halloween candy. Feel free to drop off any candy during the school day.
 - E. Daring Day feedback- sent out survey to students for feedback
 - o Feedback from parents. Overall it was a positive day for students and presenters.
 - F. PSAT was in October. This year there was a pre-registration needed since it is given electronically. Students not going through the pre-registration process were delayed in taking the test.
 - a. This spring all national SAT testing is digital per college board. Kids go through a pre-registration process. Class time might be taken to go through the pre-registration process to ensure all students are compliant. Difficulty getting kids to check their email – that is how they send the hyperlinks they need to get to the registration
 - G. The cafeteria design is being worked on currently
 - a. Board voted affirmatively the school can go out for bid (if bids in budget they move forward if way inflated they will reassess)
 - b. New lighting, floors, ceiling, courtyard glassed in (use courtyard year round) – recycling/composting stations, quieting space for sensory/noise avert kids, washrooms redone in area – Stairs converted to include broader stairs where kids can sit and eat, converse during open/passing periods (extension of cafeteria)
 - c. Students consulted on design and will continue to be involved
 - d. If approved board is trying to get construction to start late this winter -goal completed by August 2025
 - e. Possibly move spirit store in the cafeteria
 - f. Quest the food vendor has been involved as well
- III. Guest Speakers-Ole Stevens – accelerated placement act how impact class selection. Ray Albin – D128 Grading and assessment pilot for 23-24 & Ben Rodriguez – developing multiple paths for students.

- A. Handout describes grading and assessment pilot
- B. Making sure proper look at grading and assessment practices as equitable as possible
- C. The Grading and Assessment committee was created in the fall of 2022. They identified parameters and pilot teams in Spring 2023 and Fall 2023. The pilot teams had different methods of grading, grading scales, reassessment policies etc.
- D. Feedback from pilots will be gathered in spring 2024 and implemented fall 2024.
- E. Grading scale changes to provide a more fair impact on students.
- F. Advance Placement act-8/25 district office sent out a Supt letter giving a short description. This state mandate goes into effect 23-24
 - a. Requires public schools to automatically enroll students who meet or exceed state standards in ELA, Math, Science into the next most rigorous level of coursework
 - b. EXAMPLE – a 9th grade student taking Algebra I who meet/ exceeds standards will be automatically placed in Geometry Honors
 - c. D128 will use PSAT/SAT to determine placement (390-720 for ELA) (430-720 for Math) 8th grade – Basically students will be placed in the next highest level if they score in the 50th percentile or higher.
 - d. PSAT results come out mid-November via their college account
 - e. Parents can still opt-out and have their student choose a different course.
- G. Course Selection is under way for the 2024-25 school year.
 - a. November – automatic placement process
 - b. December – email with instructions too
 - c. Assess PS to view course placement
 - d. Use resources provided to update academic plan and course requests for next year
 - e. January – course selection appointment with school counselors
 - f. Once done Ole sends an email to review course selection in PowerSchool to ensure it is correct
 - g. March -sectioning/staffing is looked at to make additions or deletions.
 - h. May – schedule conflicts are identified and students are notified.
 - i. Mid May changes can be made
 - j. Summer – open/add drop based upon availability.
 - k. **Grade level timeline:** Juniors – January 10-19, Sophomores – January 22-26 (English class), Freshmen –

January 29-Feb 2 (PE/Health), Next week work with 8th graders.

- I. Changes must be made by meeting with the counselor through the 14th of Feb.

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Questions for Dr. Koulentes

1. Where is Willy at the football games – recruiting new Willys (Recruiting new Willy's)
2. Will LHS be moving to a block schedule in the future – no, committee is studying various schools, models presented next fall – if ever change schedule it is in the teacher contract and the schedule must be negotiated – earliest it could change would be fall 2026
3. Teacher apps – can teacher use any or approved list – must be an approved list and must go through tech dept for safety for students and data (SOPA law everything must be private).
4. Succession plan for upper admin- yes there is a plan

IV.-Treasurer Report

- \$44k bank balance
- Promised \$20k for library tables
- Sold 99 bricks

V. 1st VP Report-Kristin Malek no report

VI. 2nd VP report-Amy Neff – directories shipping out (hand out next Friday in spirit store) – FAD meeting tomorrow

VII. Committee Reports

- a. Activities/Coat Check- Meg Carter & Heather Mazzeno
 - i. Homecoming coat check went fine. One jacket left went to security – dance seemed fine.
 - ii. Winter Dance is next in Feb.
- b. CRC – Wed 8th check in for seniors - looking for large glass bowls or vases – celebrate senior effort (fit 200 fun size candy)
- c. Community Outreach/Window painting-Sonja Causemaker
 - i. Event went well and teams/clubs did a great job with the windows. (BMO not included in window painting due to window cleaning resp of owner)
- d. Goal award –Michael Westphall
 - i. We will be offering 4, \$1000 scholarships this year. The CRC will put the info out and start gathering applications
- e. Hospitality – Donna Griffin & Christine Merrild
 - i. Donut day-successful donut morning. 1000 donuts were given out.

- ii. All staff lunch is coming up– This lunch recognize teacher staff coaches sponsors- tailgate buffet catered productions football theme Italian beef, BBQ pork, beans, ,cookies will be requested and corn bread muffins and canned beverages
- iii. Advertise with social media post and getting good donations-1/13
\$860 raised so far
 - f. Social media- Rebecca Harrison-no report
 - g. Spirit store – Michelle Sieks & Christine Trowbridge-The store will be open at different basketball games, normal friday hours and one or 2 december saturday hours that have not been determined.
 - h. Fundraising- Trish Graditor-Trish is entertaining ideas:Senior signs for fundraiser, game night idea for parent cats, businesses willing to donate \$ for cafeteria with recognition,cross town competition between VH and LHS for Antioch pizza for fundraising
 - i. Website-Karen Cordes no update
 - j. Gym uniform update – push social media for 2nd semester – post December then January

VIII. Old Business/New Business-No meeting in December. Next meeting, Jan. 10th, 7pm in the LHS Library.