

**LHS Parent CATS**

**Meeting Minutes**

**September 7, 2022**

President: Megan Huber	Community Outreach Director: Vanessa Stalter
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President: Jenny Quilty	Hospitality Director: Donna Griffin & Christine Merrild
2nd Vice President: Amy Neff	Spirit Store Directors: Megan Huber & Michelle Sieks
Treasurer: Anna Rappa	Website: Karen Cordes
Secretary: Rebecca Dobrzynski	Social Media Director: Rebecca Gaples
Activities Director: Meg Carter & Beth Kraft	GOAL: Melissa McGrory
Career Resource Center: Colleen Scopacasa	Principal: Dr Thomas Koulentes
Gym Uniform Director: Jennifer Tepper & Carina Decroes	Fundraising Committee: Majbrith Brody

**Board Reports:**

**Megan Huber, President Report:**

Reviewed the mission of Parent Cats. Our mission is to support LHS and its curriculum. We are more behind the scenes than some other organizations you may have been a part of from other schools. We work through various activities to promote school spirit and student body.

Agenda for today is the standard agenda for regular meetings but we will give advanced notice of special topics. We typically keep meetings to about an hour.

**Jenny Quilty, 1<sup>st</sup> VP report**

Purpose is to coordinate volunteers, reach out if needed.

**Amy Neff, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP:**

Amy's primary role is working on the Directory and we will print in a couple of weeks. We are pursuing to promote this in the district newsletter. This has been a result of a large number of requests since it has been paused the last couple of years. We will sell through Square and the QR code and Directories will be \$10.

Amy is also a liaison with D70

D70 has a lot of new faces in positions. Their meeting discussions focused a great deal on their safety and strategic plan. They are also starting a district newsletter that comes out monthly; the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month

**Amy Neff, Treasurer:**

Shared the updated budget which can be found at the Parent CATS website. Budget was built off of prior years. Budget was approved by board.

Notably we increased the budget for student treat days. The directory is estimated as a break even item for now since we don't have prior year experience. We are also estimating giving \$10k to the school for Dr K "wish list" to make school improvements. Spirit Store and Gym Uniforms is a conservative estimate and we will update throughout the year with actuals.

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### **Rebecca Dobrzynski, Secretary:**

Minutes for each meeting will be posted on the Parent CATS website

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### **Committee Reports:**

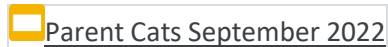
- **Gym uniform:** 290 orders for Gym Uniform Sales from Sports 11. In total, with buy backs we will receive ~\$10k in profits. All numbers are still being finalized. Planning is underway for Spring Semester Gym Uniforms.
- **CRC:** All volunteer slots are filled. College Rep visits are in full swing. Planning for an increase spend on Decision Day and looking to see if we can afford pizza versus snacks as given in previous years. Requested increase to their budget to \$1,800 was approved.
- **Hospitality:** Breakfast for the staff the day after Open House was very well received. Next Event is Friday of Homecoming, Sept 30<sup>th</sup> for students from Lee's Donuts decorated in LHS Colors. Staff Lunch in late October / Early November so we will be soliciting donations through square site in early October. We are looking to keep hot cocoa day and increase treats days; all are being finalized. Finalizing budget requests for 2022.
- **Activities:** This committee oversee coat check for Homecoming and Spring Dances; we will leverage volunteers' site as we prepare for the Homecoming Dance. We need a total of 12 volunteers on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Social Media:** This committee manages Posts Facebook, Instagram and new Twitter site. Need three (3) days advanced notice to post something.
- **Community Outreach:** Window Painting is on Sunday, Sept 25<sup>th</sup>. We waived the \$25 fee again; Recommendation maybe to make the waiver optional next year. Total of 34 businesses have said yes and 10 potential more we are still waiting to hear from. We have 48 teams that want to paint windows. Need some local music to donate time during the window painting. We will also have a spirit store table at the event.
- **Spirit Store:** The Spirit Store is open every Friday from 10-2 and is open to parents. Did a massive order to over come supply chain challenges; we are seeing great sales at lunch, football games, and web store (few items). Web store needs to be better

marketed will do a social media post. Looking into see if we can get a flags made for LHS.

- **Website:** We will work with Kate to see if the website can be updated to make sure volunteer opportunities are easily accessible on the front page.
- **GOAL Award:** No new report.
- **Libertyville Connect Coalition:** 5/13 Snowflake event at Highland 5-9 PM, we need volunteers. It's a partnership between LCC, LHS, Condell, WHMW and is a true partnership. We'll have more details in the next meeting. You can find more information on their [website](#), or the Libertyville Connect Facebook Page or Twitter. We may plan a Wildcat Summit as well at LHS and more information to come. Mentoring applications are available at the high school.
- **Fundraising Committee:** No new report; need to think how we keep raising money throughout the year.

### **Dr. Koulentes Report:**

Dr. K gave an update on the Start of the Year, Open House, D128 Daring Goals, D128 Strategic Planning Timeline with Milestones, More information on Attributes of the DARING Mission, The Focus of the DARING Mission (Equity and Inclusion, Health & Wellbeing, Exploring Multiple Paths) and The Focus Areas and Actions associated with Health and Wellbeing. Please see attached link for the presentation and more information.



### **Libertyville Mental Health & Wellness:**

Brought Real Talks Series focus on Drugs and Alcohol in the Fall and Health and Wellness in the Spring. Positive Body image and other topics have been very well received.

Target audience is parents, students and community, not necessarily only for families facing challenges but to be a positive way to learn and build awareness as well as resilience.

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Every Month is the target but small shifts may occur; locations may shift.

Sept 21<sup>st</sup> is Suicide Prevention; Dan Megler, Therapist and Podcaster, will be presenting Also planning to bring in Conversation Circles to break; At Studio Theater [Lhmwd128@google.com](mailto:Lhmwd128@google.com), and on Facebook and Twitter

October will be Drugs and Alcohol and focus in fentanyl; location and time tbc

### **Libertyville Connect**

- Mission is to combat drug and alcohol consumption in our district
- Focus to start the conversation with Parents

- Partnering with LHS and Libertyville Mental Health & Wellness
- On Facebook and Instagram and [www.Libertyvilleconnect.com](http://www.Libertyvilleconnect.com)

**Conclusion of Parent Cats Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Next Meeting October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the library