

**Parent CATS Meeting Minutes  
February 2, 2022**

**Board Member/Committee Attendance:**

President: Kristen Christensen	Community Outreach Director: Saba Lausch
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President: Melissa McGrory	Hospitality Director: Susie Erdal
2nd Vice President: Shannon Gordon	Spirit Store Directors: Stacie Herman, Megan Huber
Treasurer: Sarah Roe	Website: Karen Cordes
Secretary: Jennifer Quilty	Social Media Director: Jodie Benton
Activities Director: Meg Carter & Beth Kraft	GOAL: Vanessa Stalter
Career Resource Center: Colleen Scopacasa	Principal: Dr Thomas Koulentes
Gym Uniform Director: Jennifer Tepper & Carina Decroes	Fundraising Committee: Majbrith Brody

**Board Reports:**

**Kristen Christensen, President Report:**

Welcomed everyone to the meeting and mentioned that we will review committee roles for continuous improvement.

**Melissa McGrory, 1<sup>st</sup> VP report**

The Graduation party is not sponsored by Parent CATS but we do provide a donation.

Senior graduation party committee met, Lynne Wallace is chairing the event and they are looking for one additional chair to oversee transportation. The next meeting will be Tuesday, 2/8 at 7:00 at the LHS Library.

Senior Banners: we should have them again this year. Scholarships will be available if needed.

Parent CATS has a credit for a tent from the 2020 and will look for opportunities to use the credit. We may be able to use it for Senior Food Days.

Melissa will ask committee chairs and board members for their interest in remaining on the board for next year and asking others if they want to be involved next year. If you know anyone that may want to be involved of if you want to be involved, please contact Melissa.

**Shannon Gordon, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP:** The directories are still available. You can order on the Facebook and Parent Cats Page. If you pre-ordered you must order it online and pay for it. They directories will be a digital download (pdf) instead of a physical book. We will collect via Venmo, Zelle and check for payment for the directories. The email would come from [LHSDirectories@gmail.com](mailto:LHSDirectories@gmail.com). We could print paper copies next year with sponsors. Will revisit how to purchase through the Webstore to be done at registration and will discuss with Dr. Koulentes.

Will add communication to the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP role and will add information to the D128 Weekly Updates.

**Sarah Roe, Treasurer:** The budget can be found at the Parent CATS website.  
<https://www.d128.org/lhs/parents/parent-organizations/parent-cats/documents-forms-and-newsletters>

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**Jenny Quilty, Secretary:** Minutes for each meeting will be posted on the Parent CATS website <https://www.d128.org/lhs/parents/parent-organizations/parent-cats/documents-forms-and-newsletters>

**Committee Reports:**

- Gym uniform: Will connect to Sports 11 website to sell gym uniforms directly. It was linked to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade orientation letter. Sports 11 will buy back the gym uniforms that we don't need for the Spirit Store.
- CRC: Starting to plan for Decision Day, it's tentatively 5/2/22.
- Hospitality: Hot Chocolate Day was very successful.
- Activities: There was a hot chocolate day a cookie day before Winter break. We have one more event this year, the all-staff luncheon. We will also have a student day for the end of the year. Prom is scheduled for 5/21. We will also need volunteers for the Winter Dance (aka Turnabout).
- Spirit Store: The Spirit Store is open every Friday from 10-2 and is open to parents. We have 8<sup>th</sup> grade t-shirts for the activities fair on 3/14.
- GOAL Award: Applications are out are due in February.
- Website: Updated to have the new link to the directories. If you need anything updated, please contact Karen Cordes.
- Social Media: No new report. Please send any postings to Jodie Benton. Follow the Parent CATS on Facebook and on Twitter @LHSparentcats
- Community Outreach: No new report
- Libertyville Connect Coalition: The new website is up and running! You can find them on their [website](#), or the Libertyville Connect Facebook Page or Twitter. Working on Snowball event, high school is working on being mentors for middle schoolers for the month of April. Will look at an event called In Plain Sight – we are reviewing it virtually and will see if we can get those resources. Need the LHS Connect page to be connected to the LHS homepage.
- Wildcat Health and Mental Wellness: No new report.
- Fundraising Committee – The Mickey Finn's fundraiser will be hosted in the Spring. More information to come. Looking for additional fundraising opportunities.

**Dr. Koulentes Report:**

- **Flex Days:** We have run two flex days and have been gathering information and feedback from students, parents, and teachers. The student attendance the first week was very light and teacher availability was limited. This week, student attendance was heavier, and there were many more teachers meeting with students. The use of these days will continue to evolve as students and staff learn how to best utilize the time. LHS will continue to gather data and feedback so that potential adjustments and enhancements can be made.

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- **February Special Schedules & Dates:** We will have several special schedules this month as we work to administer two very important surveys, conduct our February Institute Day, and celebrate our school spirit with our Winter Assembly & Winter Dance.
  - On **Wednesday, February 9th** we will ask our students to complete the **Illinois Youth Survey**. The IYS is an important survey that provides us with longitudinal data about our students' attitudes and behaviors involving drugs, alcohol, tobacco and other health/wellness information. Please contact Dr. Brenda Nelson if you have any questions about this survey.
  - On **Friday, February 18th** LHS will dedicate time for our students & staff to complete the **5Essentials school climate survey**. The 5Essentials survey is administered at all schools across the state and is an important part of our annual state report card. All students, parents, and staff members are invited to complete this anonymous survey. Please let me know if you have any questions about this survey. We strongly encourage all students and parents to complete this survey as the data helps us make improvements to LHS.
  - On **Friday, February 25th** we will hold our **Winter Assembly**. Like the fall, students and staff who are uncomfortable gathering in the gym will be asked to go the main auditorium to watch the assembly via livestream. More details about the assembly will be sent out from Jennifer Uliks in the coming weeks.
  - On **Saturday, Feb. 26th** we will hold our **Winter Dance** at LHS. Like the fall, non-LHS student guests will be allowed to attend, but they must show proof of vaccination or a negative Covid test. Non-vaccinated students may certainly attend the dance, but must show proof of a negative Covid test.

Overall things are going well at LHS. Covid-19 numbers are starting to trend downward after spiking the last three weeks. Congrats to our LHS Dance team (6th in state) & our LHS Cheerleaders who qualified for state. Our Frosh/Soph play was last weekend, and it was "magical." This month we will be working to hire three new school administrators to replace retiring staff—we will hire new Math, Social Studies and PE department supervisors. I'll be back in March to talk about LHS assessments & grading practices. Be well.

**Ask Dr. Koulentes:**

Please send topics and questions for Dr. Koulentes to the Parent Cats email.

- No questions submitted

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 1 at 7 PM.