Langley High School PTSA

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

(Langley Auditorium & Virtual Zoom)

1. Call to Order – 9:10pm (with a quorum per Langley PTSA Bylaws in attendance)
2. Welcome
3. Student Services Curriculum Presentation – Alex Mantel and Michael Johnson, LHS Counselors
4. Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the 10/25 General Membership Meeting (posted to the PTSA website and hard copy available) were presented to the membership for approval. There were no corrections and the minutes stand as presented.
5. President’s Report – Joy Hohenthaner
* Langley will reinstitute quarterly honor roll recognition. Printed certificates will not be issued. Administration will send an email to the school community recognizing students on the honor roll. Joy to follow-up with Ms. Greer about timing for first quarter recognition and honor roll criteria.
* THANK YOU to Tonya Powell, PTSA Directory Chair, who single-handedly put together this year’s directory. PTSA members receive a printed copy of the directory for free. Please remember to pick-up.
* Thank you to Saxon Spirit volunteers (Helen Miller, Stefanie Stayin, Jamie Loving, Bonnie Myshrall, Robyn Smith and Clare Bradshaw) who have attended Langley various events handing out pom-poms, including the Langley/McLean football game and Langley Volleyball playoff games. We can’t bring our community together without volunteers.
* 8th Grade Langley Open House (for rising 9th graders) will be Sunday, 1/7, 2-4pm. Thank you to Open House Chair, Keuri Patel, for coordinating with Langley administration on this event for rising freshman interested in attending Langley. Parent volunteers are needed to attend and serve as contacts available to speak about their Langley experience and their student’s areas of interest (e.g., sports teams, academic clubs, etc.). National Honor Society students will be conducting tours for parents and students.
* The PTSA is planning a Langley Trivia “Night” for students to be held on Friday, 2/2, right after school. Students will be able to participate as teams for trivia tournament with hopefully prizes TBD. Chick-fil-a and pizza will be provided. Will need parent volunteers. More information to come.
* Career Connections will be held on Tuesday, 2/27 (during school). PTSA partners with Langley Student Servies to provide program primarily for 10th grade students to provide a basic exposure to various career options and start students thinking about possible college majors as they are picking courses for the next couple of years, particularly since some majors may have specific courses colleges may want to see on college applications.
* New courtyard umbrellas and bases funded by the PTSA were delivered this week. Tables expected to be delivered in the next 2 weeks, so will be available for Spring.
1. Treasurer’s Report – Mary Lee
* Presentation of Budget Report.
1. Nominating Committee – Susan Connery
* PTSA Nominating Committee identifies candidates to serve on the PTSA Executive Board and Committees next school year.
* Nominees: Susan Connery (VP of Membership, Spring Hill ES feeder), Erin Lobato (VP of Fundraising, Forestville ES feeder), Jackie Grayer (previously PTSA Recording Secretary, Great Falls ES feeder), Liz Davis (Spring Hill ES feeder) and Kristi West (Hospitality Committee Co-Chair, Churchill ES feeder)
* Motion to approve slate of nominees for Nominating Committee approved by unanimous voice vote.
* See Susan Connery if you are currently serving on a committee to review your job description as some are outdated. Please reach out to Susan or Erin Lobato about whether you are interested in serving again or if you know people who are interested in serving. Volunteering on the PTSA Executive Board is a great way to stay connected, meet people, etc.
* The Nominating Commit will try to do the bulk of their work in January. May be changing some committee roles and any changes will be communicated to the Langley community.
1. Membership Report – Susan Connery
* Parents – 420 members (only 25% of Langley families)
* Students – 112 members
* Faculty & Staff – 105 members
* The “first step to paying attention and being involved is to become a member”.
* Tricia Poythress (PTSA Faculty Rep) coordinates weekly gift card raffle drawings for faculty & staff PTSA members.
1. Appropriations/Professional Development Fund – Joy Hohenthaner (for Heather Murphy-Capps)
* On 12/4, the PTSA Executive Committee approved a PDF request by Dr. Braden Peterson to cover the cost for the entire Student Services team to join the National Association of College Admissions Counseling (NACAC). NACAC is a professional organization for those whose work includes helping secondary school students get into college. In Braden’s words: “As you know, here at LHS over 95% of our students attend post-secondary institutions, so staying plugged into this field is incredibly helpful for our team.”
* PTSA members (teacher or parent) must submit Appropriations and PDF requests by 1/12 in order for the Executive Committee to consider any funding requests at its meeting on 1/17.
1. Academic Boosters – Joy Hohenthaner
* Approved $975 grant request by Andrew Scronce (Japanese teacher) to cover registration fee and participation for 3 student teams to participate in the National Japan Bowl in January.
* Approved $1,500 grant request by Leah Puhlick (Chemistry teacher and sponsor of the Langley Science Olympiad team) to fund purchase of materials needed for competition (including optics kit, 3 fossil field guides, 3 robotics kits, equipment to build flyers or planes, and circuitry materials.
* Provided approx. $283 to support the English Honor Society funding wrapping paper, ribbons and other materials for their holiday decorating project – last year they decorated doors, this year they are decorating hallways based on winter-themed books.
* Partnered with Student Services to provide snacks for students attending the various social and emotional programs during Langley Links. Thank you to Lauren Lipton, LHS counselor, who is in charge of creating social and emotional programming, executive functioning, stress relief, etc., during the Langley Links period.
1. Family Network
* PTSA Family Network Committee will be hosting a New Family Winter Social for parents at The Union restaurant in McLean on Sunday, 12/10, 5-7pm. RSVP using link in eNews (or [here](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001PMrSnH9eFEX69J4IAgn7b_0CslOXzhtQ07hNN7B67OMNGChcle_pKUs5jWbVQGaqIzqi1BvKnl2t8IaYb2gF52__NpC-U1BffDsDO8vZXrFwzsclXpVZTzJBodl5gAU-hoCJVT_8pHTU09HOgU1NM5jb6d4udgJ3AuiyMxqFqPm-kAug1iZIxetcB_8rkcZCV4WvefhWBWXTu6utcbcLPZfkDRQ4DDpr%26c%3DWFKgnNwfZHhn7eOnlPlIIr9bQtT7nbL2RmWprvlnAUdkBdAwMragYw%3D%3D%26ch%3DGDoFA5eWAMUlzkhAMwHxasF3UScdwr8eXjuVxk2A4boNKB6wUCcjuA%3D%3D&data=05%7C01%7C%7Cb8da2a5b6e3a463ba30b08dbf1db7ec8%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638369697287935787%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=mogbgUYhmQQil193UPBD8bQiKTluMeK%2FuCnhvEjIn%2B0%3D&reserved=0)).
1. Upcoming Book Talk – Julie Hohl, Langley Family Liaison
* Book talk on Wednesday, 12/13 at 9:30am – Anna Brown (Langley school psychologist) and Jordan Payne (Langley social worker) will host parent discussion on “Raising a Kid Who Can – Simple Strategies to Build a Lifetime of Adaptability and Emotional Strength” written by local clinical professionals.
1. Other Announcements
* Thank you to local florist, Gathered Stems (<https://gatheredstems.com/>), for donation of floral arrangement for Tricia Poythress, Langley PTSA Faculty Rep on the Exec Board.
* eNews – please remember the deadline for weekly eNews submissions (enewslangley@gmail.com) is Tuesday at 12:00 noon.
* Curriculum Night (which will be for rising 9-12 graders this year) will be 1/9.
* Next Executive Board meeting will be 1/10 at 9:00 am.
* Next General Membership Meeting will be 2/14 at 9:00am.
1. No Unfinished Business or New Business
2. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 10:37am.

Submitted to the President for General Membership approval this December [\_\_], 2023, by Melissa Schwartz.

Approved by the General Membership on February [\_\_\_], 2023.