

**Latimer HSC Minutes**  
**December 11, 2017, Staff Room, 8:25 a.m.**

**Welcome and Introductions – Erin**

Brooke motioned to approve the minutes. Tara seconded. All in favor.

**Budget Advocacy Presentation – Superintendent Mary Kay Going**

Mary Kay provided information and data about California's inadequate funding of Moreland and school districts throughout the state. She shared a brief history of CA state funding of schools spanning from 1979's Prop 13 to 2013's Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), which aims to return funding to CA public schools to 2007/2008 levels, with some adjustment for inflation. Currently, at \$9,000-\$9,500 per student, CA K-12 lags behind the rest of the U.S., more than any time in 40 years. Even when "fully funded" under LCFF, CA would still rank 50<sup>th</sup> out of 50 states. Some state leaders propose one-time funding increases and Governor Brown has set aside \$1.9 billion in a rainy day fund, but these are not solutions to an immediate and long-term problem.

Families can help by communicating three messages to CA legislative representatives (Senator Jim Beall and Assemblymember Evan Low) prior to the 2018/19 state budget reveal in January:

- 1) Adequately fund public education in CA by increasing base funding to the national average, at a minimum
- 2) Release rainy day funds to be spent on the students who are currently in the public education system
- 3) Return local control to school districts and allow them to spend supplemental funding as local communities determine appropriate for their students

Mary Kay was joined by CSEA rep (Karen) and CTA rep (Wendy) who helped to field questions.

**Principal's Update – Nancy**

The District has hired a crossing guard to help students safely cross Latimer Ave near Duvall St. until the sidewalk and crosswalk re-open. There was discussion about contacting the office of San Jose Councilmember Chappie Jones to help pay for the temporary crossing guard and to request a permanent crossing guard at the San Tomas Aquino and Latimer.

The Middle School dance was held on Friday evening. Approximately 75 kids attended. Latimer students were allowed to invite a friend from another local middle school. Thanks to parent Darlene Sales for spearheading this fun event.

The Latimer Winter Boutique will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, and the Sports Banquet is scheduled for Thursday. We're hoping to schedule the Middle School Honor Roll field trip for next week

Latimer still needs volunteers to help with the Lawrence Hall of Science event on Friday.

Assistant Principal Heather Scharer will be on maternity leave soon. She'll return one week after the April break. In her absence, Country Lane's Assistant Principal, Chelsea Armann, will be at Latimer 1.5 days per week.

**President/Vice President's Update – Erin & Brooke**

Walk-A-Thon: We're still waiting on \$742 that was pledged by 22 families. Company matching money is starting to come in and we'll analyze it next week.

Book Fair: We sold over \$8,600 in merchandise and earned \$4,300 in Scholastic books and rewards. Each teacher received a \$75 credit.

Bookmark Contest: We received 70 entries. We're working on laminating all the bookmark entries to return to students. The three winners will be announced soon.

Scrip: We've surpassed last year's revenue already! So far, families have earned \$437 to help pay for science camp. We're adding inventory, including Starbucks cards, which have increased their returned amount to 11 percent. Reminder: Scrip gift cards make a great gift for teachers!

Box Tops: We recently submitted \$299.60 in box tops!

Spirit Wear: A volunteer is needed to help do another spirit wear run. The designs are done. We just need help managing the order. Let's get some Latimer sweatpants for the cold weather!

MEF: As a result of some excellent teacher presentations, MEF has approved both our mural and chalkboard grant requests. Plans are to locate the mural and the public chalk wall and bulletin board in the quad area. Nancy also mentioned the possibility of installing two announcements boards, at opposite ends of the campus, in the future.

Shobha Rao is still collecting pumpkin patch signs to return to MEF. To increase communication across the district, MEF has started sharing updates from all school sites via email. If you have info to share, please send it to Erin.

#### **Treasurer's Update -- Shveta**

Shveta passed out the 2017-2018 Latimer HSC Budget. The Walk-A-Thon and Fund Drive did really well, with an expected combined net of \$31,000. The Shroeders Hair Salon fundraiser brought in \$165.50. The Learning Express fundraiser didn't do as well as hoped, but we'll continue to work with the new owner.

We've informed staff of their spending allotments and we're beginning to get expense reimbursement requests. The Art Vistas program is starting to purchase needed materials. Volunteers who have spent money on their programs, please submit expenses.

We raised close to \$700 for the Hidden Valley Elementary Fundraiser 2017. The money was collected during the book fair and the 3rd grade art sale at the District Office. Shveta will cut a check to the school after she makes the deposit of the entries from ticket sales. The winning raffle ticket was drawn from a hat at the HSC meeting by Fiona. Congratulations to Kris Chun and her son Jimmy! A parent asked how much was raised from the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade art sale.

#### **Q&A**

A parent asked if Latimer might develop a homework calendar (similar to Payne's) to help families predict homework workload. Nancy responded that she plans to check with teachers to determine approximately how much homework is given per night in each grade. She encourages parents to share with their student's teacher any concerns about homework.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.