

## La Canada Boosters Board Meeting

Date: January 8, 2020

Location: IRC, La Canada High School

**President Jeremy Milbrodt calls meeting to order at 6:32**

President Milbrodt announces the February and May meetings of the Booster Board of Directors will not include reports from school administration. They will be Booster work sessions.

**Wendy Sinnette, Superintendent.** Wish the board a Happy New Year.

Sinnette notes that Brent Kuszyk finished his years as President of the La Canada School Board and thanks him for his leadership.

Sinnette says the school is in a “mad sprint” to the Parcel Tax vote in March. Current tax is \$450 per parcel and provides the school district with \$2.5 million dollars each year. She says the money is used for class size reduction, STEM program, and the ability to recruit and retain the best teachers. She says the Parcel Tax is integral to the offerings of the District. The current measure is to extend the \$450 tax – no sunset clause -- so it will set up the district for financial health for a long time. Says that passing it would provide a stable sense of security. She notes also that the measure has a provision for Cost of Living increases so the buying power of the money will remain solid.

Board member asks about other communities in our area and Sinnette says that San Marino and PV parcel taxes also have no sunset clauses.

Sinnette says San Marino has two parcel taxes currently which add up to \$1400 per parcel per year. She says San Marino is considering another Parcel Tax this year along with a bond issue.

Sinnette says the South Campus planning, which is essentially the pool construction project, is moving along. Plans are currently in queue with state architects. Coaches are happy with the project. Plan dovetails with safety and security. She said there is consideration in the future to extend the current temporary “wedding tent” set up near the cafeteria because students and teachers like it.

Palm Crest is in design stage for the new building. PCR was just named California Distinguished School.

Sagebrush is stalled. Glendale has filed a lawsuit with a couple of agencies. It’s been pulled at the county level so no consideration in the short term.

**Brent Kuszyk, La Canada School Board.**

Great year being President of the School board. Joe Radabaugh has taken over.

Kuszyk says he is proud to have highlighted the arts at board meetings.

He says at the district level Jamie Lewsadder has a great deal going with training on safety issues.

He also notes the 2020-2021 budget planning is underway.

Board has a retreat in town over the next month.

Kuszyk mentions the grand opening of the high school cafeteria and notes the district is pleased with the construction.

### **James Cartnal, La Canada High School Principal**

Cartnal invites board members to a tour of the new cafeteria following the meeting. Cartnal also mentions the music and arts performances he attended over the holiday season including orchestra, band and choral music. He mentions the high level of performances.

Final exams went well. Grades due Friday, January 10. Report cards will be released on Friday, January 17.

Seniors are starting to get word back on Early Action and Early Decision. LC has had a pretty successful start to the college decision season, placing a student at Stanford, 2 at Columbia and one at Dartmouth.

Cartnal takes a moment to thank the board for all the work across the school.

### **Kristina Kalb, La Canada High School Asst. Principal**

Kalb goes down a list of events coming up at the school.

Winter Assembly will be January 17. The school will not be having a Winter Formal Dance this year.

Shakespeare at the Alex Theatre in Glendale in late January. La Canada students will be highlight on the first day of the three-day session.

Saturday, Feb. 1 – instrumental music family dinner show.

Feb 23 – Midsummer Night's Dream.

All School Musical is conducting rehearsals during Zero Period to give students more free time after school for studying and other activities.

### **DR Moreland, La Canada 7-12 Athletic Director**

Moreland also lists several activities that are coming up.

League play for winter sports starts this week. Basketball and Soccer.

South Pasadena trip will include some complications due to construction.

Schedule changes for next week – Monrovia had a cultural event in the gym – so the games have been moved to Tuesday, January 14.

Blair games are also up in the air due to the school not having teams at all the levels.

Question is raised about Pasadena Poly possibly joining the Rio Hondo league in Football. DR says the rumor is true – as a trial for one season. The schools in league seem to be in favor. It has not yet been voted on. Could be beneficial to us if they reinstate the 3 teams per league for playoffs.

Wrestling/soccer is having trouble finding officials. Basketball seems to be the only sport that doesn't have an issue getting referees.

La Canada Booster Board Reports

**Randy Scoville, Treasurer**

As of the end of December – Booster's had \$79,000 in cash in the account. All the fall contributions have been made (152 has been distributed).

Boosters raised \$23,000 in the paddle pledge at BoostOberfest and subsequent donations.

There is some discussion about the Booster's Amazon Smile account – Booster's received a check for a little over \$11.

Membership revenue has also increased by about \$6,500 since the last meeting – including one for \$2,500.

**Brad Lew, Membership**

Spring sport messaging is still quite possible for membership. Sports passes helps. All School Musical could also be an incentive.

**Josh Cohen, Booster Raffle**

Notes there is a plan to have a spring raffle to raise money for programs. Boosters need prizes donated so we can print up tickets as soon as possible. If the kids like the prizes, they sell more tickets.

The are looking for tickets to sporting events, vacation locations, and concerts are all good options. Says that without a spring event it will be more challenging to find ways to communicate with the various teams and groups wishing to raise money.

**Jack MacKenzie, Corporate Sponsorships**

Jack notes that there is a 10x4 Banner highlighting our sponsors still available for putting up at or around the school. Mr. Cartnal says he will find a place if we get him the banner.

There is some discussion about reconciling membership and sponsorship programs for All School Musical tickets that were included in packages.

**Jason Melillo, Dinner Nights**

Jason says that four nights have been booked since school came back from Winter Break. Seems to be working well this year – social media has increased the numbers. Honeybird has extended hours and begins giving credit when they open for lunch which means larger potential payouts for programs.

### **Jeremy Milbrodt, Presidents Report**

Jeremy begins discussion about succession plans for the Boosters. Notes that many members of the Executive Board's kids are getting older – and we need to recruit new EB members with younger children. Next year's EB will likely look quite a bit different next year.

Mentions the voting to officially endorse the Measure LC as well as donate \$500 to the campaign fund. He said the voting among the board was a landslide victory for both endorsing and donating. Money is being given to the campaign today.

Also working on basic Governance of Spartan Boosters. Nominating committee has been dormant for a few years and looking to institute more formality over the next few months.

Jeremy says the next Board meeting is February 12.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:16pm.