

La Canada Booster Board Meeting

Date: November 6, 2019

Location: IRC, La Canada High School

Meeting is called to order at 6:31am by President Jeremy Milbrodt

Jeremy introduces the school administration reports.

Wendy Sinnette, Superintendent

Sinnette notes that the school is recognizing November as gratitude month. She says the school is grateful for BoostOberfest. Great event, the district appreciates the support. She notes that Booster work goes for so many programs – everything after the bell.

Sinnette brings up capital projects in the District.

The design/development process of the new pool. Sinnette passes out drawing of the new pool which includes new boys and girls locker rooms. She says the department of state architects will approve the plans in a couple of months. Construction could start early next year and extend into late 2021 or 2022. Bulkheads in the pool allow for the creation of two pools for competitions and events. Each pool will be 40+ yards.

Palm Crest is getting a new building. Located on the upper campus. First of the new elementary school buildings.

This summer will be infrastructure assessment, doing shore ups around all the campuses.

Board is considering putting the parcel tax measure on the ballot. Vote would be March 3. \$450 would be continued until voted to end. Contributes \$2.5M per year and is part of the budget.

Talking with leading conservatives to figure out how to get support. If it passes, the board agrees not to “go out” and ask for other contributions in the future.

School Board is having a special session Ribbon Cutting for wellness center tonight. 1250 students have visited since the school year started.

County Committee is meeting today to determine who will get to vote on the Sagebrush issues. The district does support the parent group.

College application November deadline has passed and seniors are tired.

Brent Kuszyk, La Canada School Board President

Kuszyk says Boosterfest was amazing.

Notes that in the college admission world that the trend is shifting toward early admissions. Counselors and teachers are really busy with college recommendations.

Says the school board conducted a Realtors Roundtable. Two-day event. The board will invite 70-100 realtors and it will include presentations from the district. The district will conduct a survey and learn what is going on in real estate market.

Chamber Singers performed at the Board meeting last week. Orchestra is scheduled for the next meeting.

Jim Cartnal, Principal

Mr. Cartnal jokes that he is otherwise known as The Auctioneer.

Cartnal addresses several topics.

1. Academics. Kids are gassed. Looking forward to 3-day weekend. Only five weeks left in Semester.
2. Wednesday and Thursday flip schedules next week. It is part of the plan to help kids who do fall sports to not miss the same 6th period class too many times.
3. Campus Life. Challenge Success survey will come back to La Canada. Will give it during Step class. 30 minutes survey. 3rd time in 4 years. Healthy Kids Survey.
4. 2 information sessions ... Spartan Community Service Award and Food Drive. Sophomores are ahead. The kids receive a raffle ticket when they donate.
5. Spartan Update seeks to be a one stop shop for school information
6. School sends emails to kids ... encourage them to read them.
7. Big thanks for BoosterOberfest.

Kristina Kalb, Assistant Principal

Kalb first talks about BoostOberfest. Says it was the best of the 11 she has attended.

Block switch next week. Has to do with fall sport schedules and 6th period pull-outs. Winter sports are Wednesday/Friday so they are switching to make more students available for more class time.

Science department had an articulation day, reflecting on their program, looking at the 7-12 advancement strategy.

ASB is doing gratitude month. New thing to be recognized is the classified staff who normally don't get recognized.

Red Ribbon Week was a big success.

Alumni Basketball game the day before Thanksgiving. Current varsity plays alumni.

Down note: attendance notes go home if you have more than 4 absences. School is required to notify.

If some are a surprise, then it might be time to talk to children. Tardy discussions are also happening with seniors and freshmen.

Very last day of AP signups is Friday.

Announces The Odd Couple is later in November.

DR Moreland, Athletic Director

Fall sports about wrapped up. Girls Tennis has a playoff match today vs Marlborough. If they win today they play again Friday.

Cross Country league finals are tomorrow. First run is 1:30. Next Friday is CIF prelims.

Girls volleyball had a good run in the DIF playoffs.

Soccer/basketball and wrestling is starting up.

Winter sports will be scheduled for Positive Coaching Alliance sessions.

Jarret Gold, 7/8 Principal

November 14 will be doing the Challenge Success survey.

Turkey Bowl – 40th annual – November 22. 7/8 has minimum day ... get out early.

December 3 will be the 7/8 science trip.

Dine and Dance is December 5. Might be the first event of the new cafeteria.

Social and emotional training. K-8 is doing more training in this area on December 10.

Considering a new science curriculum.

Schedule committee is looking to re-evaluate the 7/8 class schedule. Goal is to determine if scheduling change is necessary, relate to the lunch time schedule. 7/8 have different issues than 9-12 and the committee will consider.

40 kids are signed up for the Yosemite trip. School is bringing it back in a small capacity than was done in past years. It's a line through the curriculum so it is an academic experience as well as an outdoor activity.

GATE gathering did a pumpkin drop and studied velocity etc.

Moreland visited all the 7/8 classrooms recently. Discussion was about students providing more input to things that happen at 7/8 in addition to talking about rules and other things such as what to do in lockdown, in an emergency etc.

BoostOberfest Reports

Jeremy Milbrodt thanks the heads of the BoostOberfest committee.

While the bottom line was not much profit – we did raise a fair amount of good will for Boosters.

Post meeting of the committee allows for an early planning for next year including costs and set up for the best Boosterfest. Record setting for buying tickets to the event.

Randy Scoville, Treasurer

Three sets of financials on the tables for board members to review.

October and November is about 80% of the financial activity of Boosters.

Presents a 7-year history of the financial performance of Boosterfest.

Scoville notes that costs were high this year but good will is high as well.

Bottom line: \$2,870 goes back into the general fund.

Randy moves on to overall Booster financial performance through end of October.

Membership are down \$13k on a YTY comparison.

\$150,000 will be going out the door in the next month to the programs at the school.

General discussion of specific grants to programs and

Jeremy notes 190 members vs. 223 last year.

President Milbrodt asks the Boosters to buy an advertisement in the basketball program. \$500. Vote taken and approved to place an ad in the program.

There will be a spring raffle. Sponsorships are still open for the year. Jameson Foundation is considering renewing their \$10,000 grant.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:28am.

