

**La Canada High School Booster's**  
**Meeting Date: March 11, 2020**  
**Location: La Canada High School**  
**Time: 6:30am**

Meeting was called to order by Jeremy Milbrodt at 6:30am

## REPORTS

### **Wendy Sinnette – Superintendent, La Canada Public Schools**

Superintendent announces that is official that the Parcel Tax was passed during the recent election. The Yes votes exceeded the 66.7% needed for passage. Sinnette says it guarantees \$2.5m for the district annually. Many other similar districts had parcel tax votes that failed: Burbank, San Marino and Las Virgenes among those that didn't pass.

Coronavirus was a significant topic at the School Board meeting last evening. School district has been involved in daily conference calls with government agencies. Sinnette says the school must take it's lead from the Department of Public Health. La Canada teachers have been authorized to begin remote/distance learning strategies. She says La Canada would seamlessly move to remote learning. Jamie Lewsadder is preparing the school and individual teachers for distance learning. Says that families need to do be prepared for students who might have to remote learning for a period of time – what would your family do regarding studying, eating, sleeping and other well-being topics in case of school closure.

Sinnette said the Board used a piece of The Brown Act to add an emergency meeting following the board meeting. District was considering the various travel commitments by programs at the school. Says the discussion with the Board was difficult. Board wants to be responsible without feeding into any sense of panic. LCUSD will be cancelling all out of state travel for the time being. Air travel and travel out of the state of California will be "called" – not allowed. Dr. Brookey and Mr. Stone will be spoken to today. Valley Forge is affected – 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be allowed to go next fall. Sinnette will be communicating this policy this morning after speaking with the affected programs and trips. Sinnette says the school website has a lot of information for families, students and communities.

### **Brent Kuszyk – Member, La Canada School Board**

Tipping point was imagining our kids being quarantined in any area they travel to. Realtor Round Table event. 50 realtors came to the school. Culinary Arts program served breakfast. School district provided them surveys and handed out school information. Broke into 5 smaller groups and toured the school.

### **Jarret Gold -- 7/8 Principal**

School was recognized as “School to Watch” 3 years ago. We apply every three years and was one of 12 schools in California that were designated again this year. The school has been invited to a 3-day conference in Washington DC.

Bringing back a rock-climbing unit during block period – this will be the only field trips for 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

Biology unit is going to the LA Zoo on March 23. Ms. Yoo and Miss Warner are organizing.

There will be a parent meeting on March 30 to give a briefing on Healthy Kids curriculum.

Armenian Genocide Awareness program will be March 26 during the Gate gathering. The program will be made available to all 7-12 students.

LCHS has three finalists in the Holocaust Awareness competition in a worldwide event – but the event has been cancelled due to COVID 19.

8<sup>th</sup> grade play – April 2 for the parents.

PTA Home Tour –

### **Jim Cartnal – La Canada High School Principal**

Registration is halfway complete for next school year. Rising juniors and seniors have already met with counselors. March 30 and 31 will be for middle school.

AP Computer Science Principles is a new class offering for next year.

PCC relationship brought two mathematics classes that the school was unable to provide.

Requesting Mandarin and Kinesiology as well as consider dance classes at PCC.

Cartnal mentions Student Speak – a monthly open meeting with students and administration

Student Speak as two committees including one on the bell schedule and one that is discussing on

weighted grade issues and a limit on the number of advanced and AP classes that a student can take.

The discussion is about the balance between wellness and the pressure to take more advanced classes.

Family Learning Series: March 24 will be about social emotional learning. The 2<sup>nd</sup> one will be a film screening, LIKE will be shown on March 14.

COVID 19 – continuity of learning plan will be in place in hopes that it won’t happen. Also working with counselors to talk with students about the implications of distance learning. There is a contradiction between illness and classes that reward attendance with grades.

Back orders of things like hand sanitizer and other mitigation products for COVID 19.

### **Kristina Kalb – La Canada High School Associate Principal**

Kalb mentions that her team has focused on custodial issues. Had ordered hospital grade disinfectant wipes early on and they are almost out. Daily meetings are being held on this topic.

Spring sports schedule – 10 different teams. Other fun things, band and orchestra have an event, choir has one Friday and Dracula is next week.

Open House is week of April 16. Starts with sports. Kalb lists a number of places that students can get student clearance physicals in advance of the May 1 deadline.

North Gym has been getting some work thanks to the Paddle Pledge at BoostOberfest.

American Heart Association Challenge raised \$3,000 for heart related medical research.

Discipline Review Committee will meet in April. Looking for parent volunteers to work on that issue. ASB elections are this week.

### **DR Moreland – La Canada High School Athletic Director**

Winter sport teams all went to the playoffs. Not many schools enjoy that kind of success. Keep an eye out on the schedule due to weather.

Dead Period Rule for CIF – each school has to designate a 14-day dead period. July 17-July 30.

Athletic director Meeting of the Rio Hondo League at LCHS. Updating the constitution for the league.

### **Booster Club Reports**

Chris Clarkson moves to adopt the minutes from the February meetings.

Jeremy Milbrodt seconds.

Minutes are approved on a voice vote by the board of directors

### **FINANCE REPORT – Randy Scoville**

Nothing to report

### **MEMBERSHIP – Brad Lew**

Still accepting.

### **VICE PRESIDENT -- Becky DeSouza.**

Reaching out to people about returning to Boosters for next year. Looking to refilling spots on the board for next year. Becky says there will be an effort to understand the various things Booster directors bring to the board to make sure we take advantage of skill sets.

Scholarship is still open to the school population.

### **BOOSTER RAFFLE – Josh Cohen**

Collecting tickets. Rolling acceptance this year in order to get money to organizations earlier. Reaching out to club advisors trying to bring in more. If tickets were handed out through Josh – please return them to Josh not to DR.

### **SPONSORSHIPS – Jack MacKenzie**

Nothing to report.

### **New Business**

#### **ROBOTICS FUNDING REQUEST -- Chris Clarkson**

There has been a request to help the Robotics Club attend the National Championships. Booster exec board discussed the possibility of a \$1,000 assistance to them. The vote would be contingent on the club actually going on the trip as it is now on hold due to COVID 19.

Clarkson moves to approved \$1,000. Seconded by Josh Cohen. Approved on a Voice Vote.

### **TRACK TIMING SYSTEM**

Coach Chris Matarese is attempting to buy a timing system. We have rented them in the past for \$900 per event.

The total cost is about \$11,000 and the track team has raised \$9,000.

Chris Clarkson makes a motion to donate \$1,500.

Jason Melillo seconds.

Approved on a voice vote.

\$2,065 is approved on a 2<sup>nd</sup> vote once it was pointed out that the timing system will be good for more than a decade.

BOOSTER DINNER NIGHTS – Jason Mellilo

Fully subscribed, two nights available.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Executive Board openings for next year and looking for volunteers to join. The hope is that we find some parents of younger students to provide Booster continuity.

April 15 is the annual meeting.

May 13 is the final meeting of the year

May 14 – Jay Dick is hosting the Booster Director Dinner

Encourages boosters to take part in the LCAP discussion.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:25am.