

CPO General Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2018

13 parents attended and Emily Hayes absent from the board

Welcome Bella Wong, Superintendent of LSRHS: There are four houses with 400 students each, set up for administrative purposes. Whole families stay within one house. Ida Ramos is the IEP and Special Ed coordinator. There are many clubs and sports, the students attending our meeting suggested that incoming students try as many different new things as possible. They recommended Rugby, cross country, Nordic skiing, acapella groups, and the newspaper. The clubs meet during the school day. Some sports practices start the week before school starts in August. There are guidance groups that meet periodically every year for kids to talk about issues they are concerned with. The accelerated earth science class freshman year is considered the most rigorous and the most rewarding, and the students who met with us suggested seeking extra help and creating a relationship with the teachers in order to succeed in the class. This coming school year, there will be a trip to Iceland for the first time to support the curriculum for this class. Other school trips are offered every year or every other year, depending on the subject: Tanzania, Dominican Republic, Baltimore for Habitat for Humanity, Rome for Latin, Cold War Europe, Silicon Valley for computer science, and exchanges for German, Spanish and French. French and Spanish are usually during school vacation weeks for 8-10 days, and German is 2-3 weeks once school gets out. LS is a PASCH certified German language instruction school, and we are the only school in Massachusetts with that distinction. The German exchange is longer and once a year as a part of the PASCH classification. Mandarin is being offered for the first time next school year as a stand-alone language, in the past it was just a supplemental class. In the coming years, LS will also offer a Mandarin/China exchange trip. Community service is a requirement, 15 hours over the course of four years. Each freshman English teachers recommends a book that students should read over the summer, and parents will get that info in a letter in June or July. Kids have to have their own computers or laptops at home, and they rarely bring laptops to school. They would only bring them if they were planning on doing homework during the school day. There is no schoology and there are no school supply lists. The school does use Ipass to post grades. Most kids don't use their locker, they carry everything with them and take notes on paper. Their lockers are too far away throughout the day.

Principal's report: Working on response to the graffiti, we are having the volleyball tournament and we are having some kind of field day, but it may be in the form of a field trip. Both dates TBD.

Treasurer's Report : Planning budget without the funds from an auction this year.

Direct Appeal Update: 14,862

Committee Reports:

Eighth Grade Events 4/24 at 10:30am first planning meeting

Board announcement to vote on new By-laws: Phase one approved to amend bylaws: Changing the number of CPO meetings from 5 to 3 per year, with the option of a fourth.

Questions and Answers, Old Business, New Business: Many eighth grade parents stayed after to ask the board members with high school students what their experience is at LS.

We are pleased to announce that our next General Meeting will be held in the Curtis Cafeteria on Friday June 1st at 9:15am. Goodnow Library Teen Librarian Robert Carter will be our guest speaker.