

Lafayette Home and School Association(HSA)

General Meeting Minutes – March 19th, 2015

43 signed in attendees including 11 HSA Board members and Principal Broquard

1. Hope Scheller, Co President, HSA, opened the meeting at 7:10pm following pizza dinner and babysitting.
 - a. The minutes from the January 15th, 2015 meeting were distributed along with the agenda for this March general meeting. Hope asked for the minutes to be approved – Sarah Rabasco motioned to approve the minutes and Jenny Backus seconded. All in favor – YES motion passed. Minutes approved.
 - b. Important dates for the next month were announced including the Auction and Winter Dance. The PARCC testing window has opened for grades 5th, 4th and 3rd.

2. Budget Overview 2014-2015

Beth Taubman presented the actual revenue and expenses to budget. The next fundraising event is the Auction on March 28th. There will be an increase in both revenue and expense lines for the Auction.

3. Miscellaneous

The meeting was opened up for any other business. Hearing none - a motion to adjourn was made by Gayle Moseley and seconded by Jen Lanoff. Business meeting concluded at 7:15pm.

4. Renovation – Modernization Presentation by Dr. Broquard

Dr. Broquard opened the meeting stating that from the October community meeting presented by D.C. DGS there are areas changed and areas not changed in the overall structure. To date, the architect and builder have been named. The builder is an organization named SKANSKA, their most relevant experience was completing Brookland Middle school in D.C.

Dr. Broquard reported that she spend time meeting with grades 1st – 4th during peace classes to discuss the renovations and the transition space next year.

Dr. Broquard then presented a movie, visual movement drawings of the new school – all from the outside. The current gym, cafetorium, PRE K and K wing will all be demolished. The current buildings from the front, that are mirror images will stay but will have added classroom space, multipurpose space, early learning wing, below ground cafeteria with skylights.

The cafeteria will be a cafetorium like our current one however, it will be larger, have a stage, sound, light system and flexible seating. The big kid playgrounds, grades 1st – 5th, left of the school will stay intact as well as the Pre K and K playgrounds.

There will be a garden enhanced with a teaching kitchen. Space in early learning will have room for 5 PRE K classrooms and 5 Kindergarten classrooms. Every wing will have a common area, used for multiuse space but also can be configured for a full classroom.

The library will be a large focal part of the new design. There will be two computer labs and the art room has been redesigned to have a kiln and potter wheels. The art room will have an adjacent outdoor terrace for outside work. In addition, the OT space will be upgraded to have sensory component.

Question: How will entrance/drop off work – how do the children get out of the building?

Response from Dr. Broquard: Currently, there will be a main entrance with a check in visitors center but she stated that has not been iron out as of now; more to come as the building is renovated, in the next year. In response to getting out of the building – there is egress and exits throughout the building that will all allow for any emergency exiting.

Question: How about the drop off and pick up when the children are in trailers?

Response from Dr. Broquard: Most likely this will have to take place from 33rd street or mainly the back of the current building. We will plan to begin practice routes once the trailers are in place late Spring.

Question: What about the LAP space?

Response from Dr. Broquard: LAP space will be shared space during the day; when LAP is in session it will be used only for LAP afterschool. LEP will have an office and space.

The gym will be able to be closed off from the rest of the school and the entrance and exit will be off Northampton. There will be rock climbing space as part of the renovated gym area.

There will be a peace/mindfulness room along with counseling offices and rooms.

Overall, the building will have a LEED Gold certified status.

Question: What is the capacity?

Response from Dr. Broquard – 815 or 825 students

Question: Will there be security and cameras?

Response from Dr. Broquard – yes to both. Please note currently there are security cameras but no one has shown her any feed or how they are used.

On Monday, March 30th, there will be an updated community meeting held at Lafayette. The presentation will be from DC DGS.

Dr. Broquard informed parents that an initial move and dump will start over Spring Break. A dumpster will be delivered the week of March 30th. She asked for parents to help volunteer and commit time to help pack and purge. There needs to be extra hands especially for library and PE.

Presentation ended at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janine Finck-Boyle, HSA Secretary