

Lafayette Elementary School  
HSA General Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 26, 2021

Meeting commenced at 7:30pm. Minutes recorded by Eleanor Correa.

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**Participants:**

Brianne Whelan Cohen, Co-President  
Ann Sun, Co-President  
Gabe DiClerico, First Vice President  
Paul Brodsky, Co-Treasurer  
Michelle Cooper, Co-Treasurer  
Eleanor Correa, Secretary  
Alexandra Lewin-Zwerdling, Community Programs Chair  
Rachael Overcash, Fundraising Chair  
Anastasia Khoo, Communications Chair  
Jennifer Steele, Finance and Budget Co-Chair  
Jessica Voris, Outreach Co-Chair  
Carrie Broquard, Principal

**Parent Attendees:**

Laura Akowuah  
Jill Bohnenkamp  
Heidi Decker  
Tabitha Edgens  
Lucas Fleischer  
Alanna Hart  
Jessica Jones  
Joe Nelson  
Mike Osborne  
Lynne Person  
Jessica Wang

**Proceedings:**

- 1.) Welcome – Ann Sun
  - a. Quick overview of the agenda
- 2.) Principal's Update – Dr. Broquard
  - a. Term 4 Opening! We have ~700 kids back in the building and things are going well. Morning drop-off takes less than 10 minutes. Specials are in person for K-2 and virtual for

3-5. Pick Up still needs some work. Please encourage caretakers/nannies to pick up kids and vacate the area. Playgrounds are closed until 4pm. Everyone in the school has been offered at least one opportunity to return in person. In 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, everyone who wanted to has returned. In 1<sup>st</sup> grade, there are less than 20 kids who did not receive a 2<sup>nd</sup> offer to return in person (but had the opportunity in Term3). In KDG, everyone has now been offered a chance to return, as well as the remaining virtual students have been offered a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance to return.

b. Enrollment! We hope to have everyone enrolled by the end of May!

3.) HSA & LSAT Elections are upon us! – Eleanor Correa and Ann Sun

- a. Both HSA and LSAT nominations are due on May 17. Announcements going out tomorrow (4/27) in TB with details about available positions and how to submit a nomination.
- b. Online voting begins for both on June 8 and finishes June 14.
- c. Winners announced June 15.
- d. HSA holding virtual info session on May 12 to prospective candidates and or volunteers.

4.) Budget Planning 2021-2022 – Gabe DiClerico (refer to slides for in-depth information)

- a. Our revenue to date is ~109K which is significantly lower than in a typical year. This is not surprising because we were unable to hold our typical in-person fundraisers (fall festival and auction) and all money was raised through the Bear Fund.
- b. We spent ~60K on new laptops for the teachers. Community voted in favor of this expenditure and it was paid for out of our reserves.
- c. Discussed 3 possible scenarios for the upcoming year – one assumes we return to near-normal; one assumes we have another lockdown and cannot host events as planned; one is a middle of the road assumption where we can have some but not all events.
- d. Budget Survey – Michelle Cooper

It will be sent to the community soon to help inform budget decision making if we are in a position where we may have to cut things or make choices. Our hope is that parents may be inspired to give to the bear fund after reading the survey and recognizing that our finances are below normal as result of the limitations COVID has presented. The final vote on the budget will take place in either late May or June.

- i. Brianne Cohen explains that some programs are considered core to the Lafayette experience, such as the Peace curriculum. That will not be something that could be cut. Other programs may not be something we do, not because of budget constraints but because of the program's limitations. Ex: Food Prints was unable to support us this year regardless of our budget. They were limited by their own staffing and budget constraints.

e. Thank You – Ann Sun

Special thanks to all who worked on the budget – specifically Gabe DiClerico. The full team's efforts have greatly enhanced the HSA and professionalized our organization. Better analysis than in year's past.

5.) Fundraising Updates – Rachel Overcash

- a. Equity Pledge – At the beginning of the year the parent community voted to donate 10% of the money we raised to the DC Education Fund. This year we are giving \$10,537 which will support an area of need identified by DCPS. Specifically, the money will be used to purchase grocery card gift stores to families who visit school-based health units for annually required immunization, removing a barrier for families who wish to return to in person learning
- b. Potomac Pizza Night – Last of 3 this year - 20% of sales goes to Lafayette. This Wednesday 4/28

6.) Community Programs Update: Alexandra Lewin-Zwerdling

- a. Virtual Fun Run Fundraiser! Fund

Register your students and family members to participate in a non-competitive 5k or 1-mile virtual run. You will run on your own between 5/17-5/28. Each participant receives a fundraising webpage that they can share with friends and family to raise money. Each participant should make a minimum donation of \$20. You can use a fun app when you run that has a countdown, music, and congratulations. You can join a grade-level team. Also, Grizzly Gear is available to purchase for the run. More info on the HSA website.