

PGA general membership meeting minutes (draft)

February 4, 2020, Middle School Evans Theater

Welcome – Joanna Black

Approval of October 2019 minutes. Motion was made, seconded, and carried.

ROAR Update - Katie Traverse

It was a great community builder and a fun fundraiser. There were over 500 attendees. The revenue will be around \$500,000. Thanks everyone who helped to make it a success.

Rummage update - Katie Simmons

Thanks for reaching out to the families. We will have the Sale on 3/13. The sale will be open to the public on 3/14. 3/15 will be Bag Day which means \$20 per garbage bag. Please sign up for the volunteers. High school kids could get service hours. Thanks for Lani for keeping it organized.

Summer School – Kat Yorks

- Kat introduced herself and did a quick overview about summer school. The high school classes will offer 4 credits. There will be a STEM based camp for middle schoolers. There were 551 students who joined summer school.
- Why do students take summer school courses? – They will get extra free periods, advance in a subject area, have more focused learning and make room for more electives for the next school year.
- New this year - US students sign up for summer school during regular course sign ups.
- Summer School Schedule: 6/22-7/31. 8:30-12:30pm
- Non-credit class options are available.
- Registration date: open on 2/3 for Lakeside families and close on 6/1. Open to public on 2/10.
- Note: We won't open WCC in the summer, lunch area in the library, microwave and sink.
- Bus pass - Students who already have ORCA cards will have no additional cost for the summer school bus. Non-Lakeside students can purchase ORCA cards just for the summer.
- Teachers – Classes will be taught by 50% Lakeside and 50% non-Lakeside teachers.
- Timing for buses – arriving at 15 minutes before the class and leaving at 3:30pm.
- Library hours: 8am – 4pm.

Head of School report – Bernie Noe

- Bernie shared three stories.
 - Bernie went to Calculus class 3 weeks ago. We want our students to be lifelong learners.
 - Mamma Mia school play. Bernie went on Saturday night and experience the joy of the audience. It was a great community event.
 - US Swim Senior night. Although we don't have Boys Diving team, we had 7 students try diving to help the team win tournaments, and it was so gratifying to see the support and team bonding around these boys.
- We are in a good place.

- New schedule's feedbacks are done. The next step is how to implement it. We will have the new schedule 18 months from now.
- Hans de Grys will be the new Academic Dean and will be in charge of implementing the new schedule.
- Calendar video will be sent. This is the final video. You will have a chance to comment. And we will have a year to prepare the changes.
- We will grow the size of our school if the money is raised. Seattle area is growing.
- John Kelly's talk. We had 400 people RSVPed. It will be packed in the theater. We had a conversation 10 days ago.
- Feel free to contact me for questions.

Upper School Report – Hans de Grys

- Hans introduced himself as he will be the new Academic Dean for the 5-12 grades.
- Skills, competence, and mindsets.
- We finished building schedules and staffing. We will pilot a new schedule. We worked with Challenge Success (group from Stanford University) to look into our schedules. The feedback we received included: They like the robust advising program, our activity periods, Wednesday/Thursday longer blocks of time for dig some topics in a deeper level. Cons: Too many stacked up things on Friday and needing reasonable lunch time. Our new schedule is similar with MS schedule. A rotation of the days.
- Mamma Mia was fantastic to watch.
- Q: Do all US students take electives or not?
- A: We are trying hard to get their 1st choice. If possible, we will get one of their top 3 choices. We have 19 Art classes and 21 English electives.

Middle School report - Elaine Christensen

- Develop curriculum for Personal Development, gender, identity, emotion management and leadership (8th grade). Message: Everyone who wants to make a community a better place is a leader. Students chose a person to profile.
- We tested the MS schedule a year ago with parent reps and 2 students advisor groups. Concerns: advisory group time. Class time change: 45 minutes to 60 minutes. Student will have only 6 classes in any day.
- Eight grade transition – Summer school schedule is out with a series of lessons. You can do summer school, but you don't have to.
- Transition – I am in the phase now for the transition. I have been keeping a dairy of every week. The new Director may come in spring to visit.
- We reviewed history Department with visiting classes and interviewing students.

Suicide Prevention Training – Anne Marie Krivens

College Counseling Report – Ari Worthman

- 99% seniors did Early Process. 78% seniors were admitted to 1 school in December. 58% seniors applied ED and 49% got good news. 40% class will be done by the winter break.

- Changes are happening for college application. ACT announced changes about retesting and super scoring in fall. Colleges will accept those scores or not? Lots of unknown. We are trying to figure out for current juniors and sophomores.
- We will try a new program called the blind college fair. We will have 40 colleges coming to Lakeside. Students will speak with them without any materials in front of them. The 2nd part will be a normal college fair. It will be a great way for students to expand their horizon.
- Ari thanked PGA for a great evening for the book talk.
- Q: How quickly do you expect the answer will become clear after the ACT changes?
- A: Usually by late spring.
- Q: Colleges want you to give high scores for posting?
- A: Yes for the ranking systems. Surveys were mailed to admission offices to score their peers. The trend is about optional tests. But students are convinced that this is the trap.

Adjourn.

Next PGA meeting will be held on May 7th.