



LOS GATOS HIGH SCHOOL HOME & SCHOOL CLUB

December Meeting: 12/17/25

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm

Present: David Poetzinger (Principal), Fatos Hacigumus (Wildcat Foundation/Chamber/Career Dev), Ru Paster (President), Janice Yeh (Special Events Chair), Jody Bannon (Grad night), Vik Ghai (Career Pathways Chair), Suzie Sutherland (Grad Night Chair), Heather LeRoy (Job Shadow Chair), Suzanne Nestor (Communication Chair)

Absent: Lisa Taylor-Tulee (Student Intern Chair), Sofia Czernichow (Student Intern), Wan-Chen (Health & Wellness Chair), Caroline Nauss (Student Intern), Melissa Rofer (Student Volunteerism Chair/Connections Chair), Suzanne Nestor (Communication Chair), Twito (Website Chair), Serena Luo (Student Intern), Julian (Student Intern), Alexander (Student Intern), Siyona Singhal (Student Intern), Andrea Ivarsson (Career Pathways/Special Events Chair), AJ Hacigumas (Student Intern)

Job Camp: Heather

- Starting to kickoff
- Timeline:
 - Jan 5th for company sign up until beginning of Feb 11
 - Students sign up until end of feb
- Emails to parents
- Matt Abraham speaks on confidence (eye contact, sweaty palms, etc) and may be invited back, open to alternatives
- Largest group participating are sophomores, then juniors, then some seniors
- Looking for additional companies to participate
- OK to use some classrooms if companies don't have an office

Principal: David

- Pint for Pint blood drive in November
- Senior class fundraiser tonight at Super Duper: 20% of profits
- Choir receiving special honors
- Incredible sports results: 7 out of 10 championships, including Mitchel as CCS singles champion
- Holiday donation drive raised about \$8k
 - Giving corner is packed from students, families, leadership
 - Collecting toys & warm winter clothes
 - Jewish Student Union collecting cans for House of Hope
- Holiday Parade Grand Marshal: English teacher Keith Kroshe
 - LGHS cheer performed, 3 students featured as Youth of the Year
- Kindness Week included hot chocolate, sweet messages, widgets, PJ day, and canine companions (10 therapy dogs)
- Musical tryouts for Hadestown during first week of Dec
- Orchestra/Jazz Band/Choir/Band all had concerts to start the month
- LGHS teacher Ann Martin appeared on Jeopardy and got the final answer
- Cocoa & Cram held in the library before finals week
- Jan 16th Harker theater formal attire swap and free movie/food
- Bike registration almost complete with 174 out of 180, eliminated e-motorcycles
- One more day of finals!

Wildcat: Fatosh

- How to streamline for payment:
 - Some teachers don't want to wait months as request works its way through numerous department/school/district/county and back again
 - Money in T accounts for departments would provide quick reimbursement, private money through Wildcat, only Dept Chair to Kathy to Principal and avoid district and county review
- Chamber has project for interns: help publishing info, downloading discounts, places to visit, may include HSC interns
- Helping to plan job fair in new year (Mar/Apr/May) and resume workshop in Feb

Special Events: Janice

- Junior prom on Feb 7th, volunteer sign ups going out soon
- Coffee cart for teachers on Friday before Valentine's
- Treats in cafeteria today – beautiful display!

Grad Night: Suzie, Jody

- This will be the 39th year of Grad night
- The date is June 5th (10pm – 5:30am) at LGHS
- Previous steering committee was met with resistance, new committee formed
 - Survey with 80+% wishing for on-campus event
 - Filled 16 chair positions with co-chairs, great momentum and parent participation
- Streamlined and eliminated themes to keep decorations the same
- Trying to keep price the same as last year
 - Waiting for breakdown of expenses by mid-Jan
 - Fundraising flyers being worked on
 - Met with last year's board to find ways to save costs and pass on to the next years
 - Fund the fun, hats for alumni as fundraiser
 - A few families are donating large sums for nest egg, scholarships
- Need to get into BMO to provide deposits for entertainments
 - Maybe \$12k left over from last year, use for deposit for Play it Again, etc
 - Sassi is not profit, needs 1099, Ru to connect with Salin
- Trying to keep the same as last year, no reason to change things too much because it's a different group each year
- Last year only one security showed up, this year 4 will be scheduled
- Minimizing drinking, last year it was an issue which could jeopardize the event
- It will be held the night of graduation (Fri)
- Lots of activities, extra games, remove ones that didn't get attention, add favorites
 - Fortune teller, hypnotist, arcade, DJ, casino, chill lounge, photo booth, sparkle boutique, tattoos, food trucks, teacher band, senior museum, etc.
 - Eliminated higher risk games to help reduce insurance
- Junior parents come in for cleanup (6-9am, 9-12pm), needs Junior chair position, adding bar codes to track supplies

Career: Vik Ghai

- Resume workshop in planning, 15 classes, 2 people per session, Ms. Fisk helping
- Posting to social media, sign up genius, Kathy has lists and placards
- Need interns to help with flyers for parent volunteers
- Materials and instructions prepared from last year to help cover what parents should discuss

President: Ru Paster

- Report from Wan Chen (Health/Wellness Chair) – Met with Wellness staff and talked about consent/boundaries event, including panel discussion for senior students to share experiences
- Report from Andrea (Career Pathways/Special Events) – Teachers appreciated the event and HSC!
- Report from Melissa (Student Volunteerism) – Dec coffee parent social was small but energetic, student volunteer took cards to Source Wise to share with Meals on Wheels recipients
- For all upcoming events that need space, please send request and I will work with Kathy to secure what you need. Insurance is becoming an issue with Facilitron
- Remaining meetings this academic year:
 - Jan 21 (virtual)
 - Feb 25 (in person)
 - Mar 18 (virtual)
 - Apr 15 (in person)
 - May 20 (in person – last meeting)

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