



LOSGATOSHIGHSCHOOL HOME & SCHOOL CLUB

February Meeting: 2/25/26

Meeting called to order at 7:08pm

Present: Suzanne Nestor (Communication Chair), David Poetzinger (Principal), Heather LeRoy (Job Shadow Chair), Lisa Taylor-Tulee (Student Intern Chair), Melissa Rofer (Student Volunteerism Chair/Connections Chair), Wan-Chen (Health & Wellness Chair), Andrea Ivarsson (Career Pathways/Special Events Chair), Siyona Singhal (Student Intern), Caroline Nauss (Student Intern), Sofia Czernichow (Student Intern), Ru Paster (President) via phone

Absent: Janice Yeh (Special Events Chair), Twito (Website Chair), Fatosh Hacigumus (Wildcat Foundation), Serena Luo (Student Intern), AJ Hacigumas (Student Intern), Vik Ghai (Career Pathways Chair), Julian (Student Intern), Alexander (Student Intern), Jody (Grad night), Suzie Sutherland (Grad night),

January Minutes:

- Date corrected from Dec to Jan
- Suzanne made a motion to approve, Lisa seconded, unanimous approval

Principal: David Poetzinger

- ASB leadership applications due by 2/1
- Music Dept Disney trip leaving this Friday to meet with UCLA professors, then Sat recording at Disney, and Sun perform at CA Adventure
- Only 67 days left of school
- Visitors from Taipei city - hosted students and chaperones
- Junior Prom/Winter Formal combined – no third dance
- Treble choir performing at Choral Directors conference, nationally recognized

- Job shadow day coming up fast
- Deep into class registration, including 8th grade, slight dip in enrollment
- Athletic Dir Ken Perritti named Athletic Director of the Year
- Sports:
 - 8 Wrestlers headed to state championship, ranked 21st in CA, 2nd in CCS
 - Boy Basketball finished 2nd in Deanza League
 - Girls Basketball finished at the top in Deanza League for 5th year in a row
 - Boys Soccer just lost in second overtime by penalty kicks
 - Girls soccer 2nd in CCS, 77th in US, lost 1 game, league champions

Job Camp: Heather LeRoy

- Fewer companies, fewer slots, but about the same number of students
- New: Golden State Storm, NASA, Amplitude,
- 410 students registered but only 286 got permission slips, 178 picked an assignment
- 92 freshman, 128 sophomore, 126 juniors, 64 seniors
- Declined to return: Archer, Pinterest, Modern Sports, real estate agencies, medical centers
- Deadline for student registration is tonight - After lottery is run, if there is a spot open people can sign up on first come first serve basis
- Instagram post got a bunch of sign-ups, another jump in registrations on day Mr. P sent text messages
- Working with Vanessa to get four rooms on campus

Intern program: Lisa Taylor-Tulee

- Helped with decorations for Valentine's
- Transition to ASB Club with advisor?
 - Would allow students to meet during lunch or tutorial
 - Syonah to talk to Ms. Rice

Communication: Suzanne Nestor

- Job Shadow/Café Dio

Student Volunteerism/Connections: Melissa Rofer

- San Jose Bike Club - contacted us for volunteers for a big bike race coming up
- Beautification events around LG
- Wondering if there is liability around us advertising events that we are not running
 - For example, with students working at happy dragon - we will post time on sign up genius
- Lisa: Community advisory board for terraces of Los Gatos
 - Their IT person knows PCs, but not apple products - looking for support for the group
 - Activities Director and the Education Director was at our meeting today
 - Once a month/one hour - two volunteers to help with easy, basic stuff
 - If it works, could roll out next year as a larger program

Career: Andrea Ivarsson

- March 17-20 and 23-24, 26 sessions
- There are a myriad of people working on these things
 - 4 volunteers handling most of the events
 - 8 sessions still needed to be covered by lead volunteers and assistants
- Leads are trained to do the 26-page workshop
 - Training from 4-6 on March 3 for lead volunteers
- Sophomores - first phase, Juniors - second phase
- During guidance counselor visits in career center
- Interns to help?
 - Syonah suggesting students who have already done the training before, act as supporting volunteers
 - Syonah to talk to Ms. Fiske

Interns:

- Help post Café Dio posters

Special Events: Janice Yeh (Out sick)

- HSC provided snacks at Junior Prom on Feb 7th. We have lots of leftovers which I will use during the Freshman Fun Run in May.
- HSC hosted a coffee cart on Feb 13th. Special thanks to student intern Caroline Nauss for helping with decorations!
- Next staff appreciation day is March 17th in the mail room.
 - Did two already, two more to go
 - Last year did three more so under budget
 - Per Ru - according to budget schedule - Feb, March, May - two things scheduled - coffee cart and staff appreciation week - could move one to April

Wellness: Wan-Chen

- Team would like to invite a guest who works with Pathways outpatient treatment program - approved program for kids who get caught with drugs or alcohol on campus - coordinator willing to come to campus for parent education, support
- Late March or April - waiting for confirmation of dates - March 19, April 16 and April 23 as possible dates - target audience are parents
- Location - Wellness Center to make it more cozy
- Cost - wildcat foundation grant for treatment program
- Cost for speaker? - gift card or some other speaker gift \$100?
- Advertising will be needed

President: Ru Paster

- “My name is Rory McKee and I'm one of the school counselors at Los Gatos High School. I wanted to reach out and thank everyone with the Home & School Club for the coffee cart today, and for all of the lovely, spirited events and treats you give to the staff. It really boosts school morale and makes the staff feel appreciated :) Thank you for all you do for our students, staff, and school!”
- Budget: Due to Wildcat Foundation by 3/9
- Remaining Meetings:
 - Mar 18 virtual, Apr 15 (Special Guest – Mayor Rob Moore), May 20
- Initial draft of 2025/2026 expenses in preparation for next year’s budget:

2025/2026

August	Expenses	Notes	Volunteers
Freshman Orientation	7,084	T-Shirts (\$4971), pizza, water	Yes
New Family Outreach			
Senior Sunrise Breakfast	2,207	Ran out this year	Yes

Staff Appreciation	500	Welcome back treats	
Student Intern Appreciation	737	2024/2025	

September

Speaker Series	121	Speaker series	
Coffee	500		
Wildcat Connection	123		

October

Staff Appreciation	600	Coffee cart	
Homecoming Dance	800	Snacks, water	Yes
Coffee			
Wildcat Connection	123	Café Dio	

November

Staff Appreciation	500	Halloween?	
Coffee			
Wildcat Connection	123		

December

Staff Appreciation	500		
ASB Staff Lunch	3000	Hosted by student leadership	
Wildcat Connection	123		

January

Coffee			
Wildcat Connection	123		

February

Staff Appreciation	600	Coffee cart on/near Valentine's	
Junior Prom	400	Volunteers, snacks	Yes
Website	367	Hosting, domain registration	
Coffee			
Wildcat Connection	123		

March

Staff Appreciation	500	Snacks on/near St. Patrick's Day	
Job Camp	382	Twilio text, Mailtrap email, Google cloud hosting, GoDaddy domain/email	Yes
Career Center Appreciation	150	Resume Workshops	
Wildcat Connection	123		
Wellness Speaker	100	Gift card	

April

Coffee		
Wellness speaker	100	Gift card
Wildcat Connection	123	

May

Staff Appreciation	1100	Coffee cart, staff appreciation week
Student Intern Appreciation	740	2025/2026
Coffee		
Freshman Fun Run	2194	Water, snacks
Senior Scholarships	10000	
Wildcat Connection	123	

June

Thank you cards for staff			Yes
End of Year BBQ	978	Lions Club	Yes
Sub Total	32666		

Adjourn at 8:33pm