

La Salle High School
2022 - 2023
La Salle Parent Council (LPC)
Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 20, 2022; 6:30 p.m.

1. **Attendance:** Aaron Marshall, Ray Butler, Shannon Memory, Kisha Dosa, Kathleen Habedank, Gina Reynolds, Mariellen Rechtin, Terri Carrick, Julie Etris, Lisa Muth, Vicki Seng, Tia Patterson
2. **Prayer and Welcome, especially to staff members:** Principal Aaron Marshall, Shannon Memory (Marketing and Admissions Coordinator), and Ray Butler (Dean of Students)
3. **Principal Report:**
 - At the time of this meeting, La Salle High School was hosting Catholic Heart Work Camp. Students from all over the mid-west stayed at LHS, and did community service outreach each day. They followed a retreat-type schedule, attending daily Mass, reflection, etc.
 - July is a time to “wrap up last year and prepare for the coming year”
 - Aaron wants to meet the needs of LPC, and give us the information we need and want to be good advocates for LHS.
 - Aaron's Challenge to LPC: *address problems head-on, and then move forward for the betterment of the school*
 - Aaron addressed the question, “Are you going to be here this year?” by answering that he is fully committed to LHS, and there is no other opportunity within the Archdiocese for him to move to; so, while he cannot predict the future, it would have to be a pretty good offer to pull him away from LHS.
 - Concern for student retention was addressed: The rising sophomore class began last year with 155 students; that number has declined, though by how much was not readily available. Aaron has gotten good parent feedback regarding this issue and administration knows there is room for growth in this area. Retention remains a primary focus.
4. **General Information:**
 - Some members of LPC shared they have received many phone calls from incoming freshman parents regarding summer work, uniforms, Spirit Shop, etc. It seems that there is a communication gap between Commitment Night and

Freshman Orientation. While there is a “Class of 2026” Quick Link, there is no additional information to scheduling classes, which was done back in March.

- Emails going to SPAM? Could be based on user’s email provider. There is a place on Final Forms where one can opt in/opt out of communications. While LHS cannot stop newsletters from going to SPAM (*SwiftK12 is used, and that is tied to Power School*), instructions could be sent to parents if this is happening to them.
- Tia Patterson was asked by a board member to serve on a diversity committee. Tia will also substitute at LHS this year. Tia shared that results from a survey on diversity and inclusion were positive, but there are opportunities for growth ~ other members of this committee include Janelle, Kisha, Steve Schulten, and Ray Butler
- Shannon gave a Branding Update; after gathering info from parents, staff, students, athletics, alumni, etc. some slight changes are being made to the La Salle logo to make a more universal and cohesive look. (Right now, there is a logo for band, another for athletics...) La Salle is doing this to remain competitive and recognizable. While not an entirely new logo, it is more or less a “refresh,” resulting in a cleaner look. As things with the old logo run out, they will be replaced with the new logo. (It will be a gradual progression, and not a “hard stop”). Outside of ordering something through Shannon or Emily, or purchasing in the Spirit Shop, only Yaeger can also produce the La Salle logo or brand.
- Staff Update: offers have been made to all positions that were open; all offers have been accepted. Just waiting on background checks, etc.

5. Organization Overview:

- LPC is made up of parent advocates for LHS
- Mutual support for parents, staff, and administration
- Our job is to create an open dialogue by being transparent
- Our purpose is to be present and be advocates for the school

6. Ideas:

- Could popular information be stored on the Class 2026 Quick Link, or could a website be created to answer common “new family” questions?
- Shannon mentioned a sort of “mentor family” to pair with freshman and transfer students to answer any and all questions.
- Re-visit a “Town Hall” meeting once a quarter – open to any parents to attend
- Parent Directory – listing student name, parent names, address, phone number, e-mail. This could be helpful to anyone – particularly new families trying to meet current families, and coordinate carpools.
- Consider reinstating calling freshman families at the end of Q1
- LHS plays team from Canada August 26. Host a mixer after the game for students – Ray will reach out to Jamie Moore and Abby Schneider about hosting a mixer

- Fall LPC parent social: Rock Jam on a Saturday in September or October...

7. Upcoming Events:

- Freshman Orientation ~ Tuesday, Aug. 9 from “morning” to about 2:45 p.m. Freshmen will receive their laptops, access their lockers, follow their schedule, learn a few cheers...
 - Mariellen will speak for 10-15 minutes at 2:00 as an LPC representative
 - Gina and Vicki will be there as an LPC presence
 - Grade level reps who can make it are also encouraged to be there to pass out snacks, answer questions, etc.
 - Senior reps: Crystal Hayes, Vicki Seng, Lisa Muth
 - Junior reps: Mariellen Rechtin, Tanya Kis, Molly Schneider (?)
 - Sophomore reps: Sarah Goldschmidt, Tamara Birck, Kathleen Habedank
 - Freshman reps: Amy Dabbelt, Jen Combs, Julie Etris
 - At 2:45, freshmen can take their parents on a tour of the building, the Spirit Shop will be open, also from 2:45 – 5:00 incoming freshmen and their parents can play games on the lower lot (corn hole, can jam, frisbee, ladder ball, etc.) Soda, chips, and water will be provided
 - Lower lot will have balloons displayed and music playing
 - Kisha will make a Sign-Up Genius for this event
- RTIC cooler package raffle – *52 Quart Ultra-Light Hard Cooler, 15 Can Soft Pack Sling Cooler, and (2) 30-oz. Tumblers* – valued at \$500. Tickets will be \$25 each, 100 tickets will be sold. Shannon will create a QR code, Emily will send an email blast, and this will be promoted on social media. Raffle set to open on August 8. Winner will be drawn at half-time on Aug. 26. This will result in a profit of \$2,200 directly for the benefit of LPC.
- Follow Your Son’s Schedule – date TBD; LPC involvement also TBD

8. Action needed:

- Kisha is helping Emily Buckley write a letter to incoming freshmen families. Send your tips and/or best advice for new families to Kisha ASAP
- Email your ideas for Lady Lancers to Kisha or Shannon Memory

9. Upcoming Meeting Dates (to be held in Room 205):

- Wednesday, August 24 at 6:30
- Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30
- Wednesday, October 12 at 6:30
- Wednesday, November 9 at 6:30
- Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30

- Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30
- Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30
- Wednesday, March 8 at 6:30
- Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30
- Wednesday, May 10 at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 p.m.