

**La Pietra PFA Meeting**  
**May 2, 2019**  
**Conference room**  
**7:54am - 9:09am**

1. Welcome – Dan Hartenstein

- PFA Introduction (Vicki Dagenais, Dan Hartenstein, & Tanya Safi)
- Welcome & Update – Dr. Dolan read the following list of the schools to which the LP seniors have been accepted to, not necessarily where they will go. They are: The New School, UCLA/UCI/UCSD, San Diego State University, Pacific University, University of Hawaii, University of Oregon, Bowdoin College, Salve Regina, University of Washington, Seattle University, Arizona State University, Vatel International School of Business- Switzerland, Pratt Institute, NYU/Chapman, Richmond University London.

Dr. Dolan also announced Arianna Bow as valedictorian and Chelsey Nakagawa as solidatorian.

Next year there will be a new bell schedule. Hui and co-curr will no longer be on Mondays and Fridays, but now on Wednesdays. There will be a new advisory program and a D block will be added on Fridays. Student schedules will be given to students next week. AP testing will also be next week.

Megan Myer is asking for 10-15 current families to be a point of contact for new incoming families.

1. Staff Report – Dr. Jeanette Hall briefly went over what different grades/classes are covering this term. Mrs. Ota- pre-algebra, 6th grade science-studying water in the area, Spanish 4- immigration in the US, English 7- Malala, Fine arts- Mulan Jr. play, World Geography- using Siterra to practice locating places, Dr. Hall- woman of the world presentations, 6th grade P.E.- learning golf rules & history.
2. Athletics Report (Go Panthers!) Mr. Kinsler asked for food serving PFA volunteers for the Jr. Varsity and Varsity athletic banquet on Thursday, May 9, 2019. The Intermediate ice cream social will be held May 17, 2019. Mr. Kinsler is asking help with the leis.
3. Treasurer Report
4. Old Business
  - Thank you:

Lunch by Moms & Dads (Tanya Safi & Crew)

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Social for Newly Accepted Students & Families on 4/11

(PFA parents & Hospitality Committee)

Mulan Concessions (Hayley Felten, Patricia Godfrey)

- Review: How to post in the Daily Bulletin
- Repair refrigerators (& add shelves)

A parent brought up the LP teacher turnover in light of a handful of current teachers leaving this year. Dr. Watson assured everyone that this year alone is just an anomaly. Another parent chimed in that it's like any other business that has turnover due to various personal reasons.

#### 1. New Business

- PFA Shadows needed for 2019-2020
- PFA Shoppers needed for PFA events (need at least 4)
- PFA communications
  1. Current communications plan (Daily Bulletin, Monthly eNewsletter, PFA Meeting Agenda, school calendar)
  2. Proposed Communications Captain- Elaina Cunningham has agreed to lead this position.
  3. Events Page is currently in discussions with admin.
  4. Best way to communicate with parents: Open to suggestions for improvement.

A parent suggested adding the meeting agendas to the bulletin for those who are not able to attend the meetings. They also suggested more notification needs to be broadcasted about in school events. Example: May Day was not advertised in advance so a lot of parents had no idea there was a program.

Another parent spoke about their concern about field trips, specifically permission forms and requiring more information like date, time, names of chaperones and the mode of transportation. She feels its basic information that should be given out to parents days before said events. A different parent suggested attaching permission slips to the bulletin for events.

- Next Year's Calendar: Maintain or trim?
  1. Proposals
    - a. Combine Father/Daughter & Mother/Daughter into 1 big family night
    - b. Change PFA Afternoon Tea from Quarterly to Semi-Annually
  2. Suggestions for additions, changes, deletions?
- By Parental request: Add mandatory Self Defense to the curriculum.

Self defense will be offered this summer and it is currently being considered to have it included in the curriculum.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding teachers being advisors prompted by a parent. Are the advisors being advised? What's in place? Dr. Dolan reassured there is a book/manual the advisors must follow.

Another parent communicated how she would like more guidance during middle school student council meetings. She said her daughter voiced frustration with the meetings. That there is no teacher guidance and that other students don't show up or contribute, that attendance is an issue and not enforced. How can this be changed? Dr. Watson reassured her that he will investigate.

Lastly, a parent suggested creating an Amazon wishlist for each teacher. Another parent said it's controversial and not a good idea because our tuition should cover the needs of the teachers. Megan Myer chimed in and said having multiple fundraising will confuse parents and may take away from our annual plant a seed campaign.

- Upcoming events
  1. JV/Varsity Athletic Banquet – May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm (LP Gym)
  2. Lunch By Moms & Dads – May 10<sup>th</sup> (Taco Salad)
  3. Middle School Athletic Awards – May 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm (LP Fountain Courtyard)
  4. Exam Breakfast – May 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> (Volunteers needed for fried rice, early morning prep, & serving. Sign-up here: )
  5. Graduation – May 23<sup>rd</sup> (Volunteers needed)

Have a safe & Happy Summer!!