

LWHS PTSA Officer & Committee Reports April – May 2021

President: Denise Campbell

Board:

- The May and June board meetings were moved to the first Wednesday of the month due to conflicts on Tuesday.
- VPs will be collecting program evaluation forms from our various program chairs and any recommendations for changes.
- The board has reviewed and will sign contracts with Grad Night vendor (senior party), Churchhome (Senior Party bus loading) and Movie Screen Rental (senior salute).
- Please celebrate all that has been accomplished this year so far! See “What we do” document. Thanks to the board, chairs and volunteers!!

School Updates:

- Principal Thomas will retire effective July 1st. Interviews for her replacement will start soon and there will be 2 parent representatives on the selection committee.
- Next year is LWHS Centennial celebration. The school is planning to host community-wide events but nothing firm yet.
- Official graduation ceremony scheduled for T-Mobile Park on June 9 at 3pm. Seniors must pre-register and guest attendees allowed will be based on number participating.

Council/District Updates:

- LWSD just finalized purchase of a large parcel in Redmond (former CADMAN property). Future bonds/levies will be needed to fund educational facilities on the property

Community Partners:

- LWSF fundraiser still short of goal. You can still watch/donate here - [Lake Washington Schools Foundation - Lake Washington Schools Foundation \(lwsf.org\)](https://lwsf.org). We need a new LWSF school liaison for LWHS.

Treasurer: Julie Tribolet

- Thanks to Denise C, Denise F & Mindy for serving on the budget committee. The board reviewed and accepted the proposed budget which will be voted on by the membership at our May GMM.

Executive VP/Communications: Denise Ferguson

- LWPTSA Council is offering every local PTA a free banner. We have chosen one that will be used to welcome new families each year at the beginning of the school year.
- Both RHMS and KiMS ran an article with the Kang Crier subscription link and social media contacts, as well as an announcement of the last Coffee with Christina (scheduled for Wednesday, May 26, geared toward incoming freshmen). To date we’ve gotten 25 new subscriptions from those articles. We plan to ask them to run the article one more time.
- The first edition of the Kang Crier for the 21-22 school year will be August 24 – prior to school starting.

VP Student Programs: Stacy Mehlberg***Senior Salute: Jennifer Wilson***

- LWHS PTSA Senior Salute will be an outdoor video production with live student MC's and will be immediately following the "Senior Night" activities hosted by ASB at the school on June 8. Parents will be invited to attend the Salute if COVID phase guidelines permit at the time of the event.

Senior Party: Debi Blaskovich

- We have around 170 seniors signed up and paid to attend the party as of May 15. We need a minimum of 135 seniors OR enough funds to cover the contracted value after which we are charged per student signed up. We have made our first payment to the vendor, Grad Nights. We have 15 volunteers - some just for the check-in process. We would like to have 12 - 15 chaperones for the actual event. Two seniors have requested scholarships so far which are funded by generous donations from our parent community. We may have extra funds to add entertainment or other party "perks" but also need to make sure we do not encourage larger groups to congregate. We had decided to eliminate the hypnotist (a popular attraction at previous parties) for this reason. We welcome ideas! As far as next year, we need to recruit a chairperson. It would be good to identify a candidate now so they can shadow Debi for the remainder of the year.

VP School Support: Meredith O'Connor-Schweitzer***Staff Appreciation:***

- Staff Appreciation week was May 10-14 and featured a full week of surprises and food for the staff. Lots of emails and notes about how much the staff appreciated the various celebrations.

E-Prep:

- No update

School Beautification:

- A school beautification event was held on Saturday 5/8. ASB organized the event and PTSA procured plants and supplies and provided adult volunteers for the event.

Green Team:

- No update.

Calm Café:

- No update. Not taking place due to remote learning and no lunch for in-person students.

VP Family and Community Engagement: Hae Sue Park

- April 16: Gathered volunteers to help bag up cloth masks for the returning students on April 19. A huge thank you to Jana S, Ana M, Linda C and Erika T.
- Planning a parent education speaker for the last Membership Meeting.

VP Ways and Means: Mindy Lincicome***Pass the Pouch:***

- Latest fundraising totals available in the monthly treasurer's report

Passive Fundraising:

- Nothing new to report

Enrichment/ASB Grants:

- No new requests – I did see a post that the new scoreboard is fully funded and they expect installation by August 1!

Classroom Grants:

- Not a lot of increase in activity, even with the return to school. There are still funds available.

Advocacy: Kristina Yu-Isenberg

- The LWPTSA Council General Membership approved the following anti-racist statement at the April 1st GMM. We would like to adopt something similar next year but, in the meantime, will promote via the Kang Crier.

“We have been called to action by the Washington State PTA’s resolution on dismantling institutional and systemic racism (2020) to take an anti-racist stance, and we do so with full support for the intended outcomes of the resolution. We fully embrace that PTA speaks with one voice for every child. We stand in solidarity with our families of Asian descent against the recent rising tide of anti-Asian racism and violence. We stand in solidarity with our Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) families and students against the rise in attacks, crimes, and rhetoric against BIPOC communities in our country. Lake Washington PTSA Council recognizes that it can either be a racist or anti-racist association – neutrality on this issue does not support our mission. Therefore, we will actively support anti-racist policies, programs, and practices to build strong and inclusive communities. We commit to taking a conscious and active role in dismantling systemic and institutional racism by raising awareness through education and advocacy, working with PTA leaders, and supporting our community so that all children feel safe and welcome.” - LWPTSA Council’s anti-racism statement, approved at the April 1, 2021 GMM

Membership: Brandi Comstock

- Current Membership stands at just over 350 members. This is lower than usual likely due to COVID and the remote school scenario.