Lake Nona High School School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes March 8, 2023

**Members In Attendance:** Nicole Campbell, Wilicia Hughes, Michelle Adamick, Michelle Barber, Kim Carlyle Clark, Aby Curley, Christal Feldman, Rene Griffith, Brenda Meadows, Shannon Mitchell, Mauricio Movilla, Carrie Palumbo, Melissa Pantano, Ivory Rodante, Kim Tinetti, Maria Tolosa

Members Absent: Andrioly Castillo, Mihika Kasi

Non-Members In Attendance: Nina V. Ivanoff Romer, Rosalinda Jimenez, Pilar Zazquez, Dana Dutch,

Cristen Krugh

**Excused:** Benish Farooqui, Melissa Henry, Ishu Martinez

**Call to Order:** A meeting of the Lake Nona High School's SAC was called to order by Michelle Adamick at 5:35 pm in the Media Center.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Motion to approve February minutes by Maria Tolosa. Second by Mauricio Movilla. **Motion carries.** 

## Budget presented by Ms. Medina, Lake Nona High School Bookkeeper

**School Improvement Fund\*:** \$8859 (Since December 2020, SAC has voted to purchase Vocabulary.com, classroom power stations, Chemistry materials, and a poster printer)

**Teacher Supply Fund\*:** \$21,515 (Since December of 2020, SAC has voted to purchase Chalktalk.com & a second year of Vocabulary.com)

**FL School Recognition Funds:** \$5174.83 (This is 100% for bonuses. Individuals fill out W9 forms in order to receive money. The balance will change & is not a reflection of SAC spending. The money is only given to SAC if there is leftover money once all paperwork is complete.)

## **Additional Budget Notes:**

- Vape Detectors (\$5K) have not been purchased.
- Vertical Learning Grants (\$1155.22) have not been purchased.
- Teacher Supply Fund\* money can be combined with the School Improvement Fund\* money. Most SACs do this. The only difference between the two accounts is the source of the funding. That is the reason the bookkeeper gives two distinct values. She has to keep track of the money this way.
- \$300 is given to each teacher at the start of the school year Any unused money is returned to the *Teacher Supply Fund* account if a teacher fails to turn in receipts for classroom spending by April.
- A+ Money is only deposited into the FL School Recognition Funds account if bonus money is leftover. For example, SROs cannot receive money. Their shares went into the account last year.
- There will be no A+ money next year because of testing changes this year.
- SAC cannot do fundraisers. The state will have to find a way to support school districts differently.
- SAC was advised to spend money on the kids when needs arise.
- Metal detectors can only be purchased by the county. LNHS has too many points of entry to truly consider them.

## Principal's Update given by Ms. Campbell:

• Friday will be a combined Mental Health and Pep Rally day. The two activities will flip flop at the end of the day. This allows for fewer bell schedule changes this week.

- Final PMAs for US History & Biology will happen after break. These assessments are part of the school grade.
- AP Mock exams will be given on upcoming Saturdays.
- May includes all testing, Prom, senior activities, and senior clearance.
- The school website and testing calendar will be updated soon.
- The February 17th All Call about an unauthorized person on campus was due to a LNHS student opening the side door to allow an unauthorized 20 year old male on campus. This compromised the safety of the whole school. The person came on a bike with a backpack, looking very much like a student. Fortunately he was only carrying an apple and a banana. Admin was notified and the student that opened the door was disciplined.
  - There are 220 adults on campus and 4400 students. LNHS has 8 security guards. There
    are not enough adults to man every door. Educate our children to help in keeping the
    school secure.
  - Student IDs need to be visible every single day to help with school safety.
- Bike racks cannot be locked because students come and go all day long. Students need to
  protect their own belongings with a lock.
- LNHS will not be the first HS to reach 5000 students. While next year's numbers aren't ideal, this is a common growing pain for a growing area.
- There will be 7 more portables next year.
- We have had fewer fights this year. With so many students, fights seem inevitable.

## **Concerns and Questions:**

- There are not enough sports teams for 4400 students. Is there a way to increase the number of sports teams in order to include more students (Freshman, JV, & Varsity) at LNHS?
  - Title 9 prevents additional boys teams without the addition of girls teams.
  - Many schools do not have freshman teams, so our teams would have no one to play.
  - Multiple teams aren't at full capacity. (Track & Cross Country)
  - Ms. Campbell will talk to athletic director, Ms. John, to see if we can add more LNHS sports. Soccer & Baseball do not have 3 teams each.
- Can students be placed into pods of 250 kids (maybe a cohort based on academics) for the core subject areas? This would allow students to build more relationships with their peers. It would give LNHS a smaller school experience for students to make friends and improve mental health.
- Ms. Campbell is doing her best to create a sense of belonging at school.
  - LNHS has 70 clubs this year compared to only having 40 clubs last year. The Student Lion's Den in canvas has a list of all campus clubs and contact information for each. Mr. Morsher is the contact for starting new clubs.
  - Ms. Campbell has seen students congregate to play Ping Pong, Corn Hole, Chess, Uno and Jump Rope on the patios during Friday lunches.
  - Coaches are being asked to get endorsed for teaching in order to improve coach-teacher-student relationships.
- Hang tags are critical in keeping the main entrance of the school from getting backed up.
- 4/18 is the next date for Juniors to take the ACT during the school day.

**Meeting Adjournment:** Motion by Rosalinda Jimenez. Second by Shannon Mitchell. Michelle Adamick adjourned the meeting at 6:35pm. The next meeting will be held on **April 12 at 5:30pm** in the LNHS media center.