

**Leigh High School
School Site Council
Minutes – April 1, 2008**

1. Call to order

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:05 by Donna Hope

2. Roll Call

- a. Roll call indicated the following present:
 - i. Pauline Wilson Member (chairperson), parent
 - ii. Terri Hannigan Member, parent
 - iii. Vicki Alexander Member, parent
 - iv. Gunita Saxena Member, parent
 - v. Meredith Moseley Member, teacher
 - vi. Deborah Kalameja Member, teacher
 - vii. John Mote Member, teacher
 - viii. Ben Bethune Member, teacher
 - ix. Donna Hope Non-Voting Member, Principal
 - x. Royce Peterson Board Member
 - xi. Joon Kim Student, 11th
 - xii. Trudy Gross WASC Visiting Committee Member
 - xiii. Rob Reibenschuh WASC Visiting Committee Member
 - xiv. Joe Mahood WASC Visiting Committee Member
 - xv. Don Blasingame WASC Visiting Committee Member

3. WASC Visiting Committee Meeting with Parents

**** Information**

- a. Closed session with parents and WASC Visiting Committee, 6:07-6:38

4. WASC Update – Meredith Moseley, WASC Coordinator

**** Information**

- a. We are in the middle of the visitation. Three Focus Groups met with the VC yesterday, and two met today. HSC has been providing food and drink for all meetings. The VC has been very complimentary. Three topics have come up in many meetings: ESLRs, Collaboration, and EL.
- b. Donna: The EL topic came up at lunch with the DO personnel today. We've spent some time at the district level working on EL students—identifying them and their needs, etc. Right now they are concentrated at Del Mar and Prospect, which allows the ELD program to be appropriately differentiated. At Leigh and across the district EL students are sometimes not well identified, but this is a district effort to improve.

5. Testing Update – Donna Hope, Principal

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- a. HSC will be providing refreshments.
- b. Testing will be three weeks after spring break.
- c. Liz Tovar will be handling the STAR tests, and Wendy Sharp will be handling AP testing. Jon Pratt will be administering the CAHSEE makeups for the 100+ students who missed the second day of testing.

6. School Safety Update – Donna Hope, Principal

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- a. Q/A regarding 3/12 shooting scare. Donna explained the sequence of events from Sunday, 3/9 to Wednesday, 3/12, including the Tuesday night vandalism and MySpace rumors. Officers were on campus on Wednesday, 3/12 to help students feel safe. On Wednesday morning the main office dealt with many phone calls and parent walk-ins. The administration decided that any parent who felt the need to keep their student home was welcome to do so. Many students opted to leave school after they had arrived. Had the threat been credible, the campus would not have been open.

- b. Because campus was never locked down, the school safety plan was never put into effect.
- c. All absences were excused and work was allowed to be made up.
- d. Sports were cancelled because league rules state that players must be in class for a certain percentage of the school day in order to play.
- e. Absences will not affect Leigh's test scores at the state level.
- f. The bottom line is that the situation was borne from a rumor and the threat was never real; however, real or not, parents needed a more efficient way to get news early from the school.

7. 6-Week Grade Report (D's, F's, GPA 1.75 and lower)

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- a. Jodi prepared the following chart:

	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
TOTAL STUDENTS (3/26/08)	450	426	419	413
Fall – 6 wk – 3 D's or 2 F's	67 (15%)	72 (17%)	50 (12%)	33 (8%)
Fall – 12 wk – 3 D's or 2 F's	90 (20%)	84 (20%)	66 (16%)	40 (10%)
Fall Semester – 3 D's or 2 F's	99 (22%)	89 (21%)	61 (15%)	31 (8%)
GPA 1.75 and lower	109 (24%)	103 (24%)	44 (11%)	26 (6%)
Spring – 6 wk – 3 D's or 2 F's	128 (28%)	124 (29%)	85 (20%)	71 (17%)
GPA 1.75 and lower	114 (25%)	107 (25%)	78 (19%)	73 (18%)

- b. Question: Why do the percentages of D's and F's DECREASE as students progress towards graduation?
 - a. Answers: Students become motivated to graduate; students learn how to cope with classes; students leave the program for a more appropriate individualized program.
- c. Question: Why are spring grades so much worse than fall semester?
 - a. Answer: Many classes' content is cumulative, and students who didn't master material in the fall have an even harder time in the spring.
- d. Summer School After School is a great intervention/support structure. Classes with enrollment under about 20 are funded out of the Discretionary Block Grant instead of summer school funds. Summer School After School: Meets 9th period, 60 hours a semester:
 - Biology = 33 students
 - US History = 14 students
 - Chemistry = 15 students
 - English 3/4 = 16 students
 - Health = 22 students
 - Algebra 1 = 9 students
 - World History = 25 students
 - Spanish 1 = 7 students
- e. We are looking at the Math Recovery Program model for next year (repeating six-week units).
- f. Discussion about athletes' use of tutorial and "study hall" periods—using team support to encourage athletes to keep their grades up and stay eligible.
- g. Discussion of eligibility requirements.

8. Communication Issues

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- a. Donna is working with Jeff Bush of SchoolLoop and leaders of IMPA, Sports Boosters, etc. to standardize the dissemination of information.

- b. Donna is looking at changing the booster/school meeting schedule next year so that each group meets on successive Tuesdays of each month.
- c. Need to check with SchoolLoop regarding the ability to send emails with recipients BCC'd. See Allegra Ullrey. **** Action**

9. Looking at By-Laws for Terms of Office

**** Information**

- a. According to Article IV of the SSC By-Laws, "All terms, with the exception of the principal and the sophomore student, shall be two-year terms. The term for the sophomore student shall be three years and the principal shall be a permanent member of the site council."
- b. There has been an inconsistency in our student representation; we seem to have a different student each time.
 - i. This has been a product of the Activities Director being out on maternity leave when the student representatives were instructed about SSC and unable to keep the elected students organized.
 - ii. Donna will talk with Gina Nicoletta to determine how students will elect representatives for next year. **** Action**
- c. It might be nice to have a regular mini-column in the school newspaper about what happens at SSC.

10. Around the Table

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- a. Nothing to report.

11. Future Meetings:

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- a. May 6, 2008

12. Adjournment

**** Action**

- a. Meredith Moseley motioned to adjourn. Donna seconded the motion.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.