

Washington Latin PFA Meeting Minutes

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Participants</u>	<u>Location</u>
September 19, 2020	8:30AM-10:00AM	Executive Committee	ZOOM Meeting

Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- welcome the new 5th grade rep, Bessie Thibodeaux-Belcher and intros- reminder of focus areas, email tempo, and periodic family Zoom chats- review survey current responses- recommend edits to the calendar- Latin Pride call for caller volunteers and details- feedback on BTSNs- open discussion/add ons
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<u>Discussion Notes</u>
<p>1) The meeting began with an introduction of PFA members and their roles for the year, including the newly elected 5th grade PFA Rep, Bessie Thibodeaux-Belcher</p> <p>2) Latin Pride update was given by Lisa Miller and Kate Cromwell. Considerations for this year include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to overcome the lack of opportunity for laying of communication as done during previous years.• We need to invent creative ways of getting Latin Pride information to parents during the challenging environment.• An important part of the messaging must be to emphasize how essential Latin Pride funds will be this year given the extra pandemic related expenses.• Lisa M and Kate C will create and share a Google doc with the PFA for the collection of ideas on the topic. <p>3) Communication tempo is important and deliberate and will assist with the layered messaging approach. Given that, Grade Reps should plan to send their weekly grade level emails on Wednesdays so that it is received between the days that the school sends out communication. Grade Reps should also plan a periodic grade level ZOOM chat – just to check in socially. PAZOOM is an account that Grade Reps can use to facilitate these meetings.</p> <p>4) Inclusion is an essential element of the school’s communication protocol. The school has expended its efforts in this area and the PFA should follow as much as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kerry Richardsen is playing a key role in this effort, especially as it applies to deaf and mom-English speaking parents/families.• The school is focusing on not only communication but on relationship building with the families as the entire family structure is a key element of consideration. <p>5) Kate C. talked about an opportunity for parents to share tech solutions</p> <p>6) Parent/PFA Activity Survey - Loretta will help reshape the survey and resubmit.</p> <p>7) Used Uniforms - Will inquire of the need to host a use uniform sale for parents of students who are coming back into the building on a limited basis (chemistry, etc). Remind parents to return uniform shirts since the logo makes them less generally usable and don't want them in a landfill.</p>

8) BTSN feedback...helpful, good to have videos for later but would have liked them prior to the Zoom call, well done, and valuable

9) Teacher Appreciation Week - Parents want to do more for teachers before Teacher Appreciation Week. Possibly creating a kudo board or "give thank" campaign on Giving Tuesday, December 1st. Emphasized that just sending a text, note, or email of thanks to teachers is very rewarding for them.

Action Items

- 1) Add Teacher Appreciation activity during "Giving Tuesday" - Please add to the calendar so that we can move forward in planning once more survey results come in.
- 2) Add suggested themes/topics for monthly grade level ZOOM meetings. Please add those to the calendar in Google docs.

Screen Grab from ZOOM Chat

08:34:20 From Kerry : streaming fine

09:00:45 From Satu Haase-Webb : Tickets to the drive in movie theater near Baltimore

09:00:52 From Satu Haase-Webb : or gift cards

09:01:14 From Satu Haase-Webb : anything that is an experience that can be done socially distanced

09:03:09 From Satu Haase-Webb : the city is exploring reopening schools in hybrid form for the second semester; they look at November to make this decision

09:06:22 From emurray : what about a trophy for the grade that gets the most funding? its not student specific but could be a motivational tool

09:07:36 From emurray : I love that Loretta

09:09:13 From Nicole Chere' Syphax Young Wood : great idea! :-)

09:09:44 From Satu Haase-Webb : people also cannot go because of quarantine restrictions or because they have to be within two hours of DC (to report back in case you are asked to come in person)

09:10:07 From Satu Haase-Webb : Ms Seid's son has an ice cream business — we love his ice cream

09:10:33 From Rebecca Kramer : socially distanced ice cream social on the field at school?

09:10:35 From Patti Kolb : Kate can knit lots of little hearts.

09:11:01 From emurray : also think of the socio-economic piece - transportation getting to a holiday house etc. Would it be considered as an accessible prize to all?

09:11:20 From Chari Voss : we should also keep equity in mind and have a few different offerings. While a beach house is great - may not be possible, accessible for all families (ie. if they can't travel or don't have the means)

09:12:11 From Bessie Belcher : My niece does a bunch of different art. she could do a hand painted jacket or cards or a print.

09:12:41 From Kerry : @charivoss Good point.

09:12:51 From Rebecca Kramer : what about something Oct 31st based? it may seem young but what about a pumpkin carving on the field at school?

09:15:21 From Chari Voss : I like Rebecca's idea of a socially-distanced ice cream social on the field

09:16:23 From Chari Voss : Satu - where is Ms. Seid's son's ice cream store?

09:16:56 From Chari Voss : I just saved the chat - I'll send you the text file Jennifer

09:17:35 From Nicole Chere' Syphax Young Wood : October Fest with ice cream / kettle popcorn and pumpkin carving at one time. It could be scheduled by grades!

09:18:38 From Chari Voss : I dabble in making chocolates/ truffles, etc. I would be happy to donate a selection of chocolate goodies as a raffle prize

09:20:50 From emurray : @rebecca Kramer - thank you for doing the used uniform committee. I don't want to come off topic from this important conversation on latin pride but we are in need of PE wear. Lands end have a 40% sale this weekend but PE uniform doesn't feature. Where do we purchase the PE sweaters with the latin logo? If any one wants to chime in this chat that would be great. (I feel I should know this)

09:21:16 From Kate's iPad Air : what about a 'rent a handy person' for a day

09:21:51 From Satu Haase-Webb : ms seid's son's ice cream stir l

09:22:18 From Satu Haase-Webb : sorry: store is called Ice Cream Bandit; they are in Shaw

09:23:23 From Satu Haase-Webb : <https://icecreambandit.com>

09:23:49 From Kate's iPad Air : it's delicious ice cream!

09:24:14 From Nicole Chere' Syphax Young Wood : Someone is waiting to get in the Call. just sent an email.

09:24:53 From Nicole Chere' Syphax Young Wood : Renee

09:28:03 From Rebecca Kramer : oh I didn't say I have three kids at Latin: 12th Miles, 10th Ella, 6th Lyla

09:29:27 From emurray : Hi everyone, with the social zoom calls, had we discussed that longer term we could have a theme associated to them?

09:29:49 From emurray : Sorry I couldn't recall what was discussed on this piece.

09:30:33 From Diana Bruce (she/her) : Yes! I included a link to possible themes in the draft calendar I sent around.

09:31:11 From emurray : Thanks Diana

09:32:43 From Chari Voss : What are you doing for translation - using actual translators or Google Translate? If you're using Google - I have a better site to suggest. It's called DeepL - like all machine translation, it's certainly not perfect, but it's light years ahead of Google Translate. Happy to tell you more about it.

09:35:59 From Kate Cromwell : Chari, would love to hear more. We find Google Translate is actually pretty good for Spanish, but we just start there. That said, would love to hear about it! Can you email me?

09:36:19 From Chari Voss : yes - will do Kate

09:36:42 From tmnadler@hotmail.com : so sorry - I've got to drop off.

09:36:52 From Diana Bruce (she/her) to Chari Voss(Privately) : Chari - I really appreciated Daniel's questions on the senior/college zoom. He asked everything I was thinking about!

09:37:15 From PA Zoom : Be well, Tina

09:37:38 From Nicole Chere' Syphax Young Wood : Could we do something that allows us to Latinx community for Hispanic Heritage Month?

09:37:56 From Kate Cromwell : @Nikki, YES - we are working on that!

09:38:14 From Kate's iPad Air : Hi all, sorry but I have to drop off. great to see everyone!

09:38:45 From Chari Voss to Diana Bruce (she/her)(Privately) : Thanks! He's really feeling anxious about it all.

09:38:47 From Nicole Chere' Syphax Young Wood : Agreed! Thank you Kerry and Kate!

09:39:29 From Diana Bruce (she/her) to Chari Voss(Privately) : Me too! And Sebastian's my second child. I should be more chill. :)

09:40:25 From Chari Voss to Diana Bruce (she/her)(Privately) : I hear ya! Do you think a 12th grade parent social to discuss college would go over well?

09:40:41 From Diana Bruce (she/her) to Chari Voss(Privately) : Absolutely!

09:40:59 From Chari Voss to Diana Bruce (she/her)(Privately) : ok - I'll work on getting that set up

09:41:09 From Diana Bruce (she/her) to Chari Voss(Privately) : But let's make sure that it doesn't become a competition. We moms like to show off how prepared we are, and that would be really hard for folks.

09:41:43 From Chari Voss to Diana Bruce (she/her)(Privately) : yes, that's something I was worried about too. and people who's kids may not be taking the college route feeling excluded

09:42:28 From Diana Bruce (she/her) to Chari Voss(Privately) : Maybe you can set the expectations. Do not give advice unless you're asked for it. This is to support families, and create a safe and social space.

09:43:10 From Chari Voss to Diana Bruce (she/her)(Privately) : maybe I won't call it a college chat per se, but maybe just a chance to talk about senior issues. I've been a little reluctant because when I did it in the spring there were only about 8 people on the call and it was very awkward . Not much conversation.

09:43:47 From Diana Bruce (she/her) to Chari Voss(Privately) : Maybe ask Kerry if she'd want to help facilitate it with you, since she was in the college counseling office and has a sense of the feelings of families across the college/career spectrum.

09:44:14 From Diana Bruce (she/her) to Chari Voss(Privately) : She can be a 12th grade parent, with additional background.

09:44:24 From Chari Voss to Diana Bruce (she/her)(Privately) : good idea

09:45:02 From Nicole Chere' Syphax Young Wood : Thank you! Zane and Zoe Wood'a parent in the 6th grade! :-) Nikki Wood

09:45:19 From Nicole Chere' Syphax Young Wood : You taught Zoe this summer! Loved the art class!!!

09:48:48 From Bessie Belcher : I think if we can offer varying shifts for parents to volunteer.

09:50:20 From Nicole Chere' Syphax Young Wood : Can we be first in line! 🙌 We already have some questions with tech support!!

09:52:37 From Nicole Chere' Syphax Young Wood : thank you Kate!!

09:52:48 From Nicole Chere' Syphax Young Wood : I appreciate it.

09:54:34 From Diana Bruce (she/her) : Also, making sure folks know that DC is offering internet for a year for families who need it. https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/dc-plans-to-pay-the-internet-bills-for-25000-low-income-families-for-a-year/2020/09/08/988a54ae-f1e7-11ea-b796-2dd09962649c_story.html

09:59:28 From Lisa Miller : hi all sorry I have to jump off - thank you for all of your work for our school!

10:02:30 From Nicole Chere' Syphax Young Wood : Kudos to Diana for awesome Tech support! I am good!!! 😊

10:03:10 From emurray :
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lhj45GeMRWkMDePwXE7oESFJf1Impsm/view>

10:10:08 From Diana Bruce (she/her) : I just emailed the link to the whole group.

10:13:45 From Chari Voss : That's great Bessie! I will reach out to you. I could certainly use some pointers on that front

10:15:35 From Satu Haase-Webb : hi, I have to drop off now! thank you and good to see you all. have a great weekend!

10:16:37 From Rebecca Kramer : Diana, what is the name of that tool you like for interactive surveys?

10:18:55 From Chari Voss to Rebecca Kramer(Privately) : I think Diana was talking about Slide io or something like that. Not sure how to spell it and don't know how to use it but have been on meetings that used it

10:21:34 From Chari Voss : <https://www.sli.do/>

10:21:46 From Chari Voss : I think this is the tool Diana was mentioning

10:21:57 From Diana Bruce (she/her) : Yes!

10:22:39 From Renee Blair : gonna drop & watch baseball game. cheers!!

10:22:43 From Diana Bruce (she/her) : I have a slido account, so I can use my account next time if folks want to see how it works. Also, they offer a very deep discount for schools/non-profits.

10:23:26 From Bessie Belcher : would love to see that Diana

10:24:17 From Diana Bruce (she/her) : Also, with a free account, you can do three polls per meeting.

10:24:34 From Bessie Belcher : I have to run. looking forward to the year

10:28:46 From Nicole Chere' Syphax Young Wood : Both my husband and I valued the meeting— Well done!

10:29:51 From Diana Bruce (she/her) : I would have liked to have more time to watch the videos before the live zoom. A few hours without time to schedule them into my calendar was hard.

10:31:06 From emurray : It was very good - great to see all the teachers for the grades and there being one teacher in the grade leading the break out session helped keep things on track and organized. Technology worked too

10:31:33 From emurray : I have to leave now as have another meeting. Thank you all and see you soon

10:36:22 From Kerry to Chari Voss(Privately) : Can you please share your email?

10:37:02 From Chari Voss to Kerry(Privately) : cvoss@frenchintoenglish.com

10:37:13 From Chari Voss to Kerry(Privately) : what is yours?

10:38:24 From Diana Bruce (she/her) : @kerrysjewelbox

10:38:39 From Vanessa Howells : I have to leave now but it was great to see everybody!

10:38:43 From Diana Bruce (she/her) : Wellspring Mannor and Spa

10:38:45 From Diana Bruce (she/her) : Manor

10:39:09 From Diana Bruce (she/her) : 2-5pm Sunday