

**Los Alamitos High School**

**SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL**

**June 1, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Members, alternates, and guests present: Debbie Brosius, Piper Brucculeri, Kathy Currie, Mary Forbes, Sarah Fuller, Kelly Godfrey, Joanne Levy, Lorraine Navarro, Deya Slade, Jill Sterling-Erman, Dr. Gregg Stone, and secretary Maureen Motsinger.

Lorraine Navarro opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. welcoming members. Minutes of the March 30, 2009 meeting were approved as written.

Principal Godfrey reported the selection process for hiring the new LAHS principal was underway and an announcement should be made in the very near future.

Principal Godfrey also presented a budget update. An "Additional Reductions" priority list was distributed with a total of \$3.5 million in cuts approved at the March 10, 2009 LAUSD Board of Education meeting. Expected Federal stimulus funds of \$2.5 million narrowed the cuts to the first two items. Since that time the Governor announced the Federal stimulus funds may not be released as the May Propositions did not pass. The status of future budget considerations will now be determined by the State Legislature.

Due to the implementation of Priority Reduction #2, the 20-1 student ratio in English and math in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, will be eliminated and the school is planning on increasing the student-teacher ratio by two. Enrollment for 2009-10 is anticipated to be 3,287 with the number of sections and class size now being determined. Negotiations of both LAEA and CSEA unions are still underway.

Principal Godfrey announced the LAUSD Board of Education voted to approve offering AP Economics / AP Government. A common concern from the Social Science Department, Faculty Forum, and School Site Council when discussing the offering was student stress. Members felt students would feel pressured to take the additional AP course. Dr. Stone and counselors recently attended admission symposiums from Brown, MIT, Harvard, Penn, Stanford, Duke, University of Virginia, and Stanford. These institutions reported they did expect a certain rigor of study but did not assume students would enroll in all AP offerings at their high school especially if many were offered. College representatives reported co-curricular activities were also extremely important including community service and a "passion" for a specific activity as opposed to being involved in numerous activities.

Principal Godfrey reported technology money from Measure K in the amount of \$2 million will be distributed to the district in increments of \$500,000. The first installment has been received by LAUSD and funds will be divided equally per pupil and distributed to schools. Technology for LAHS includes ceiling projectors / sound system / five high powered computers for Engineering and CAD and digital photography equipment.

Members were thanked for their attendance this year. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

