

## Los Alamitos High School

### SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

April 26, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Sarah Fuller. Members, alternates, and guests present: Liz Blumberg, Phil Bowen, Piper Brucculeri, Kathy Currie, Sarah Fuller, AJ Kaub, Joanne Levy, Dr. Grant Litfin, Lorraine Navarro, Julian Najm, Deya Slade, Jennifer Stewart, Dr. Gregg Stone, and secretary Maureen Motsinger.

Minutes of the January 25, 2010 meeting were approved as written.

Assistant Principal Phil Bowen reported LAUSD has organized an Anti Bullying Task Force in response to district incidents, national attention, and hazing / cyber bullying occurring on the Internet. The Task Force met in March and three subcommittees were formed in the following areas: Curriculum – researching K-12 programs; Community Education – meeting with PTSA groups from district schools; Administrative – review Ed. Code and LAUSD Board and Regulations for possible revisions. The Task Force will meet again in June for further collaboration. Mr. Bowen also distributed an informational handout *Myths About Bullying*. In response to a member questioning if LAHS had many instances of bullying Mr. Bowen responded problems are rare and are usually in the freshman and sophomore classes. Each incident is taken very seriously and appropriate steps are implemented with the success rate being extremely high. Chair Sarah Fuller thanked Mr. Bowen for the update and also congratulated him for being named LAUSD and Orange County Administrator of the year!

Assistant Principal Dr. Gregg Stone announced AP testing begins May 4 and continues until May 14. Approximately 1,300 tests will be administered. STAR testing of freshmen, sophomores and juniors begins May 13 and concludes with Make-up exams on May 21. Seniors do not participate in STAR testing. Students will test in a Period 1 testing block on May 13, 14, 17, and 18. Students test in their science class on May 19 and 20. Student incentives were also discussed and include: a free dance in the fall for any student who maintains proficient / advanced scores or improves their CST scores over last year; shave Dr. Litfin's head at the first assembly if the API increases by five points; Dr. Stone visited classes discussing growth / maintaining a high level of achievement; students will receive a certificate the first week of May for their performance on last year's STAR testing; banners will be posted to encourage school spirit and achievement; post signs above classroom doors for students to tap as they enter (*Think like a ~~Champion~~ Griffin Today*). Dr. Litfin also stated inspirational videos showcasing our championship groups and teams are currently being developed.

Dr. Stone also reported our staffing ratio will remain the same for the 2010-11 school year. There are currently openings in math and science. As retirements occur additional positions will be posted.

Dr. Litfin reported on proposed changes for the Assistant Principal of Athletics and Activities position currently in the hiring process. It is proposed to have an activity director in addition to our current two athletic directors. The activities director would be a teacher on special

assignment overseeing the ASB class and handling activities as needed. All three of these positions would be supervised by the Assistant Principal of Athletics and Activities. This proposal was also discussed and supported by members at LAHS Leadership Council. Budgeting implications were discussed and Dr. Litfin stated the cost should be relatively minor compared to the benefits it should reap LAHS. School Site Council members voted unanimously to support the aforementioned changes to the Assistant Principal of Athletics and Activities position.

Student Representative to the LAUSD Board of Education Liz Blumberg presented an ASB update. In an effort to promote more school spirit at assemblies Dr. Litfin escorted ASB students to South High School to view their assembly. The recent assembly LAHS held on April 23 was inspired from this visit and was very successful. Each class dressed in their designated color and class competitions were initiated. Miss Blumberg also reported on the recent ASB elections. In addition to students voting an interview panel comprised of thirteen members including both current ASB students and staff conducted in depth interviews. Over 200 students applied for 40 available positions which is an increase from the current 29 positions now held.

Member Deya Slade inquired about the Intermediate Algebra course proposal which Dr. Stone emailed to members on April 1, 2010. Dr. Stone responded it had been approved by the LAUSD Board of Education and has been submitted for UC approval.

Chair Sarah Fuller thanked Dr. Litfin and congratulated him for the new innovations and ideas he has brought to LAHS. Members were also thanked for their attendance and support for this school year and were asked to encourage other community members to attend future meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.