



## LANE TECH COLLEGE PREP HIGH SCHOOL

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### Lane Tech High School Local School Council - Regular Meeting

Following are the meeting minutes. Posted Meeting Agenda items are listed, with the meeting minutes noted directly below.

Notice is hereby given that a regularly scheduled Local School Council meeting has been set for: **Thursday, October 21, 2021, at 6:30 pm in Room 113 Or on Google Meet [Lane Tech Livestream Link](#)**

1. Call Meeting to Order

Emily Haite called the October 21st, LSC Meeting to Order at 6:34 PM

2. Roll Call (7 minimum)

**Present:** Catherine Ashlaw-Doherty, Maureen George (6:38 pm), Emily Haite (Chair), Anne Lokken, Patricia O'Keefe, Ana Scales (Sec.), Laura Symons (Vice-Chair), Edwina Thompson (Principal), Dannixa Velez, and Benjamin Wong.

**Absent:** Dayana Bautista, 2 vacant Teacher Rep

**Quorum Established**

3. Approve Agenda

**Motion:** To approve October 21, 2021, LSC Agenda

**By:** Emily Haite

**Second:** Anne Lokken

**Vote:** Unanimous, all in favor

**Result:** Motion Passes

4. Approve old minute(s)

**Motion:** To approve September Meeting Minutes

**By:** Emily Haite

**Second:** Laura Symons

**Abstained:** Anne Lokken - was absent

**Vote:** Unanimous, all in favor

**Result:** Motion Passes

5. Approve and Welcome New Members Rebecca Daly (Social Science Teacher) and Mario Nunez (Social Science Teacher)

Emily Haite welcomed two new members. Teachers voted last week and the LSC has to vote to approve that process.

**Motion:** To approve the voting process and the two new teacher reps.

**By:** Emily Haite

**Second:** Patricia O'Keefe

**Vote:** Unanimous, all in favor

**Result:** Motion Passes

6. LSC Resolutions - Benjamin Wong

(Future Lane nominations are welcomed to honor students, staff, alumni, and the community.)

- a. Principal Edwina Thompson
- b. Michael Smith (Smitty)
- c. Natalie Cortez - on the call from Colorado University  
(see resolutions below)

7. Public Participation

2 minutes each

***If you want to submit a question or statement or sign up to speak in person before or let the LSC know of your concerns, please email [emilylanesc@gmail.com](mailto:emilylanesc@gmail.com) before 3:00 Subject line Lane October LSC participation***

Lisa Applebaum - curriculum night - excellent job presentation. She recommends, under Old Business, to include Symbol Committee update.

Most of the emails were about how to join the livestream meeting.

Emily Haite shared the emailed concerns over SOPPA (Student Online Personal Protection Act) that hinders high school journalism such as LT Champion (Warrior) and impacts classroom digital use. Principal Thompson addressed SOPPA in her report.

See link:

['Overkill' – In CPS, student protection act hinders teachers, curriculum – The Lane Tech Champion](#)

## 8. Reports:

a. Principal - Edwina Thompson October 21, 2021

**CIWP Priorities** | [ciwp.cps.edu](http://ciwp.cps.edu)

- 1. Instruction**
- 2. Balanced Assessment and Grading**
- 3. Multi-tiered Systems of Support: Relational Trust**

**Competency A: Champions teachers and staff excellence through a focus on continuous improvement to develop and achieve the vision of high expectations for all students.**

- Our CIWP Priorities are: Instruction, Balanced Assessment, and Grading, and Relational Trust
- Our special education classroom assistants are attending monthly workshops provided by our network on various topics at Lane in our cluster program
- Our counselors completed their individual and school-wide post-secondary and SEL scope and sequence plan
- Our math department lead teachers are engaging in vertical alignment conversations to adjust to student gaps in learning
- We are expanding roles and streamlining positions that empower athletic coaching and administrative staff to impact student-athletes and their needs. This includes but is not limited to streamlining ordering, creating a budget, and setting goals for sports as we move through SY 21-22.
- Our SY22 equity professional learning will be centered around the text: Grading for Equity: What It Is, Why It Matters, and How It Can Transform Schools and Classrooms by Joe Feldman and CPS' equity lenses
- The instructional vision of the school is still: Inquiry driven instruction with student-centered learning where all students express their learning through critical thinking, creative problem solving, collaboration, and with confidence.
- AP Computer Science Program teachers have transitioned to a new curriculum in anticipation of SOPPA
- AP CS teachers have adopted a new curriculum and new classroom policies to return to the pass rates before the pandemic.
- All our teachers are adapting to new online tools in anticipation of SOPPA. Every course has been impacted.

SOPPA (Student Online Personal Protection Act) - Effective July 2021: The state privacy law and school districts limit programs or software in the use of student information. Assistant Principal Damir Ara is managing SOPPA approved companies and the nuances of multiple entities. The Champion (online site) and classrooms (digital media) had used Adobe and are currently unable to use student logins for this service. Currently, Adobe is not on the SOPPA database; its IT infrastructure required language is not addressed. Programs and vendors, such as Adobe, with its third-party affiliations, must meet the terms and conditions of the privacy threshold of SOPPA. The CPS SOPPA process requires slightly stricter requirements than the state SOPPA process. We are in contact

with representatives from the district and teachers are finding ways to navigate despite the current situation.

**Competency B: Creates powerful professional learning systems to guarantee learning for all students.**

- Assistant principals are participating in walk-throughs in teachers' classrooms; walk-throughs are followed by an email to the teacher with positive observations, wondering/ questions, and suggestions - PQS
- Our Alpha program will be hosting student-centered workshops to help guide our freshmen and sophomores in their research and experimental process so that they are better prepared to discuss their project with professionals in the field.
- The Health course team engaged in a full-day collaborative professional learning session around student-centered health protocols, curriculum, and access.
- Course teams engage in bi-weekly professional conversations around unit planning, common tasks, and assessments, and year-long scope and sequence
- Michele Vale, our Curriculum and Instruction Director, created and implemented a Teacher Leader Survey to begin the conversation with our department chairs and course team leaders regarding what support and resources would most benefit their departments or teams. She has reviewed preliminary data with Principal Thompson and has spoken with AP Thompson and AP Dresser regarding the next steps for our teacher leaders, our ILT, and course team meetings.
- LTAC Academy course focus for the month includes: motivation, growth mindset, SMART goals, and procrastination
- LTAC Senior leaders presented during a panel to 8th graders about the Selective Enrollment process and the choice to stay at Lane
- Katherine Gomez is working with Assistant Principals Kerri Thompson and Sarah Hanly to lead our Grading for Equity team that will be providing teacher-led professional learning around our central text for the school year.
- Secondary Education Classroom Assistants are participating in monthly PLCs with district rep on various topics to support our diverse learners
- Katherine Gomez and Alison Hildebrandt managed the Administration of the PSAT 8/9 and the PSAT/NMSQT for a total of 2978 students

**Competency C: Builds a culture focused on College and Career readiness-develops the full range of students' learning capacities, creative, social-emotional, behavioral and physical.**

- October is mental health awareness month. The social worker has been providing information to students and parents on different resources around mental health
- October is dating violence awareness month and the advisory committee put together a thoughtful presentation on this under the guidance of the social workers.
- Counselors are continuing to meet 1:1 with seniors for college planning
- Students completed a survey during advisory this month that focused on grading, social and emotional supports, and relational trust
- In the month of October, the World Language Department is celebrating bilingualism and our students' diversity, identifying seniors who are eligible for the Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy. For seniors who didn't take an AP World Language exam and/or are proficient in a language other than what the World Language Department offers, like Polish, they will be notified to participate in the State Seal of Biliteracy testing year.

- The College and Career Center is hosting “Get Your College Apps in Shape” work sessions for seniors during 8th period and after school starting on 10/21
- The College and Career Center has hosted 59 college rep visits and 37% of seniors have attended at least one college rep visit in the CCC.
- 422 seniors have completed their FAFSA (through the CPS dashboard, collecting their SAR, or collecting their signature page) and 25 students received FAFSA assistance through our partnership with ISAC
- The Behavioral Health Team continues to review all referrals and works to provide suggestions to teachers, and support students who need more than classroom supports through counselor and SW meetings

Later on this month the University of Illinois will be at Lane. Their after-school presentation will highlight first generation programs and Latin X students. Counselors are meeting one on one with the students for college. Reaching out to students beyond email using Twitter, and Instagram.

Ben Wong suggests that the Dean of Students (his affiliation) from Harvard might visit to engage students. Erin Driesbach, hired as the temporary CCC, has done a fantastic job analyzing data.

#### **Competency D: Empowers and motivates families and the community to become engaged.**

- Our *Curriculum Night* was a success with 207 staff members participating in engaging with families
- Administration and the Athletic Director presented at the Friends of Lane meeting about athletics and student activities as well as provided information on how to stay informed at school.
- Lane will participate in 27 high school fairs in October, promoting the open house, unique programs at Lane, and engaging community members
- Open House will include at least 100 student tour guides, 50 staff, and several parent volunteers with fun performances planned to showcase the school.
- We hosted an LTAC parent and student gathering on October 20, 2021, in the Memorial Garden
- Our Tech Department will be launching an in-house version of our Writing Center Software, which has been discontinued due to the SOPPA law.
- Lane Tech clinicians will be partnering with a clinician from Northwestern University to conduct a mental health parent speaker series throughout the year.
- Mental health resources are shared in the weekly student news and on the counseling website

There were 207 staff members out of 241 who participated at curriculum night.

#### **Competency E: Relentlessly pursues self-disciplined thinking and action supports a climate that values, accepts, and understands diversity in culture and point of view.**

- Student culture and climate team met with the adult culture and climate team to discuss concerns around the building. They shared positive experiences so far in the school year.
- Students completed a survey about their first 5 weeks of school and gained valuable insight into their celebrations and concerns about student climate and culture
- Admin met with the presidents of each grade level to listen to concerns

- The PE I team met to review the Health curriculum to reflect thoughtfully on the language used to represent gender and to instead replace or refresh with language that is more inclusive of today's students.
- Recently began the annual inventory audit of all technology and furniture in the building per ISBE law. This involves physically scanning every item in the school on that list. We have gone from about 5,500 assets in 2019 to about 11,500 in 2021 (mostly student Chromebooks, staff laptops, and other technology to support teachers).
- Rearranged the Tech Office to be more inviting and engaging for students and staff who need help.
- Senior leaders created and implemented lessons in Advisory on diversity in friendships and the importance of getting involved in a variety of extracurriculars
- Winter sports tryouts begin soon and most informational meetings have occurred
- Our swimming, volleyball, football, cross country, and soccer teams are all in either city, state or regional competitions
- Our second SY22 student-developed advisory took place on October 20, 2021 and the topic was Dating Violence Awareness month.

Dialogs for this month include talking points of Dating Violence, Breast Cancer Awareness, Energy Awareness, and Mental Health.

**Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

- Open House - October 31, 2021- 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
- Fall Play- *As You Like It*- October 27- 31, 2021

**Budget :**

| Total MFG FY22 Funds | Total OST Funds and 25% of staffing/administrative funds) | OST 1st Installment (25% Staffing + full Admin) |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| \$562,750            | \$348,905.00                                              | \$191,897.76                                    |

MFT/OST Funds cannot be used for:

- Administrative purposes, such as supplies, equipment, and furniture for general office use and school administration
- Gift cards, Student stipends, Building improvements, such as painting or capital improvements
- Equipment for raffle prizes or student gifts

Out of School Time Funds (OST)

- Out of School Time (OST) programs are defined as any non-instructional program that occurs before or after school, during school breaks, on weekends, or over the summer. Sometimes, OST partners also provide recess services
  - 90% for staffing; 10% for administrative costs like supplies, security, administrative costs, etc

**b. PPLC**

- The new LSC teacher reps will work together for this report. PPLC is the contractual group that works on instruction and curriculum.

- The PPC (who works with contract items enforcement) within the building, will be meeting with Principal Thompson.

c. Friends of Lane - Debbie Shelist

- Happy Principal Appreciation Month
- Parent Social and Golf Outing 10/23/21. Raffle tickets are still available for purchase on the FOL website
- Annual Appeal is up and running. The goal is to support the school and teacher needs
- Looking for volunteers for Open House and the Spirit Store.
- Moved the Teachers Grant to the Fall (2021) instead of the Spring. The goal is to better align with the teacher's needs. Raised the dollar amount from \$500 - \$750
- Friends of Lane Community Meeting 11/1/21 at 7 pm - College Planning with Ms. Bantz.

d. Alumni Association - Michelle Weiner/President of LT Associations

[Lane Tech Alumni @LaneTechAlumni](#)

- The Lane Tech Alumni 36-year-old this year
- The cornerstone of the alumni scholarship program raised \$184,500K awarded for 24 students in June. The pace of donations has increased; the cumulative amount is 2.3 million. 1st million over 28 years and 1.3 million in the last 7 years
- We welcomed our new director Samantha Quinones, class of 2008
- Herb Berg (class of '67) first LSC meeting
- In June, the water main broke and flowed into the building, insurance covered it, and are in the process of salvaging archives. Mr. Berg organized things and prompted them to start digitizing
- Two new groups for members:
  - NextGen Advisory Council - graduates who are 21 years and older, have them send resumes
  - Varsity Happy Hour - for our oldest alumni members, who have lost many classmates
- September 3, Annual Golf outing, raised money for the grant program
- September 8, 50th Anniversary for the first female students entering at Lane. This launched a series of virtual discussions:
  - History of co-education

-Female First, November 30th

-Gender and Racial Equity at Lane (1971), January

- Teacher Grant going on right now, deadline 2 pm tomorrow. The program, cumulative to the amount of 310K
- Student Food pantry, drive-thru this Saturday. Supply of food through Spring Break. Grab and go for students and families
- The Student Food Pantry Project will have its final drive-thru event (this Saturday). Donations are appreciated
- The Fritz Pollard naming Field naming project: hoping very soon to have a survey and committee and fundraising and dedication.
- Reunion in six months
- Mr. Berg, suggested a Professional Day at Lane for the students to talk to Lane alumni regarding careers and sharing experiences
- Coat drive, Snowbank alumni feel strongly connected to the initiative. Students can discreetly reach out to Ms. Escobar, room 212, for food and clothing.

#### 9. New Business:

##### a. Check approvals - Jill Woods

Purchases:

1. Tech Line \$13,549.90 TI-84 calculators and covers for math classroom use
2. Follett Educational Services \$158,116.75 The Cultural Landscape History textbooks  
\*\*this order will replace the Savass order previously approved if Savaas cannot fulfill the order per CPS contract
3. CDW-G \$17,531.91 cameras for AP photography classroom use
4. Pivot Interactives \$17,080.00 virtual licensing seats for science classes for instruction

**Motion:** To approve purchases, plus the other 20k

**By:** Emily Haite

**Second:** Danixa Valez

**Vote:** Unanimous, all in favor

**Result:** Motion Passes

b. Fundraisers -Jill Woods

1. Orchestra Booster Club (Morales) selling cookies and cakes through CR Promotions to parents and other families/friends October 26- November 9, 2021
2. Friends of Lane parent golf outing to build community support and raise money for Lane October 23, 2021

**Motion:** To approve fundraiser requests

**By:** Emily Haite

**Second:** Benjamin Wong

**Vote:** Unanimous, all in favor

**Result:** Motion Passes

c. Facebook page

Emily Haite regarding the LT Facebook page, had to manually remove negative comments. The LSC has a page on Lane's website, where the agendas, minutes, and announcements are posted.

**Motion:** To take down the Lane Tech LSC Facebook page

**By:** Emily Haite

**Second:** Anne Lokken

**Vote:** Unanimous, all in favor

**Result:** Motion Passes

10. Old Business

Symbol Committee: Going to get a new committee group together. Will send out a survey. Narrow it down to 10 - 15 options, then narrow it down again to three, then the students will choose the top 3. Members would include two LSC members (OMA compliance), students, graduates, alumni president, teacher and/or staff.

11. Announcements

- Athletic playoff season
- FOL: Volunteers to sell gear Friday
- Alumni Food Drive 10/27 - 10/31
- Fall play, "As you like it" 27-31sy

- Open House 10/31 9 - 1 pm
- Senior Oktoberfest 10/29
- Coat Drive/ Cradle to Crayon club coat drive 10/30
- FOL Meeting 11/1
- No school 11/5, 11/11 (Veterans Day), 11/18, 11/ 25-26 (Thanksgiving)
- 11/18 LSC Meeting
- 11/18 Report card pick up. PPC provides options for virtual and in-person
- Championship/ city dive/swim at Whitney Young 10/29-30th
- Ben Wong's grandfather was recognized with the Congressional Gold Medal from WWII for his services.
- Anne Lokken said thank you for the recent COVID update. There were many inquiries for that.

## 12. Adjournment

**Motion:** To adjourn at 7:54 pm

**By:** Emily Haite

**Second:** Benjamin Wong

**Vote:** Unanimous, all in favor

**Result:** Motion Passes

Respectfully Submitted,

Ana Scales

LSC Secretary



*A Resolution*

*of the Lane Tech Local School Council  
Honoring Our Principal  
Edwina Thompson*

*Whereas, Lane Tech is known as the School of Champions having a rich century-old tradition of academic and athletic excellence;*

*Whereas, our Principal, Ms. Edwina Thompson, plays a critical role in allowing Lane Tech students to exhibit their dedication, sacrifice, teamwork, integrity and spirit which are the true hallmarks of a champion;*

*Whereas, Ms. Thompson is responsible for promoting education and building relationships with parents and teachers to ensure that each student receives services that allow them to excel in the classroom;*

*Whereas, Ms. Thompson has faced and will face many challenges in supporting and educating our young students and it is through her perseverance and passion that Lane Tech continues to produce not only high quality, career-ready students but also those who display kindness, empathy, and respect;*

*Whereas, Ms. Thompson, Lane Tech c/o 1999, a former teacher and former Assistant Principal, has added her name to and enhanced the legacy of Lane Tech as the School of Champions; now, therefore,*

*BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Lane Tech Local School Council, on behalf of the Lane Tech community, do hereby recognize and commend Ms. Edwina Thompson for her outstanding leadership and look with pride to her continued success.*

**R-2021-001**

*Adopted this 21st day of October 2021*



# *A Resolution*

*of the Lane Tech Local School Council*

*Honoring Mr. Michael Smith*

***Whereas, Lane Tech is known as having a rich century-old tradition of excellence in many areas of life, not only in academics, athletics and the arts;***

***Whereas, Mr. Michael Smith has been Head of the Lane Tech Security Team for the past seven years and is responsible for the overall safety and security of the school, its teachers, faculty and students;***

***Whereas, on October 15, 2021, Mr. Smith was working at the Lane Tech football game at Lane Tech Stadium when another security officer informed him that a Lane Tech student had passed out in the stands;***

***Whereas, Mr. Smith, acting swiftly and decisively tended to the student, called 911, and traveled with the student in the ambulance to the hospital to ensure his safety and well-being;***

***Whereas, Mr. Smith's heroic actions played a crucial role in saving the student's life; now therefore,***

***BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Lane Tech Local School Council, on behalf of the Lane Tech community, do hereby recognize and commend Mr. Michael Smith for his heroic actions in saving the life of a Lane Tech student and look with pride to his continued dedication and sacrifice.***

**R-2021-002**

*Adopted this 21st day of October 2021*



# *A Resolution*

*of the Lane Tech Local School Council*

## *Honoring Our 2021 IWCOA State Wrestling Champion Natalie Cortes*

*Whereas, Lane Tech is known as the School of Champions having a rich century-old tradition of academic and athletic excellence;*

*Whereas, the students of Lane Tech continue to exhibit the dedication, sacrifice, teamwork, integrity and spirit which are the true hallmarks of a champion;*

*Whereas, Ms. Cortes began wrestling all of her matches against boys either on the freshman level against suburban teams or on the varsity level against Public League Opponents and lost all of her matches, not including a handful of forfeit wins.*

*Whereas, Ms. Cortes did not let this discourage her and continued to train and improve her wrestling skills;*

*Whereas, Ms. Cortes went unbeaten, pinning her way to the 2021 state title match, which she won 4-0, becoming the first Public League girl to win a championship in the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association (IWCOA) state series;*

*Whereas, Ms. Cortes has added her name to and enhanced the legacy of Lane Tech as the School of Champions; now, therefore,*

*BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Lane Tech Local School Council, on behalf of the Lane Tech community, do hereby recognize and commend Ms. Natalie Cortes for her outstanding achievements and look with pride to her continued success.*

**R-2021-001**

*Adopted this 21st day of October 2021*