



LANE TECH COLLEGE PREP HIGH SCHOOL

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Lane Tech High School Local School Council Notice is hereby given that a regularly scheduled Local School Council meeting has been set for: **Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 6:00 PM** in Room 113, 2501 W. Addison, or on Google Meet. meet.google.com/tfr-jjva-dhc

Following are the meeting minutes. Originally posted Meeting Agenda items are listed with the meeting minutes noted directly below.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Laura Symons called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM

2. Roll Call / Establish Quorum (8 minimum)

Present: Catherine Ashlaw-Doherty (Sargent-of-Arms), Tikisha Buford (6:24 PM), Rebecca Daly, Dalya Lessem Elnecave (6:13 PM), Jamie Fleischmann, Maureen George, Anne Lokken (FOIA/OMA Officer), Yumou Lu (6:22 PM), Mario Nunez, Ana Scales (Secretary), Laura Symons (Chair), Edwina Thompson (Principal), and Benjamin Wong (Vice-Chair)

Absent: Sean Groh, Dannixa Velez

Quorum Established

3. Approve Agenda

Motion: To approve the Agenda with changes to the Resolutions * Tiffany Williams, Monica Stevenson, Amber Long - Ben Wong

By: Laura Symons

Second: Anne Lokken

Vote: Unanimous, in favor

Opposed: None

Abstained: None (note: Rebecca Daly did not mean to abstain from the Agenda, but for the Minutes.)

Result: Motion Passes

4. Approve old minute(s)

Motion: To approve the January Minutes

By: Laura Symons

Second: Jamie Fleischmann

Vote: Unanimous, in favor

Opposed: None

Abstained: Rebecca Daly

Result: Motion Passes

5. Public Participation 2 minutes each

Two minutes per speaker for a total of no more than one hour (unless otherwise extended by the LSC).

Must sign up in advance and in person and if there's space, then virtual public participation (first come first serve). Catherine Ashlaw-Doherty - Sargent of Arms

-None-

6. New Business Approve Purchase Orders and Fundraisers - Jill Woods

a. Check approvals: Rene Luis for Jill Woods

Purchase Orders:

1. College Board/PSATS \$17,301.60 PSAT exams for student testing in October 2022 (AP Testing)
2. WW Grainger \$44,060.00 student combination locks (Locks)

Motion: To approve the two purchase orders

By: Laura Symons

Second: Ben Wong

Vote: Unanimous, in favor

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Result: Motion Passes

b. Fundraisers: Jill Woods

1. Friends of Lane Guest bartender Parent Social at Commonwealth on 02/23/2023
2. BSA Club selling chocolate from World's Finest for HBCU college tour 02/22-03/10/2023
3. Friends of Lane Green and Gold Gala May 5, 2023
4. LTAC Winter Formal hosted by LTAC student council 02/01-02/02/2023

Motion: To approve the four fundraisers

By: Laura Symons

Second: Maureen George

Vote: Unanimous, in favor

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Result: Motion Passes

7. LSC Resolutions - Ben Wong (see attached)
Tiffany Williams and Amber Loving-Black History Month Celebration Calendar
- Monica Stevenson (addition)
8. Reports:
 - a. Edwina Thompson (see attached)
FOL - funding for the weight room padding around the pillars and main office foyer furniture.
Celebrating Black History Month - advisory lesson, calendar of activities available.
The play Matilda is underway.
Counselors, social workers, and psychologists run small groups for students.
The course schedule must be laid out before June.
International Days are coming.
Facilities improvement- HVAC system upgrade, parking lot, and gym waiting on vendors and schedules- may impact summer offerings - TBA.
Alderman office, DePaul HS, city neighbors discussing traffic of school campus and, surrounding areas.
 - b. PPLC - Rebecca Daly and Mario Nunez
One member resigned.
The instructional Support Funding Committee - has instructional materials wishlist that might need LSC approval for funds.
Block schedule - after another round of surveys, the PPLC decided to shelve this idea for the time being. Will look for ways to further support students, and study time to meet with students.
Champion ambassador outreach report to come soon.
 - c. BAC - Beatrice Ramos - n/a
 - d. Friends of Lane - Janel Reynolds - FOL VP for Nikki Pecsh President
Student Council Grants - a certain amount of money for a specific request, 1k per year-per grade, approved by their staff senior, LTAC \$500 per person - Susie Houser is in charge.
Commonwealth event February 23 at 7 PM, \$40 for 2 hours.
Gala - May 5 - Rockwell On The River, tickets go on sale on the 2/23rd.
Approved over 24K teacher grants.

We approved the weight room padding and front office furniture.

Community meeting 2/8.

Behind the Scenes - is on March 1st.

Business sponsors are up - Circle K is one of four.

Lisa Applebaum -School Store - new caps \$15.

New super soft hoodies/crew neck and items of the month \$10 Champion shirts.

The store made 115K in sales.

e. Students - Dalya Lessem Elnecave, Yumou Lu

Alpha Stem: Yumou Lu

Students were not liking the block schedule. The majority of students prefer Study Hall (some schools have 2 or 3 days of Study Hall) and mentor programs. A discussion about mentees with the mentor programs in the past was not sought out as much or students weren't aware of the program. Principal Thompson said there are several extracurricular programs, for example - student mentors assigned to advisory groups. Further discussion to address clarification at the next LSC meeting.

Core and Student Council: Dalya Lessem Elnecave

Annual Women in Lit Fest put on by Ms. Feuer.

The stage is set for the show Matilda and would like to thank the student stage crew and teachers/staff for all their hard work; Ms. Meacham, Mrs. Hanson, Ms. Laroche, Mr. Comiskey, and Mr. Davey. Dalya has been busy with the play as well. Shout out to the students, Rafi Nagorsky (Head of Stage Krew), Rosie Walsh (Head of Set Design), and Zoe Berman (Stage Manager).

Textiles - Ms. Simanis - incredible works are being generated.

LSC student rep election coming up. Sign up students!

Chicago municipal elections are coming up, and Seniors (age 18) can vote.

Course Selection coming up.

College applications - more scholarships available.

f. Alumni Association - Michelle Weiner - n/a

9. Old Business

a. Principal Evaluation

Laura Symons proposed to have the Principal Evaluation as a separate and special meeting at the end of March. Must be completed by May 1st. The next LSC meeting is on April 13. Students may attend, but cannot vote. Start as an open meeting then vote to closed session then vote to open session.

Principal Thompson said the Budget would come sometime around the end of March or the beginning of April.

[NOTE• LSC members meet in closed session to discuss preliminary ratings for Key Behaviors. LSC scores the principal's performance on each Key Behavior for each competency (A–E). This occurs before the open session vote. • The LSC votes in open session to approve the evaluation which must be given to the principal by May 1st. • Conduct Feedback Session LSC and principal set date for optional feedback session. • LSC shares preliminary ratings with the Principal in PEOT at least 48 hours before feedback session. LSC and principal meet for feedback session on Professional Practice in a closed session. The feedback session must take

place by the end of May. • LSC chairperson or designee enters final competency scores into PEOT by May 30th. • LSC shares final Professional Practice scores with principal and network chief by May 30th (source: <https://www.cps.edu>)

Motion: To have a special meeting to discuss Principal Evaluation, on Thursday, March 30 (2023) at 6:00 PM.

By: Laura Symons

Second: Anne Lokken

Vote: Unanimous, in favor

Oppose: None

Abstained: Principal Thompson

Result: Motion Passes

b. Community surveys

The survey promoted via email on FB closes on February 20th at 11:50 PM

The report will be given next LSC meeting, Survey compilations - Community is Laura, Rebecca- teachers, and Sean or Dayla for students

10. Announcements

- Boys swim city champs last Saturday - relay team broke records
- Chess championship won state
- Marching Band on stage
- Matilda this Friday
- Girl's basketball -was great!

11. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 7:03 PM

By: Laura Symons

Second: Jamie Fleischmann

Vote: Unanimous, in favor

Oppose: None

Abstained: None

Result: Motion Passes

Respectfully Submitted,

Ana Scales

LSC Secretary

Principal's Report - Edwina Thompson



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CIWP Priorities ciwp.cps.edu	School Priorities SY 22-23
1. Instruction	1. Champions Hour
2. Balanced Assessment and Grading	2. Success for ALL Learners
3. Relational Trust	3. School Safety and Student Accountability

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.

- Department Chairs have collaborated on a new tool to review and assess units of instruction.
- Facilities Improvement: HVAC System Upgrade(CPS) , Parking Lot (CPS), Auditorium Sound System (FOL), Gym I Seating (Lane) , Weight Room Padding (FOL), and Main Office Foyer Furniture (FOL)
- The Wellness Center staff provided PD to Lane staff members. Students can utilize the Wellness Center to practice a constructive coping strategy when they are feeling stressed, anxious, etc.
- Congratulations to our Winter coaches as they continue in their IHSA and City tournaments. Our teachers and counselors who are coaching are Matt Yan, Kris Roof, Laura McKnight, Javier Reyes, Tom Kane, Nick LoGalbo, Matt O'Hagan, and Heather Saylor.
- The Director of Culture and Climate is currently conducting the yearly focus groups to monitor the culture and climate of our school.
- This month's advisory lesson will be celebrating Black History Month and bringing awareness to disparities in the Black community.
- The Admissions Director is collaborating with math, world language, and music departments for auditions/placement exams
- Freshman and sophomores off will continue meeting with their teachers, administrators and counselors this month to discuss additional supports, and getting back on track
- Students have collectively removed over 8,524 demerits using our Weekly Goal Setting form for perfect attendance.
- Assistant Principals continue to administer non-evaluative walkthroughs of all classes to offer positive feedback for instruction and the classroom environment
- All spring sports are utilizing hallways, weight rooms and free gyms for pre-season workouts
- The Instructional leadership team meets bi-weekly to examine data and produce professional learning for staff within the building.
- LTAC 7th and 8th Grade teachers meet weekly to collaborate on students , assignments, and big due dates.

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

- The second module of professional learning is underway and staff have all completed the first session of their new choice this semester: formative assessment, social-emotional learning, or culturally responsive teaching.
- 2/1 Advisory Lessons: Seniors: "[Update Your Naviance/The Road to a College Degree: How Did Other CPS Graduates Navigate](#) AND [State Seal of Biliteracy Presentation](#)", Juniors: SEL--[Stress/Anxiety/Test Anxiety Awareness](#), Sophomore: completed 1/18 Anti-Semitism lesson, Freshmen: [Course Planning presentation in the Auditorium](#)
- Alpha BIPOC and LGBTQ+ committee will present to the Alpha English classes on 2/21 and 2/24, focusing on diversity in STEM, mainly black scientists and their contributions in honor of Black History Month
- The Admissions Director provides individual programming meetings with students with IEPs (seniors complete) and examines course counts to begin teacher schedule planning for next year
- The Black Student Association created a display to celebrate Black History Month and has a calendar of activities.
- Over 300 out of school time programs, activities, and events have taken place during the SY23 year. .
- We have started our second module of professional learning. Staff have all completed the first session of their new choice this semester: formative assessment, social-emotional learning, or culturally responsive teaching.
- Counselors, social workers and psychologists continue to run small groups for our students this month that meet once a month for 8-10 weeks.
- The Behavioral Health Team continues to review all referrals and works to provide suggestions to teachers, and support students who need additional assistance through counselor and SW meetings.
- Course teams engage in professional collaboration about student work and meaningful grading, grading categories, homework, resubmission policies, and retake policies.
- Course teams engage in professional conversations around unit planning, common tasks and assessments, and year long scope and sequence.
- Counselors met with all juniors one to one to select 12th grade classes, and are now working with the sophomores. Freshman course selection begins in March.

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.

- Counselors will be meeting with Diverse Learner Teachers to support student meetings for programming
- The Regional Science Fair is virtual, so 10 Alpha students have submitted their papers and virtual presentations via YouTube to the judges, and 14 students submitted their papers only for judging, all for a chance to be selected to present at the city's Exhibition of Student STEM Research in March. The virtual Regional Awards will take place on Thursday, February 23rd.
- Big Brothers and Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago will complete two sessions this month at Jahn Elementary School. Our students will work one-on-one with their mentees on a variety of activities given by the program facilitator.
- The LT Mentorship program will have its second annual game night for mentors and mentees to bond and network with one another.

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- The school community representative is working with Black Male Staff in the building to create and plan a Black Male Empowerment group for our black male students.
- The CCC hosted a 2/1/23 Wright College Engineering Pathway Drop-In Event
- The counseling department conducted a school-wide SEL Needs assessment on 2/1/23 and will use the results to form additional Tier I, II, III SEL interventions for Q3 & Q4
- The annual College Night Fair will be on March 23rd.
- Students in the cluster program are attending vocational writing class at Harold Washington College. One cluster student is taking an additional course independently.
- The Director of Assessment and Grading organized the Elective Fair for rising sophomores students, which will take place after school on 2/14/23.
- The Director of Assessment and Grading is preparing for the Seal of Biliteracy Exam and which students will be invited to take part.
- The Director of Assessment and Grading has organized various data points comparing previous P/SAT scores for teachers to help empower their students and tailor their instruction to the emergent needs of their students.
- Parents receive a Thursday College Newsletter- upcoming college events, internships, recommendations and tips for college/career search.
- Counselors will be meeting with all juniors via Physics and offering non-Physics options for those not enrolled.

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

- Alpha and Omega Directors met with the LTAC parent group to discuss the Alpha and Omega Program on Thursday, 2/9.
- The College and Career Center hosted Lunch with a Profession, Pharmacy 2/2/23
- The College and Career Center hosted a Northwestern Academy Presentation for students in grades 9-10 in the CCC during Champions Hour on 2/10/23
- The budget office is sending out debt notices to all families tomorrow regarding any student debts.
- The Attendance Team mailed out 450 individualized letters to inform families of their student's attendance numbers.
- The Attendance Team sent a tardy email to students and parents to keep them informed of YTD tardies and the number of tardies accumulated for a specific time frame.
- The Food Pantry organized over 50 themed bags filled with food such as pasta, canned goods, and breakfast foods and general toiletries such as deodorant, soap, sanitary napkins, and toothpaste to give away to students and their families who are in need.
- 12 Student Newsletters were sent out to students and their families.
- The school community rep is planning the "Coffee and Donuts with Lane Leaders" meet and greet with our local community businesses to show our appreciation for opening their doors to our students and to strengthen our partnerships. The event is planned to take place March 17.
- Extracurricular, sports, and academic programs are hosting senior nights to honor the work our seniors have done over the course of the past four years.
- There are social emotional resources shared through parent's corner on Counseling website
- Cluster Occ Prep classes continue to work with outside agencies to gain competitive employment for students. One student was recently hired at Waveland Bowl.
- Our school store is designed to support our school with 100% of all proceeds

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- Lane families volunteer with their child's booster club to volunteer at home games: swim, boys and girls basketball, and wrestling.
- The Director of Culture and Climate circulates a monthly newsletter that is provided to staff, students and families. It highlights the monthly celebrations taking place at Lane and offers resources for students as it relates to their culture and awareness.
- Lane Tech shares mental health resources with students and families through various methods- student news, counseling website
- Principal Thompson meets monthly with the Friends of Lane to address parent questions and provide updates about the school.
- The LTAC Director and administrators host monthly LTAC parent meetings.

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

- Principal Thompson, Dr. Sarah Hanly, and Director Gabriela Escobar are collaborating on a school-wide Belonging project for the Lane community.
- The Student Wellness Ambassador team continues to share mental health resources through student news, bulletin board, and school sanctioned social media platforms.
- The Director of Culture and Climate is currently leading second semester culture and climate student focus groups.
- The Director of Culture and Climate collaborates with student leaders and staff to develop student advisory lessons center on cultural awareness, diversity, and acceptance.
- Student leader athletes collaborate to produce weekly IHSA communication for the Lane community.
- Our leaders continue to prepare professional learning that centers around building relationships and community through equitable differentiation.
- Student voice committees meet once per month with administration or leadership team members to share thoughts and seek solutions.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **Winter Musical - February 9, 2023- February 11, 2023**
- **Presidents Day - No School - February 20, 2023**
- **[Black History Month Assembly \(BAMM\)- February 24, 2023](#)**
- **International Days and Nights - March 2-4, 2023**

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A Resolution

*of the Lane Tech Local School Council
Honoring Tiffany Williams,
Monica Stevenson and Amber Loving*

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

Whereas, Black Student Association (BSA) advisors Tiffany Williams and Monica Stevenson with the assistance of Amber Loving created an extensive and informative program celebrating Black History Month;

Whereas, BSA seeks to continually increase awareness and build excitement about the contributions that people of African descent have had on the world;

Whereas, BSA's programs help create a culture of acceptance, unity, enlightenment, pride and celebration for Black students of the Lane Tech community and allies of those students;

Whereas, Ms. Williams, Ms. Stevenson and Ms. Loving help educate the Lane Tech community on the beauty of the culture and the impact African Americans have had on America and the world;

Whereas, the diverse offerings listed on the BSA calendar are a manifestation of these goals that everyone can take a part in; 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 Tiffany Williams, Monica Stevenson and Amber Loving for their outstanding contributions to the Lane Tech community and we look with pride to their continued contributions.

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Adopted this 9th day of February 2023