



## LANE TECH COLLEGE PREP HIGH SCHOOL

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**Lane Tech High School Local School Council** Notice is hereby given that the Local School Council meeting has been set for: **Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 6:00 PM 6:00 PM** in Room 113, 2501 W. Addison, or on Google Meet. Join Google - [meet.google.com/tfr-jjva-dhc](https://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 6:03 PM

### 2. Roll Call / Establish Quorum (8 minimum)

**Present:** Catherine Ashlaw-Doherty (6:04 pm) (Sargent-of-Arms), Rebecca Daly, Jamie Fleischmann, Maureen George, Sean Groh, Anne Lokken (FOIA/OMA Officer), Yumou Lu (online/then present at 6:26 pm), Mario Nunez (6:04 PM), Ana Scales (Secretary), Laura Symons (Chair), Edwina Thompson (Principal), Dannixa Velez, and Benjamin Wong (Vice-Chair)

**Absent:** Tikisha Buford, Dalya Lessem Elnecave

**Quorum Established**

### 3. Approve Agenda

**Motion:** To approve the agenda

**By:** Laura Symons

**Second:** Rebecca Daly

**Vote:** Unanimous, in favor

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Result:** Motion Passes

4. Approve Old Minute(s)

**Motion:** To approve the February Minutes

**By:** Laura Symons

**Second:** Maureen George

**Vote:** In favor

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** Sean Groh and Dannixa Velez

**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*

Urban Eco Club - announced its plan to revitalize the lawn, with picnic tables and add native green space, for students to eat and socialize. Laura Symons commented: Be aware of cross-country using that area. Anne Lokken suggested they reach out to the alderman's office for resources.

6. New Business

a. Purchase Orders - None

b. Fundraisers Jill Woods - Treasurer/Budget Office

**Fundraisers**

1. LT Girls Soccer Booster: selling merchandise and concessions 03/11-IHSA regionals
2. Junior Student Council SAT Good Luck Grams 03/27-03/31/2023 & 04/11/2023
3. LT Boys Volleyball Booster Club SnapRaise online fundraiser 03/16-03/31/2023
4. Sophomore Student Council Raffle tickets 03/13 & 03/14/2023
5. BSA Black History Month BAMM assembly 02/24/2023
6. Irazu Costa Rican Restaurant is hosting LT/15% Give Back to Lane 3/22 - 3/26

**Motion:** To approve the six purchase orders

**By:** Laura Symons

**Second:** Anne Lokken

**Vote:** Unanimous, in favor

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Result:** Motion Passes

- c. Open LSC position in 2023/24 school year

Laura Symons said: Spoke to the LSC liaison and they said we can either elect someone before I leave, do so at the July organ meeting, or wait until fall to allow Freshman parents to apply.

Discussed the best possible time to have the election for the open parent position. When the school year starts, give parents of LTAC and new parents apply in August.

Solicit application in mid-July. School begins August 21st.

LSC special meeting then to go to an open/closed/open session.

**Motion:** To open the seat (parent position) in mid-August and have the election shortly thereafter.

**By:** Benjamin Wong

**Second:** Rebecca Daly

**Vote:** Unanimous, in favor

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** Laura Symons

**Result:** Motion Passes

7. LSC Resolutions - Benjamin Wong (See Attached)

- Avi Kaplan - National Chess Master
- Chess Team
- Academic Decathlon Team
- Wrestling Team
- Alpha Science Fair Winners (note - Alexander Sczempinski 1st place winner at Lane Tech Science Fair)
- Elise Borelli - Synchronized Skating
- Matt O'Hagan - Men's Swim Coach; Owen Lee - Diver; George Ivascu - Swimmer

8. Reports:

- a. Principal - Edwina Thompson (See link)

Thank you to our tech master Velebor Nikolic.

[Lane Tech | Spring - March SY23 State of the School and CIWP Address](#)

Focussed on new collection data process with the CIWP and the new -  
Cultivate student surveys where the district's initiatives are the classroom experience and their mindset around learning.

Our Vision continues to ground our work - a high-quality public education for every child in every neighborhood is exactly what we believe in.

- ❖ Equity, and our Equity Framework, will drive every part of the Blueprint and remain as the peel of the 'Apple'.
- ❖ Our Core Values continue to drive the work that we do every day for our students.
- ❖ In response to the evolving needs of our district over the past 3 years, we have made some shifts in Apple:
  - Academic Progress continues to be a key part of our Vision, with the seed of "Safety and Support" shifting to "Wellness and Supportive Learning Communities."
  - Financial stability is shifting to "Operational Excellence" to emphasize our recommitment to strong operations going forward. The seeds of "High-Quality Services" and "Equitable Resources" will make up this section.
  - In acknowledgment of the need to heal and build trust with our community, we have shifted Integrity to "Building Trust" with "Inclusive Partnerships" and "Transparency"

Slide #5 (6582 exams) Performance Data - Advance Placement

Slide #6 -The Fall PSAT: The average 11th-grade PSAT/NMSQT total score is 77% (Total max points - 1520) points higher than the district and state. These scores also landed higher than the previous years.

Slide #7 Total Max points - 1520 (73%) Average 10th Grade PSAT/NMSQT Total Score.

Slide #9 Total possible max points - 1440 (73% of total points allowed.)

Cultivate survey - Learning Mindsets and Strategies - stronger academic performance.

CIWP Strategies 2021/2023 progress toward the instructional core.

New 2024-2026 CIWP strategies April- September 2023.

Anne Lokken volunteered to participate in the CIWP team.

- b. PPLC - Rebecca Daly and Mario Nunez  
Met on the 7th and will meet again on the 14th with Principal Thompson. Will finalize additional instructional funds. Proposal support for the diverse learner department report next time.
- c. Friends of Lane - Nikki Pesch - Anne Stockton Co-Chair of the Gala, presented  
The Gala is underway. There's a new auctioneer. Still needs donations.  
Selling early-bird ticket prices until March 17. Regular price April 14th.  
Commonwealth Feb 23, 150 tickets raised \$3700 for department clubs and sports.

March 15 is Lane Giving Day for Mr. Lane's birthday -this is part of the annual appeal  
New Students Meet and Greet, FOL needs volunteers on March 28 - 30,  
Dine out at Irazu 3/23 - 3/25- 15% back on sale - Patrons to say: I'm here to support  
Friends of Lane.

April 12 - Next parent community meeting- college parent panel

Principal reception on April 18 for high-end donors (\$2500 and above) at Volo

Shout out to Jamie Fleishman who's still soliciting - Laura.

- d. Students - Dalya Lessem Elnecave Student Council, Sean Groh Core, Yumou Lu - Alpha  
Yumou Lu - Alpha

Science Fair, March 16 and 17.

Alpha vs. Omega in dodgeball - March 28.

Sophomore field trip to LaBagh Woods Nature Preserve.

Sean Groh - Core

Juniors are applying for the National Honors Society - the deadline is March 16.

Students would like to extend a thank you, to Ms. Atwood, Dr. Hanly, and Mr. Brandish  
for I-Days March 2-4; 31 clubs and 700 dancers participated.

- e. Alumni Association - Michelle Weiner

Finished Teacher Innovation Grant.

Gifted 26k in Grants to a variety of things such as licensing rights, the Winter Musical to  
the hydraulics drill press.

Ms. Weiner highlighted the LSC's attention to the display of 10 new inductees to the Hall  
of Fame. Some notables: Eetharin Cousin who ran the UN World Food Program, Tracy  
Baim co-publisher for taking the Chicago Reader from profit to non-profit, George  
Efshathiou - architect FAIA RIBA, John Chambers who won an Oscar for inventing  
Spock's ears (Star Trek) and the makeup artist for Planet of the Apes. But most  
importantly Edwina Thompson's Principal's portrait amongst Principals.

In the lobby, we've reinstalled the Women's History Month exhibit. A panel discussion  
with the Women in Literature classes on the 27th, it's a great exchange of learning.

Call for scholarships for Seniors is open over \$250k (eligible well-rounded students,  
athletes, etc.)

## 9. Old Business

- a. Principal Evaluation

March 30, 6 pm, room 113. The audience is welcome to come - open/closed then open  
session.

Laura will distribute last year's evaluation, and remember the privacy rules. The form  
will be sent, and LSC members will conduct their individual scoring prior to the meeting.  
The individual comments from the parent, teachers, and student surveys will also be  
available.

b. Community Surveys

[Parent Surveys](#) - Laura Symons

[Copy of LSC Student Survey Responses](#) - Sean Groh

[2023 LSC Teacher Survey for Principal Evaluation](#) - Rebecca Daly

110 teachers and staff filled out the surveys. Approximately 87% were from teachers or support roles.

Recommend the school: 72% of teachers scored 9 or 10, and 94% of teachers scored 7 or higher.

Recommend employment: 97% of staff 7 or higher.

There were concerns regarding email and privacy, and a second one removed the email request. Kept it open until late today. Teacher reps promised not to share with student members their information, therefore it took a while for the results to come in.

Mission and vision: Appropriate Curriculum and Instructional Supplies: the scores were exceedingly positive.

- Of particular interest, is the 'Support For You To Be Successful' category results: outstanding and above - 86%.
- 'Response To Your Needs': 83% outstanding and above.
- These two categories were important to teachers.

Principal's performance, very high marks across the board. Does the principal evaluate you? - There was confusion on how to answer that question directly. For example, I'm evaluated by my AP. The administrative team questionnaire gave us the best picture.

Remove the word 'evaluate?'

Notes for comments: there were many positive remarks but the overall concern for teachers - managing students' cell phone use.

Laura will send the comment from the surveys out to the LSC

c. T-Mobile Cell tower approval (update)

The LSC voted to approve the principal to sign the contract for the cell tower usage for 32k. The district advocated for LT because of the T-mobile execution of the process.

Therefore Lane Tech will get a total of 52k one-time payment, for the fiscal year 2024.

Note: the school has been saving that money over the years. Saved over time, \$162 and we will use those funds for emergency situations (i.e. emergency bus cards, sports travel.)

10. Announcements

-None-

11. Adjournment

**Motion:** To adjourn at 7:43 PM

**By:** Laura Symons

**Second:** Ben Wong

**Vote:** Unanimous, in favor

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Result:** Motion Passes

Respectfully submitted,

Ana Scales, LSC Secretary



# *A Resolution*

## *of the Lane Tech Local School Council*

### *Honoring 'National Master' Avi Kaplan*

*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, integrity and spirit which are the true hallmarks of a champion;*

*Whereas, Avi Kaplan earned the rare title of National Master from the U.S. Chess Federation, an accomplishment reached by less than 1% of rated chess players;*

*Whereas, Avi Kaplan is the only "National Master" classical player in the City of Chicago under the age of 18; the top rated 16-year old in the State of Illinois and is ranked 25th nationally;*

*Whereas, Avi Kaplan is the top Blitz chess player under age 21 in the City of Chicago and State of Illinois and ranked 40th nationally;*

*Whereas, Avi Kaplan has added his 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 Avi Kaplan for his outstanding achievements and look with pride to his continued success.*

R-2022-008

*Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023*





# *A Resolution*

## *of the Lane Tech Local School Council*

### *Honoring Our Lane Tech Chess Team*

*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, fair play and spirit which are the true hallmarks of a champion;*

*Whereas, under the guidance of Lane Tech Social Sciences Teacher Steven Parsons, the Lane Tech Chess team took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the CPS City Championships, ahead of perennial powerhouse Whitney Young, and finished 12<sup>th</sup> place out of 129 teams at the IHSA State Chess Championships in Peoria, Illinois;*

*Whereas, each of the following chess players have added their names to and enhanced the legacy of Lane Tech as the School of Champions;*

***CHESS TEAM – CHESS COACH STEVEN PARSONS (2001-2010; and 2022-23); \* denotes captain***

Avi Kaplan\* (So.) (6 wins, 1 draw at State as 1<sup>st</sup> Board)  
Whitman Kosak (So.)  
Dario Pjevic (Fr.) (7 wins, 0 losses at State as 3<sup>rd</sup> Board)  
Charlie Peroulas\* (Sr.)  
Valentin Melo\* (Sr.)

Patrick Neibel-Sprulli (Fr.) (5 wins and 1 draw) as 6<sup>th</sup> Board  
Marko McRae (So.)  
Megan Wong\* (Jr.)  
Isabel Zemke (So.)  
Andy Seo (So.)

***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 the aforementioned students for their outstanding achievements and look with pride to their continued success.***

***R-2022-013***

***Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023***



# *A Resolution*

## *of the Lane Tech Local School Council*

### *Honoring Lane Tech's Academic Decathlon Team*

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

*Whereas, under the guidance of Lane Tech Social Sciences Teacher David Campos, the Lane Tech Academic Decathlon Team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Illinois Academic Decathlon State Championships.*

*Whereas, the Academic Decathlon Team also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the CPS City Championships;*

*Whereas, the following individuals deserve special recognition:*

- Oscar Stennes ('23) placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall at the State Championship (Honors division)*
- Elijah Jackson ('25) placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the State Championship (Scholastic Division)*
- Charlotte Cornell ('24) received the Speech Showcase Award at the State Championship*
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- Samantha Serrano ('23) her leadership and tenacity as team captian has been invaluable*

*Whereas, the following Lane Tech students' helped lead the team to victory:*

*Oscar Stennes (Honors)*

*Aidan Lau (Honors)*

*Michasel Majewski (Honors)*

*Samantha Serrano (Scholastic)*

*Iris Finelli (Scholastic)*

*Elijah Jackson (Scholastic)*

*Michaela Wagner (Varsity)*

*Charlotte Cornell (Varsity)*

*Nehemiah Kim (Varsity)*

*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 the aforementioned students for their outstanding dedication and achievements and look with pride to their continued success.*

*R-2022-014*

*Adopted this 9th day of March 2023*



# *A Resolution*

*of the Lane Tech Local School Council*

## *Honoring Our 2022-23 Lane Tech Wrestling Team*

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

*Whereas, the student-athletes of Lane Tech continue to exhibit the dedication, sacrifice, teamwork, fair play and spirit which are the true hallmarks of a champion;*

*Whereas, the Lane Tech Wrestling Team had a very successful 2022-23 Winter Season and produced yet another City Championship and State Qualifiers;*

*Whereas, the Lane Tech Varsity Wrestling Team won the CPS City Championship and finished with a score of 253.5 points, almost 29 points ahead of Taft's 225 points;*

*Whereas, the Lane Tech Junior Varsity Wrestling Team won the CPS City Championship and finished with a score of 245 points, over 45 points ahead of Taft's 199.5 points;*

*Whereas, each of the following wrestlers have added their names to and enhanced the legacy of Lane Tech as the School of Champions;*

*R-2022-015*

*Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023*

**VARSITY STATE QUALIFIERS**

- Finn Merrill – 2x State Qualifier (145 lbs and 138 lbs), 4x Sectional Qualifier and finished his career with 104 wins
- Nyah Lovis (So.) – 120 lbs - 2x State Qualifier

**VARSITY WRESTLING INDIVIDUAL CITY CHAMPIONS**

- Evan Coles (Jr.) – 106 lbs (2x City Champ)
- Alex Valentin (So.) – 113 lbs (2x City Champ)
- Co-Captain Finn Merrill (So.) – 138 lbs (2x City Champ)
- Felix Zavala (Sr.) - 145 lbs
- Co-Captain Fernando Lopez (Jr.) – 152 lbs (2x City Champ)

**JUNIOR VARSITY WRESTLING INDIVIDUAL CITY CHAMPIONS**

- Larry Posey (Jr.) – 120 lbs
- Ruben Taylor (Sr.) – 145 lbs
- Vermaat VanderBrug (So.) – 152 lbs
- Nick Berger (Jr.) – 182 lbs

**MEN’S VARSITY WRESTLING TEAM – HEAD COACH MATT YAN, ASST. COACHES ALAN MUELLER, QUINTON SMITH, ROBERT ZAVALA, LIAM CUMMINS, AND JOVEN SALAMEDA**

Evan Coles  
Alex Valentin  
James Zavala  
Marcello Valle

Nasser  
Hammouche  
Finn Merrill  
Fernando Lopez

Manny Girolamo  
Joaquin Gigante  
Adrian Meza  
Spiro Memmos

Julian Hutchinson  
Diego Condie-Espinoza

***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 the aforementioned students for their outstanding achievements and look with pride to their continued success.***

**R-2022-015**

***Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023***



# *A Resolution*

*of the Lane Tech Local School Council*

## *Honoring Lane Tech's Students in the CPS Exhibition of STEM Fair Research*

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

*Whereas, under the guidance of Lane Tech Science Teacher Lucy Young, several of her students' STEM projects will be featured at the 73<sup>rd</sup> CPS Exhibition of Student STEM Research; the Symposium Sessions will take place March 16, 2023, and the Student Exhibitions will take place on March 17, 2023, at the Illinois Institute of Technology;*

*Whereas, the following Lane Tech students' have advanced to the Exhibition:*

*Students participating in the Symposium Sessions on 3/16:*

- Yumou Lu ('25) - The Effect of Oxytocin on Belief-Bias Effect – Behavioral Science
- Indigo Wall ('26) - Effect of Temperature on Capsule Dissolution – Chemistry
- Grier Burke ('25) - Rubik's Cube Composition on Solving Time – Engineering
- Sydney Curran ('23) - RFID Smart Toy – Engineering
- Ethan Hui ('26) - The Effect of Nozzle Configuration on Voltage – Engineering
- Divinefavour Osuji ('25) - Autonomous Technology in Drones and Detection – Engineering
- Sydney Coomer ('24) - The Effect of pH on *Cladophora glomerata* Growth – Environmental Science
- Julian Olszewski ('24) - Effect of PFAS on *P. lunula* - Environmental Science
- Landra Ream ('25) - Effect of *A. Indica* on Soil pH and Plant Growth – Environmental Science
- Nayana Shah ('25) - Effect of Blue Light on Eye Strain w Placebo – Health Science
- Makayla Ayala ('25) - Effect of Active Substances on *S. epidermidis* – Microbiology
- Griffin Stofki ('25) - Effect of Bisphenol A on *Oscillatoria* sp. – Microbiology
- Karina Vargas ('24) - The Effect of Membrane Material on *E.coli* – Microbiology
- Diart Metarapi ('25) - The Effect of Microplastics on Fish Eggs - Zoology

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*Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023*



*Students participating in the Student Exhibitions on 3/17:*

- *Alexander Czempinski ('25) - Effect of Time on Restored Biodiversity – Environmental Science*
  - *1<sup>st</sup> Place Overall*
- *Alaina Valmassei ('25) - Effect of Wing Planform on Stall Angle – Aerospace Science*
- *Yumou Lu ('25) - The Effect of Oxytocin on Belief-Bias Effect – Behavioral Science*
- *Sophia Veranga ('25) - The Effect of Tone on Placebo Effects – Behavioral Science*
- *Bianca Verdin ('25) - Design of an Energy-efficient Walking Robot – Electronics*
- *Itzaith Aguero ('25) - Digital Stethoscope Records Heart Beats – Engineering*
- *Sydney Curran ('23) - RFID Smart Toy – Engineering*
- *Divinefavour Osuji ('25) - Autonomous Technology in Drones and Detection – Engineering*
- *Landra Ream ('25) - Effect of A. indica on Soil pH and Plant Growth – Environmental Science*
- *Griffin Stofko ('25) - Effect of Bisphenol A. on Oscillatoria sp. – Microbiology*

*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 the aforementioned students for their outstanding dedication and achievements and look with pride to their continued success.*



# *A Resolution*

*of the Lane Tech Local School Council*

*Honoring Synchronized Skater  
Elise Borelli*

*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 Senior Elise Borelli, a synchroized skater, skated on the Starlights Synchronized Skating Team that represented Team USA in international competitions;*

*Whereas, Elise Borelli helped Team USA earn the bronze medal with a third place overall finish in the Britannia Cup that took place in Nottingham, England in January, 2023, and a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish in the Hevelius Cup that took place in Gdansk, Poland, in February 2023;*

*Whereas, Elise Borelli 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 Elise Borelli for her outstanding achievements and look with pride to her continued success.*

*R-2022-017*

*Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023*



# *A Resolution*

*of the Lane Tech Local School Council*

*Honoring Swim and Dive Team Members*

*George Ivascu, Owen Lee and*

*Head Coach Matt O'Hagan*

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

*Whereas, the student-athletes of Lane Tech continue to exhibit the dedication, sacrifice, teamwork, fair play and spirit, which are the true hallmarks of a champion;*

*Whereas, Lane Tech Sophomore George Ivascu placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Sectionals in the 500 free with a winning time of 4.42:35, which set a school record;*

*Whereas Lane Tech Sophomore Diver Owen Lee took first place in the IHSA Sectional Diving Competition with 16 points and qualified for the IHSA State Meet;*

*Whereas, Head Coach Matt O'Hagan was named IHSA Sectional Coach of the Year and helped lead the Swim and Dive Team to a 3<sup>rd</sup> Place finish in the IHSA Sectionals; 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 George Ivascu, Owen Lee and Matt O'Hagan for their outstanding achievements and look with pride to their continued success.*

**R-2022-018**

*Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023*



