

Lake Central Dollars for Scholars: Minutes 10/15/2014. 6:30pm-7:45pm at LCHS, LGI Room:

Board and Committee Chair Attendees:, Amy Boganrief, Val Lozanoski, Denise Jagiella, Donna Kozel, Kay Pufahl

Schedule of Remaining Meetings:

Student Meetings: Wednesdays, 2:15: Nov 19(LGI), Dec 17 (Seniors in computer lab, all other students meet in south Café) Jan 21(LGI), Feb 18(LGI), Mar 11(juniors only in computer lab), Apr 15(LGI), and May 20(LGI)

Parent Meetings: Wednesdays in the LGI: Nov 19, Feb 18 (6pm meeting), Apr 15. All meeting held at 6:30pm unless noted.

Opened Meeting: With Scholarship American Video about the history of DFS/Scholarship America

Announcements:

- We have a new Faculty Sponsor: Ms. Ashley Kline, Guidance Counselor for PQR. Mrs. Rettig will still be closely involved with DFS and she still serves on our Board.
- Students should NOT use their @lcstudents.com emails when setting up their profile or when signing up on signugenius. The school emails do not allow for "outside" LC correspondence.
- Dual Credit Parent Information night will be on Tuesday, November 4th at 6pm in the LGI
- A semi-formal homecoming dance will begin next year. Amy Bogenrief suggested to Mr. Tobias that DFS run the dance. So far, he is open to the offer.

Profile Activities Recap:

The DFS students have been busy at the Watson Spaghetti Dinner, TOPSoccer, the Open House, and the Chiari Walk. A few have been attempting to sell rally towels, too!

Fundraising Results:

LC Open House: September 5th: We made \$268, a bit less than last year.

In lieu of the donut sale, we have been selling LC rally towels, so far, we have sold around 200 and we have plenty more to sell!! Hopefully, the basketball fans will be interested!

The Board has approved establishing an endowment with the Legacy Foundation with the \$10k grant we received this past summer. The Lily Foundation is matching 50 Cents on the dollar, so the endowment will be \$15k if it qualifies. This grant mimics the Scholarship America Dream Award and is for Lake Central High School Graduates enrolled in college now. It is need based and our chapter of DFS will define need based and it is a renewable scholarship.

Immediate Parent Volunteer Needs:

- **We need adult volunteers to help on the following committees:**
 - **Donation Mailing Drive and other solicitation outreach. Nov, Dec, and Jan. are key months**
 - **Penny Wars Point Person: this person must be available during the day to be a go-to person during Penny Wars weeks in Jan and Feb**
 - **Award Tea Chair- This person would oversee the award ceremony in April and coordinate with the scholarship committee**
- **Carson's Community Days: The sale at the store will be Nov 14-15th, WE NEED TO SELL BOOKLETS NOW!**
 - Pre-sell booklets to guarantee DFS a selling spot the weekend of the sale
 - Booklets are \$5, and are a 100% profit to DFS
 - You can take a bundle of 5 booklets to sell and return the \$ to DFS at a later date
 - Need 2 adult volunteers and about 8 students to sell booklets at Southlake on Sat 11/15 Time: TBD
 - Contact Deb Scanlon with questions 365-1174 or debbiescanlon@att.net

- **Upcoming Board Positions available in Spring 2015: Amy and Val will still be on the Board, but it is time to pass the reigns**
 - Treasurer
 - President

Student Volunteer Opportunities:

- Peifer Elementary Boo Bash on Friday, October 24th
 - Volunteers are needed 6-9pm
 - **Search for the signup at signupgenius.com and click the "Find a SignUp" tab in the upper right-hand corner. You will need to "search by email" by entering peiferpto@gmail.com (don't forget to enter the captcha phrase)**
- TOPSoccer, Fridays, September 13th –October 17th at Dyer Indoor Soccer arena
 - **Every Friday from 5:30-6:30pm**
 - Show up and then sign in with Mrs. Bardoczi
- Carson's Community Days: November 15-16
 - Sign up to sell at the store is TBA
 - Let Ms. Kline know if you are interested
- Christmas in the Park at Prairie West Park in St. John
 - Fri. Nov 28th, Sat Nov 29th, Sat Dec 6th, Sat Dec 13th, Sat Dec 20th from 4:45pm-8:15pm
 - Sign-up by clicking link to signup page on our website

We use Sign-Up Genius for all of our event and volunteer signups. To find a sign-up, you can always link to the signups under the News and Events tab on our website www.lakecentral.dollarsforscholars.org Or, go to www.signupgenius.com and click on the "find a signup" tab in the upper right-hand corner. In the "Search by Email" box, you will need to enter lcdfs@lcscmail.com as the creator's email, and also provide the answer to a security question. You will be taken to all the DFS sign up opportunities. To choose a sign up, you will need to create an account so that you will receive reminder emails.

Guest Speaker: Mr. Dave Kozel, Professor of Engineering at Purdue University Calumet: Q&A all things relating to scholarships, college apps, FAFSA, etc

- Schools evaluate
 - Test Scores
 - School Grades
 - Types of Courses taken by the student (including dual credit and A/P)
 - Volunteer history, as it is a predictor of the future student as a hard worker, determined and giving back to the community.
- Scholarships
 - Read purpose of Scholarship and how fits with the student
 - Look at the main points of the essay
- Deadlines
 - Be aware so as not to miss opportunities
 - Apply to second choice schools on time also. As things play out, they may end up being your first choice.
- Reference Request
 - Contact your reference choice early, giving them plenty of time to write a reference for you. Keep in mind several students may be approaching the same person for a reference.
 - Provide them a reference letter or list of things highlighting student accomplishments. This aids them in writing the letter of recommendation.
 - Since reference request should begin 1st semester of senior year, it is common to ask teachers from junior year as they know you better. And you know them better.

- Read Application thoroughly for where they request the reference to come from.
Common requests are:
 - Subject teacher as related to the scholarship.
 - Thus important for student to approach teacher throughout year so the teacher gets to know them.
 - Club Sponsor
 - Employer
- College Visits are Important
 - Being on campus clarifies perception from reality
 - Visit during the school day for a better feel of the campus

Upcoming College Fairs:

- Homewood-Flossmoor High School College Fair: Monday, October 20, 6:30-8:30pm
 - 999 Kedzie Avenue, Flossmoor, IL

Helpful Tools Information and Resources:

- **All students should begin or update their Student Profile on www.lakecentral.dollarsforscholars.org . Go to the students and parents tab and create an account. Students should enter all activities and service, including DFS activities. Be as detailed as possible in the activities section**
 - There are power point instructions at www.lakecentral.dollarsforscholars.org. Go to the students and parents tab and scroll down
- **Check the Daily Announcements on the LCHS page for upcoming college rep visits**
- **Visit the LC Guidance Dept tab on the LCHS page**
 - **The Guidance Blog contains a load of information regarding scholarships, college info, etc**
- **Use Naviance! It is a great tool for families to find resources and help**
- ***Our scholarship will OPEN to 2014 graduates in mid-December, we want students to submit after 7th semester grades are posted***

With the exception of our funded memorials, the money we give out each spring is a result of fundraising efforts and patron generosity during the year. WE NEED YOUR HELP to have a successful 2014-2015 year! Please consider being part of our organization:

Volunteer and participate in the fundraising process and committees
 Bring awareness to your neighbors, coworkers, and friends about DFS
 Check to see if your employer will match your contribution to DFS-Amy has a list or check at website under Donations Tab
 Create a scholarship in honor or memory of a loved one

**Next Student meeting: Wednesday, November 19th from 2:15-2:45pm
 in the LGI**

**Next Parent meeting: Wednesday, November 19th from 6:30-7:30pm
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LC DFS Board Members:

President: Amy Bogenrief

Treasurer: Val Lozanoski

LC Faculty Sponsor: Ashley Kline

Recording Sec: Denise Jagiella

Webmaster: Gretchen Maquire

At Large Members: Donna Kozel and Kay Pufahl

Scholarship Committee: Brenda Kovich,

Val Lozanoski, Vicki Polyak, Gretchen McGuire

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