

Lake Central Dollars for Scholars: Minutes 2/18/2015. 6:30pm-7:30pm at LCHS, Media Center

Computer Lab Room: Board and Committee Chair Attendees:, Amy Bogenrief, Val Lozanoski, Denise Jagiella

Schedule of Remaining Meetings:

Student Meetings: Thursdays, 2:15pm: LGI: Mar 17 (juniors only in computer lab, all others in LGI), Apr 14 (LGI)

Parent Meetings: Thursdays at 6:30pm in the LGI: Apr 14

Scholarship Update:

Scholarship opened 12/15/15 and closed 2/15/2015.

There are 57 seniors who successfully submitted their applications

DFS Scholarship for existing college kids will be open from April 15-June 15, awarded by July 31st

2015-2016 Fundraising Activities, so far:

50/50 at Open House: \$250

Homecoming Dance: \$5000

Town of St John held a DFS Day at the haunted house in October: \$1500

Carson's Community Days-beginning of November: not so good

Patron mailing drive: Letters went out to existing patrons and last year's previous award winners in mid-January

Penny Wars- Jan-March, estimates so far:

- Homan: 1659, up 132
- Protsman: 5400, up 748
- Kolling: 2337, up 338
- Watson: 1810, up 272
- Kahler: 2212, down 231
- Grimmer: 2891, down 422
- Clark: 3149, up 420
- Bibich: tba,
- Peifer: tba

Girls Sectional Swimming/Diving meet Concession Stand: \$1200 plus \$200 from Smoothie King

Proceeds from Tribe Terrace Bricks: \$5000

Guest Speakers: The Guidance Department to clarify questions about RDS, student email accounts, Canvas, Naviance, and Skyward

- Myra Loekema spoke about Canvas
 - Introduced to parents
 - Illustrated the benefits of Canvas and how it can be utilized.
 - Had a question/answer period.
- Theresa Scherzinger spoke about the conversion from RDS to Skyward and email accounts
 - Introduced to parents
 - illustrated the benefits of Skyward and how it can be utilized.
 - Had a question/answer period
 - Put a link on RDS for Canvas
- Brinn Denton spoke about Scholarships
 - Gave an overview/review of scholarships, Naviance
 - Had a question/answer period

Immediate Adult Volunteer Needs:

Board Positions available: Amy and Val will be finished with their terms and stepping down in May. It is time to pass the reigns for President and Treasurer. Please see Amy after the meeting if you would like more information

Carson's Community Days Feb 25-27

- 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 TONIGHT or purchase online with free shipping at www.communitydayevent.com
- We need volunteers to stand with the kids as they sell at the store
- Contact Deb Scanlon with questions 365-1174 or debbiescanlon@att.net

NO FLOWER SALE THIS YEAR, SOME BASKETS WILL BE FOR SALE AFTER THE AWARDS CEREMONY

Awards Ceremony, Sunday, April 24th, 2pm:

- Amy Mueller is the chairperson but committee members for planning/decorating
- LOCATION: NEW LC AUDITORIUM
- DFS members donate baked goods for the reception following the ceremony

Grand March, Saturday, May 7:

- Chairperson: Ashley Kline
- LOCATION: NEW competition gym
- Volunteers are needed for the planning and decorating committee

New Business: Make the most of the Spring!

- Seniors: Finish FAFSA (State of IN due date is 3/10/16), College Goal Sunday is Feb 21, visit www.collegegoalsunday.org
 - Families needing information and assistance in completing their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are encouraged to attend **College Goal Sunday, February 21, 2016, 2:00 p.m.** at Purdue University Calumet Campus, 2200 169th St, Hammond -Student Union Library Building- Room 200
- The SAT will be offered at school during the school day for ALL juniors on April 12th, 2016.
 - In March 2016, College Board is rolling out the redesigned SAT. This new SAT is causing some stress among this year's junior class – the Class of 2017 – because it is the class most affected by this transition. Consider taking the ACT, as well. **Both the SAT and ACT are viewed equally by most colleges**
 - The REAL ACT workbook is great resource to study for the test, available on Amazon etc
 - SAT Subject tests are additional tests given in a variety of subjects. Check with your potential college admissions offices to see if they accept/require these tests. Also see <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat-subject-tests>

Date of Test	Test SAT: www.collegeboard.org ACT: www.actstudent.org	Register by
Apr. 9	ACT	Mar. 4 (3/18 with late fee)
May 7	SAT & SAT Subject	Apr. 8 (4/26 with late fee)
June 4	SAT & SAT Subject	May 5 (5/25 with late fee)
June 11	ACT	May 6 (5/20 with late fee)
Sep. 10, 2016	ACT	Aug. 5 (8/19 with late fee)

- **Upcoming College Fairs:**
 - The 2016 Valparaiso Regional Spring College Fair is Wednesday, March 9, 2016, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
 - **Where:** Harre Union Ballroom on the campus of Valparaiso University.
 - Financial aid presentations will be offered from **6 – 6:45 p.m.** and from **7:15 – 8 p.m.** to help educate students and parents about the process of gaining and receiving financial assistance for college. Financial aid representatives also will be on hand to answer additional questions after the presentations.
 - ANDREAN SPRING COLLEGE FAIR: MARCH 10TH
 - The Illinois Regional Fair at North Central College in Naperville is a great way to learn about colleges and universities:

- Attend the Illinois Regional College Fair! #ncfair
Monday, March 21, 2016, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Residence Hall/Recreation Center at North Central College in Naperville
- Research other Scholarship opportunities
 - Use your resources on Scholarship America: DFS Volunteer Service Award, Buick, etc
 - Read the information on the Guidance Office page.
 - Check out all the scholarships listed on Naviance
 - www.in.gov/sfa (division of student financial aid)
- Summer Camps- a great way to investigate careers/colleges, and looks great on college applications
 - Check out the previous listings on the Guidance Office Page under "Summer Programs"
 - search online
- College visits this spring...a great time to see campuses in action

STUDENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

KAHLER HARLEM WIZARDS BASKETBALL GAME is Friday, Feb 19th

PROTSMAN FUN FAIR is on Friday, Feb 26th from 6-9pm.

HOMAN FUN FAIR is on Friday, Feb 26th from 4:15-8:30pm.

4th ANNUAL SPRING FLING VENDOR AND CRAFT SHOW at the Patrician Banquet Center in Schererville is Sunday, March 6th

DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF NORTHWEST INDIANA needs volunteers as Reading and Math tutors for people ages 5 and up. There are opportunities to help out with one evening, a session or for the whole program! Call Dawn to volunteer at 708-670-3401

The remaining session times are: 4:00 -4:40 p.m., 5:00 -5:40 p.m. and 6:00 -6:40 p.m., on February 19, 16, and 23, March 1, 8, and 29, April 5, 12, 19, May 3, 10, and 17th

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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. 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

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