

I. Welcome: Mr dahlquist welcomes everyone,

II. New business

a. Approve September Minutes:

Tracy Flannigan motions to approve the minutes and Jessica Selei seconds the motion.

b. School recognition: Dahlquist elaborates on Lakewood's standing as an A school. It receives funds from the state. The money can be used for nonrecurring bonuses for faculty and staff (most often used for this). It can also be used for materials to maintain student performance. A group of teachers nominates themselves and are voted on. The SAC chair comes to meetings and represents the SAC. The funds are based upon student population and how many schools are A rated. Gena Martin offers to represent the SAC at the meetings for the funds. Ms. Galindo is not present at the current meeting and neither is Ms. Finnegan but they represent the staff at the meeting regarding the funds.

c. Hurricane makeup days: Hurricane makeup day sheet is passed out to all parents. Dahlquist begins to go over it. November 6 was supposed to be a half day but was made full. Veteran's Day was supposed to be off for students . It is now a full day and parents and teachers were unhappy, but it was necessary. Kids will be learning about the importance of veterans in place of the previous day off. We have several veterans in our staff and will put up pictures to celebrate them if they want to partake in that. The early release exam days that are usually offered will be full days, which will give some of the teachers more time to prepare the students with exam material. Another encouraging bonus is that it will also be easier for parents to pick up students because school gets out at the regular time. January 6th was meant to be a professional day but was removed. March 5th was meant to be an early release, but it has been moved to the seventh and then the fourteenth. The good thing about the plan is it does not take anything from Thanksgiving break. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Thanksgiving break have been left alone.

III. Principal Update:

The school hosted about 400 National Guards and 100 officers, as well as several tanker trucks of gasoline to aid during the hurricane. Lakewood has not been a shelter since 2017, but usually shelters the National Guard as it is a good central point. The school sustained small amounts of damage, about five trees went down in the courtyard. We were able to use some of the trees for the homecoming bonfire. The stadium had some lights pointing in different directions, but the stadium is still usable. Lakewood Ranch is hosting a game November 7th at night because Palmetto cannot host a night game. The scoreboard has been fixed and the clock is being repaired. The new roof held up in most spots during the storm. The AC got better after the hurricane but shut down today.

The barns had minimal damage to the roofs but all the animals did well. We were able to come back to school relatively quickly. The track will be resurfaced soon but we need to remake some of the funds in order to do so. The new building held up well.

Jessica (attending parent) mentions the issue of parents in the student parking lot and that many are aggressive. All parents agree. Dahlquist offers to talk to the deans and officers. Brady Pope (SGA, Junior) says the line is just longer but if you manage time well it should be okay. Maya Gilkison (SGA, Junior) says parents park in front of her spot sometimes and she must wait. Dahlquist said parents could contact the sheriff if there are serious problems that need to be addressed. A parent messaged Mr. Bellantonio about a car almost hitting a student and wants parents reminded that students are around and safety needs to be reinforced. We still do free breakfast and open the door at 6:45 instead of 7 to get the students in. Gena Martin asks about changing the start time next year. Dahlquist says it hasn't been approved but legislators are discussing it. School construction is accommodating for a lot of students.

Mrs. Smith-Williams said the science department received funds for materials to encourage student learning. Fellow science teacher Mr. Thomas is collecting a list to get approved so the department can order them.

IV. Student update:

Our football team has their last game this Thursday, as it has been rescheduled from the hurricane. Boys and girls soccer has begun and they had a few pre-season games last week. They are both off to a very good start. Lacrosse has been practicing and is participating in tournaments in the off season. We had a college and career fair yesterday from 12 to 2 in the gym. We also had individual colleges come and speak to interested students after school, including USF, UCF, FSU, UF, and more. Several groups have participated in the Magic of Mittens Project to collect gifts for children whose parents need help putting Christmas together, including SGA, Girls in White Coats, and the athletic training department. SGA has begun brainstorming for holiday spirit week in December and we also have a volunteer opportunity coming up in both November and December (Friendsgiving event and Breast Cancer Walk).

V. Announcements:

A Halloweenie Roast was hosted for the teachers and other staff members on the day of Halloween. Lakewood was able to hold a Capstone night (AP diploma) that helped us maintain a status as a school of excellence. The swim team is going to compete at states and FFA attended the National Conference. Every Wednesday is still college shirt day which was started a few months ago.

VI. Adjourn: Gena Martin motions to adjourn the meeting and everyone agrees.

Next Meeting: 1/15/25