Meeting of the General Membership
Meeting via Zoom on October 20, 2020

1. PA President, Jung Min Lee introduced herself
   a. Look to the PA for community, information and an outlet to express yourself
   b. Trying to stay to an hour for the meeting, so not as much time to introduce the Executive Board
   c. She feels a sense of duty to serve in this community, she’s always available if questions
   d. Remote method is a new way of sharing with each other
   e. Immediate need to help deliver books to students
      1) Opportunity for students to volunteer
      2) Email Jennifer Economou if interested in helping with this
   f. Red Ribbon Awareness Week October 23-31, to be alcohol, tobacco and drug-free - Ms Ramos is organizing
   g. Theme of the year is transitioning to remote, the new normal

2. Principal’s Report: Brooke Jackson
   a. Her mood has gone from anger to surreal to depressed
   b. The survey went out about remote learning and the best statistic was 97% of students said this marking period is much better set-up and synchronous than last one, so she is very happy about that
   c. We may have seen in the news that a young HS student fell off a balcony. This is the sister of one of our (10th grade) students, she will send out information with permission of the mother
d. Students are engaging and learning online, she is very proud of them

e. The students are self-advocating and there is a lot of dialogue about goals for the year

f. Trying to have HIV/AIDS action day, Pride Day, Expo, etc. Want to reinvent them from a distance

g. It’s wonderful that the 9th and 10th grade parents are organizing gatherings

h. 12th grade parents are planning an outside graduation- We will have more time at grade-specific Roundtables to discuss

i. Wednesday and Thursday is Curriculum Night, it is being reinvented in a remote setting

j. Thinks settling into a year of this, steadiness is the remote, being realistic about it

k. Conservative approach so Lab is set up for activities

l. Not thinking about any big changes, let her think of ways to help for your child

m. Class Roundtables will be October 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th at 8am

n. Let the guidance counselor be the first person of contact, the Family Circle teacher is also a good contact. Big picture concerns can reach out to Brooke or Jason directly. Also parent support group and the PA. Not using phone much, email is best

3. SGO Report: Fallon Utley (SGO President)
   a. Better than spring, more structure
   b. Will work on HIV/AIDS action day, also a Women’s Empowerment Day
   c. Sports Day is hard to do online
   d. Zoom tutors, kids can sign up for, especially for lower grades
   e. Someone will work on the Lab website
   f. For the Senior perspective, senior sweatshirts will be ordered and hopefully we can have in-person pictures for the yearbook (Jung Min later said we will continue to figure this out, maybe a
parent has a photographer connection, she did get a response already in the chat and Judi offered her roof garden in Chelsea, it’s 1500 Sq ft)
g. They will hopefully post a lot on Instagram about the Fun Run
h. Will have virtual school tours

4. Treasurer’s Report: Jill Bregenzer
   a. Introduced herself as the newly elected treasurer
   b. (Sharing screen with the report) $321 was paid as our subscription for Greater Giving for Direct Appeal
   c. $5,000 made in Direct Appeal for September
   d. The Fun Run made $843 so far
   e. The $10,000 student support scholarship will be figured out with Brooke as to how it will be used, it is not really a part of the PA’s budget

5. SLT Report: Iris
   a. They broke out into committees, such as Parent Equity, Admissions, so tours in the time of Covid. Have gotten “Non-guidance,” all postponed now, Dec. 4th date pushed off
   b. To get ahead of it, Sam Maslow and Iris will lead virtual open houses on Dec. 2nd and 9th at 6pm. It will feature students, teachers, Brooke, then workshops- sports, clubs, SGO, diversity, IEPs

6. Committee Reports
   a. Membership: Fran and Jen
      1. Fran introduced herself as the 3rd VP. She does email blasts, the Facebook page, she’s working on the Directory, it will be password protected. Hopefully it will be out in the next week or two, doing a reach out to anyone who didn’t register yet
      2. Jen introduced herself as the 2nd VP. She is organizing the One Run, there’s still time to register. Can run or walk it, get sponsors. Go to the link in the newsletter, or just sponsor the runners. Hopefully next year it will be in person (Jung
Min added that Jen helps with the Sign-Up Genius, the book delivery will be the first thing on Sign-Up Genius)

b. Fundraising: Lucy
1. She introduced herself as the 1st VP, in charge of fundraising for the year. Mostly it will come from Direct Appeal, but some people are interested in doing an online auction. Rich is involved with the fundraiser to meet teachers’ needs. There’s a meeting this Thursday at 11am if you would like to help

c. Merchandise: Lisa and Debbie
1. Lisa said there is a link in the newsletter, merchandise is being sold online. It is unclear if we can sell the clothes in the school. We will take suggestions on what to sell, there’s been interest in masks, so we’re looking into that
2. Debbie said they have sold some merchandise this year
3. Jung Min mentioned there are opportunities to collaborate, maybe promote the merchandise before curriculum night or the Roundtables.
4. Brooke said that’s a great idea and she can mention it in her weekly message and anytime we have a Zoom
5. Jung Min thanked Debbie and Lisa for chairing the recent election

d. In-person meet-ups
1. Marianna said the 10th grade plan was being organized by Lauren Moss, Lisa Hershfeld and herself to have a virtual happy hour on Thursday, October 27th, but the goal is for parents to meet to talk about commonalities. Hope to have an in-person meet-up eventually. An hour or so of casual chat. Brooke feels it is okay to move ahead with the plan, even though the brother of the person who died is in the 10th grade (Jung Min asked about a moment of silence, Brooke liked that idea)
2. Judi spoke about past and future 9th grade gatherings. She said Michelle Graham organized two meet-ups, the first one was better attended. Trying to figure out how to do some outdoor activities as a plan to substitute for sports. Maybe some funding from the PA would be possible. Can talk to Fallon about it to get some feedback from students.

7. Old Business: Jung Min spoke about the parent support group, all are welcome.

8. New Business:
   a. Now there is a Parent Racial Equity Team at Lab, Jung Min is the interim leader. This is happening at the school, in the city and nationally, so a group of parents who want to talk about it can, another meeting will be set up soon.
   b. Parent Career Speakers: Souad said the students have received surveys and we must go back to the parent body to see who is in a field who can speak to the students, what the days are like, background.
      1. Trying for one talk/month.
      2. Started last year, didn’t go as smoothly, then Covid hit.
      3. Jung Min said if anyone has a career they would like to talk to the students about, let us know. Is there a traditional path or do you create your own path?
   c. Possible talks for the year: Jung Min read a list of ideas and there was a poll taken and the top one was how to handle teen emotions.
   d. Curriculum Nights are this week.
   e. Please put your name in the chat as the sign in.