

# Lakewood CAT Boosters Minutes

Tuesday September , 4<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 6 pm

## CAT Booster Officers:

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<b><u>Principal:</u></b>	Ms. Erin Savage ( <a href="mailto:savagee@pcsb.org">savagee@pcsb.org</a> )
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<b><u>Teacher Sponsor:</u></b>	Ms. Pacowta ( <a href="mailto:PACOWTAJ@pcsb.org">PACOWTAJ@pcsb.org</a> ) Alternates: Ms. Lake ( <a href="mailto:lakel@cat.pcsb.org">lakel@cat.pcsb.org</a> ) Mr. Schneider ( <a href="mailto:schneiderch@cat.pcsb.org">schneiderch@cat.pcsb.org</a> )
<b><u>Student Ambassador:</u></b>	Seniors Lauryn Latimer ( <a href="mailto:latimerl@cat.pcsb.org">latimerl@cat.pcsb.org</a> ) and Sara Sulku ( <a href="mailto:sulkus@cat.pcsb.org">sulkus@cat.pcsb.org</a> )

## Save the Dates:

- CAT Booster Meeting Dates:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month**
  - 9/4/18; 10/2/18; 11/6/18; 12/4/18
- SAT's:
  - 10/06/18; 11/03/18; 12/01/18; 03/09/18; 05/04/19; 06/01/19  
Information/Registration at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
  - Cost: \$47.50 without essay; \$64.50 with essay
  - For registration deadlines visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/dates-deadlines>
  - Scores are available online ~ 20 days after each test
- ACT's:
  - 9/28/18; 11/02/18; 01/11/19; 03/08/19
  - Cost: \$50.50 without essay; \$67.00 with essay
  - Information/Registration at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
  - a.d.** For registration deadlines visit : <http://blog.prepscholar.com/act-test-dates>

## New Business:

1. **Mission Statement:** The CAT Boosters meet every 1st Tuesday of the month to discuss topics of interest and import to CAT Parents, CAT students, and CAT faculty. It is our mission to disseminate information and offer financial and experiential support to CAT parents, students, faculty and staff.
2. All attendees, please log your Volunteer Hours:  
<https://focus.pcsb.org/volunteer/>
  - 2.a. Volunteer link is <https://focus.pcsb.org/volunteer/> \* Must use Chrome Browser.
  - 2.b. You must reactivate your account every school year
3. **Mrs. Savage's Report: (not present)**
4. **Mr. Oyer's Update:**
  - 4.a. Introduction of Program Director
  - 4.b. CAT program update. The CAT entrance is permanently closed. In accordance with state safety guidelines, LHS is moving to a single point of entry at the front of the building, where better staff and camera coverage provide additional security.
  - 4.c. There are plans to add an 8 foot aluminum security fence along the CAT entrance side of the building.
  - 4.d. The CAT Advisory Board focuses on increasing STEM-based opportunities and interactions for all students.
  - 4.e. Mr. Borg is offering a Spring Trip to Silicon Valley for students.
  - 4.f. Tablets for each student. Ordered new cases. New insurer will allow for smaller gap from start of school to issuance of tablets.
  - 4.g. Freshmen CAT students should be receiving their academic coaching schedules
5. **Ms. Mitchell Brown's Report (not present)**
6. **Teacher Sponsor (Ms. Pacowta):**
  - 6.a. Gift Card Update
  - 6.b. Please bring in gift cards to booster meetings to help teachers purchase incidental supplies (Publix, Walmart, Target, etc.)
  - 6.c. Celebrate Small Victories! Motion to ask teachers to use check out information form approved.
  - 6.d. After -school tutoring schedule is in development.
  - 6.e. October 10. Free in-school SAT for seniors. Free PSAT for Juniors. Please see Ms. Mitchell-Brown.
7. **Treasurer's Report**
  - 7.a. New treasurer Tia Hockensmith nominated and accepted
  - 7.b. CAT Boosters Account Balance: \$4,375. 51
  - 7.c. RevTrak (Donate Now, Shirts, Membership) – Waiting for RevTrak
    - 7.c.a. There is a 3.61% bank fee placed on these donations
8. **Communications Report (Jennifer)**
  - 8.a. Update parent e-mail list
  - 8.b. Facebook Page Update ([Facebook.com/lakewoodcatboosters](https://www.facebook.com/lakewoodcatboosters))
  - 8.c. Website <http://catboosters.com>
  - 8.d. Student Communications liaison: Billy Kline ([klinew@cat.pcsb.org](mailto:klinew@cat.pcsb.org))
9. **Fundraising Report (Caroline/Valerie)**
  - 9.a. Fundraising update
    - 9.a.a. Members:
      - 9.a.a.i. Valerie Strickland ([VStrickland@tecoenergy.com](mailto:VStrickland@tecoenergy.com))
  - 9.b. Order forms sent home with students. Deadline was 8/24. Order form will be back on [catboosters.com](http://catboosters.com)

- 9.b.a. Sold \$600 in t-shirts at New Student Orientation at AllState SPC
- 9.b.b. Sold \$880 at Freshman Orientation (44 Shirts)
- 9.b.c. \$170 for the Fall 2018 shirts pre order
- 9.b.d. total \$1,050
- 9.b.e. Valerie will need volunteers to help process t-shirt order

9.c. Phantom Fundraiser

- 9.c.a. Join CAT Boosters
- 9.c.b. We added line for skill sets of parents for our info in recruiting

**10. Student Ambassador Report (\*\* Call for Student ambassadors \*\*)**

- 10.a. Student and parent representative needed for each class
- 10.b. Organize grade-level experiences that become ritual i.e. Rowdies Game, senior campfire at Boyd Hill
- 10.c. List of approved vendors will be available. Ms. Pacowta can help with vendor process.
- 10.d. Mr. Oyer will follow up with permission slip/approval concerns.
- 10.e. Concerns about low attendance, transportation, and student interest. Continue discussion at October meeting.

**11. Beautification Update for CAT Circle (Tia)**

- 11.a. **\*\* Call For Beautification Volunteers \*\*** Thank you to the Mulch Fairies
- 11.b. Members:
  - 11.b.a. Tia Hockensmith –
  - 11.b.b.
  - 11.b.c.
- 11.c. Mural update for CAT Circle
  - 11.c.a. Rough sketch approved by Area Superintendent Mr. Poth and Area Facilities Manager Jerry Reynolds.
  - 11.c.b. Darren Presented Sketches  
Initial rendering by Atlanta Artist Suzy Schultz ([suzy@suzy Schultz.net](mailto:suzy@suzy Schultz.net)) for front CAT Circle mural
  - 11.c.c. Location of Mural – Grant pays if based in community. Mural may be partially obstructed by security fence. Could be moved to courtyard or other location.
  - 11.c.d. CAT Students eat lunch in courtyard and need more seating. Motion approved to focus on fundraising for needed picnic tables in courtyard area.
  - 11.c.e. Umbrellas and planters bought last year. Need plan to bring umbrellas inside if weather changes.

**12. Funding Requests: Give back to CAT –** Motion to require students/groups who receive funding from CAT Boosters to give back in some meaningful way (beautification, painting, distribution of t-shirts, website updates, etc) approved.

- 12.a. All requests to speak must be submitted to CAT Booster President before each meeting
- 12.b. Group may speak and voted upon
  - 12.b.a. Must include need and specific dollar amount requested
  - 12.b.b. Must include ideas on how they plan to give back
- 12.c. Consider developing alumni list for donation requests.
- 12.d. Need parent representative for fundraising with community partners.

12. e. Mr. Oyer suggested STEM day organized by students, modeled after an event at Croom Academy.  
<http://techfest.croomswb.org/>

**13. Faculty Tshirts:**

Motion to approve providing each CAT Faculty member (14) with CAT t-shirt in the fall

- 13.a. Boosters pays for shirts: Yea
- 13.b. Allow teachers to choose style/color via order form

**14. Pete Oberg Character Award committee (\$1000 x 2 award)**

- 14.a. Members: **We need a chairperson for this committee**
  - 14.a.a. Fran Mikuta ([fmikuta@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:fmikuta@tampabay.rr.com))
  - 14.a.b. Valerie Strickland ([VStrickland@tecoenergy.com](mailto:VStrickland@tecoenergy.com)) - ? chair next year
  - 14.a.c. Ross Silvers ([srsilvers66@gmail.com](mailto:srsilvers66@gmail.com)) \*
  - 14.a.d. Dianna Bergmiller ([gbergmiller@yahoo.com](mailto:gbergmiller@yahoo.com))
  - 14.a.e. Sonia First ([sfirst@techdata.com](mailto:sfirst@techdata.com)) will continue 2018-2019
  - 14.a.f. Michel Sill ([michelssill@hotmail.com](mailto:michelssill@hotmail.com))
  - 14.a.g. Faculty member Ms. Rodak ([rodakk@cat.pcsb.org](mailto:rodakk@cat.pcsb.org))
  - 14.a.h. Faculty member Ms. Ostrowski ( [ostrowskim@pcsb.org](mailto:ostrowskim@pcsb.org))
  - 14.a.i. Can you all continue to serve in this position next school year?
  - 14.a.j. Scholarship amount is \$1000 for each of two recipients
- 14.b. Awards to be presented at CAT Banquet by Mr. Oyer this year

**15. Class Activities**

- 15.a. Organize grade-level experiences that become ritual i.e. Rowdies Game, senior campfire at Boyd Hill
- 15.b. List of approved vendors will be available. Ms. Pacowta can help with vendor process.
- 15.c. Mr. Oyer will follow up with permission slip/approval concerns.
- 15.d. Concerns about low attendance, transportation, and student interest. Topic to be continued at October meeting

**15.e. Call For Class Activities Chairs**

- 15.e.a. Freshmen:
- 15.e.b. Freshmen:
- 15.e.c. Sophomore: Kimberly Hicks
- 15.e.d. Sophomore:
- 15.e.e. Jr.:
- 15.e.f. Jr.:
- 15.e.g. Sr.:
- 15.e.h. Sr.:

**16. CAT Advisory Board**

- 16a. Purpose is to increase STEM opportunities, interactions with STEM professionals.
- 16b. Speaker series: Tesla, Malware Bites, Visit to SOFWERX Tampa

**17. CAT Booster Speaker Needed:** If you know of someone who is knowledgeable about the college application/scholarship process, or a returning college freshman willing to share their experiences, please share contact information with Darren.