

# Lakewood CAT Boosters Agenda

## Minutes

Tuesday August 15th, 2017 at 6 pm

### CAT Booster Officers:

**President:** Lori McAuliffe MD\* ([familymca@aol.com](mailto:familymca@aol.com))  
Daughter, Hannah, graduates this year

**Secretary:** Shana August\* ([augusts@pcsb.org](mailto:augusts@pcsb.org))  
Son, Patrick, graduates this year

**Communications:** Dana Greenbaum\* ([danagreenbaum@verizon.net](mailto:danagreenbaum@verizon.net))  
Son, David, graduates this year  
Facebook Page: Kristi Sharpe ([Kks8048@gmail.com](mailto:Kks8048@gmail.com))  
Son, Ian, Junior

**Treasurer:** David Warren\* ([dcwarren68@gmail.com](mailto:dcwarren68@gmail.com))  
Son, Will, graduates this year

**Fundraising Chair:** Caroline Calcote\* ([caroline.calcote@gmail.com](mailto:caroline.calcote@gmail.com))  
Son, Cal, Junior

**Beautification Chair:** Sean Singh ([seanbsingh@gmail.com](mailto:seanbsingh@gmail.com))

\*Last year of service as officer

**Principal:** Ms. Erin Savage ([savagee@pcsb.org](mailto:savagee@pcsb.org))

**CAT Program Director:** Mr. Andrew Oyer ([overan@pcsb.org](mailto:overan@pcsb.org))

**Teacher Sponsor:** Mr. Schneider CAT COM ([schneiderch@cat.pcsb.org](mailto:schneiderch@cat.pcsb.org))  
Alternate: Ms. Lake ([lakel@cat.pcsb.org](mailto:lakel@cat.pcsb.org))

**Student Ambassador:** Senior Katie Marie McGilvery ([purplekatiem@yahoo.com](mailto:purplekatiem@yahoo.com))

**Guidance Counselor:** Ms. Cheri Ashwood ([ashwoodc@pcsb.org](mailto:ashwoodc@pcsb.org))

**Freshman Class Representative:** Phil Dvorak ([phillip\\_dvorak@hotmail.com](mailto:phillip_dvorak@hotmail.com))

**Sophomore Class Representative:** Tia Hockensmith ([tiahockensmith@gmail.com](mailto:tiahockensmith@gmail.com))

**Junior Class Representative:** Sue Kline ([rkline@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:rkline@tampabay.rr.com))  
Son, Billy, Junior

**Senior Class Representative\*:** Judy Mah ([judy.w.mah@gmail.com](mailto:judy.w.mah@gmail.com))  
Son, Connell, graduates this year

### Save the Dates:

- CAT Booster Meeting Dates:
  - Third Tuesday of the month in the CAT Auditorium at 6 pm
  - 8/15/17; 9/19/17; 10/17/17; **11/28/17 (?4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday due to Holiday week)**; 1/16/18; 2/20/18; 3/20/18?; 4/17/18
- SAT's:
  - 8/26/17; 10/7/17; 11/4/17; 12/2/17; 3/10/18; 5/5/18; 6/2/18  
Information/Registration at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
  - Cost: \$43 without essay; \$54.50 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:
  - 9/9/17; 10/28/17; 12/9/17; 2/10/18; 4/14/18; 6/9/18; 7/14/18
  - Cost: \$39.50 without essay; \$56.50 with essay
  - Information/Registration at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

- d. For registration deadlines visit : <http://blog.prepscholar.com/act-test-dates>
- 4. Back to School Night/Open House: Thursday, August 24, 2017 6-8 pm  
School Pictures on 8/16 and 8/17. Done through English Classes- retake dates have not yet been decided (in about 2 weeks), will be announced when determined.
- 5. PSAT – date in October to be determined, given at school
  - a. Free for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders
  - b. 11<sup>th</sup> graders need to sign up and pay in office with Ms. Mitchell Brown
- 6. CAT Senior Banquet is Friday before graduation
- 7. Graduation: TBD based upon Rays Schedule
- 8. Senior Fees?? Also not been determined as of this meeting. They are usually due in December, Ms. Savage is working to get all the dates for things earlier and a bit more timely.
- 9. Homecoming is September 30<sup>th</sup>. It's a Saturday this year due to Yom Kippur being September 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business:**

1. **Mission Statement:** The CAT Boosters meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:
  - a. Volunteer link is [www.focus.pcsb.org/volunteer](http://www.focus.pcsb.org/volunteer) everyone should register and sign in so the school gets credit.
  - b. You must reactivate your account every school year
3. Mrs. Savage's Report:
  - a. Introduction of Principal
  - b. PCSB Update
 

Introduction of principal, Erin Savage- reiterated that she has an open door policy and everyone is welcome to email her, make an appointment to see her or just stop by.

    1. Went over the school goals for the year and stressed how they aligned with the district goals for Lakewood (Achievement Gap, Graduation Rate and Improvement in Test Scores are the 3 main ones).
    2. Recognized that there is a lot of construction on campus, it started 3 weeks before the students started back to school. The plan is to start on the Auditorium in October- this might displace classes for a while as well as seasonal events that are held there (e.g. Winter Concert). Safety for all the students is the Number 1 priority on campus.
    3. Saturday School is continuing this year- focus will be ACT/SAT Prep
    4. The Algebra 2 EOC has been eliminated at both the district and the state level.
    5. HOPE Exam in lieu of the class (for students who have played a sport for 2 years) will be offered towards the end of the semester. (questions on the need for the exam due to its elimination at the state level. Ms. Savage will get clarification and let parents know)
    6. Both the ACT and the SAT will be offered to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders at the school this year. No need for parents to register their kids, the school will take care of that. The ACT is in September and the SAT is in the spring.)
    7. PSAT will be given to the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders- this score is mostly used for merit scholarships.
4. Mr. Oyer's Update:
  - a. Introduction of Program Director
  - b. CAT program update
  - c. Things in the works for CAT
  - d. Tablet distribution
    1. Introduction of new CAT Program Director

2. Assurances that he is very familiar with the program (and many of the teachers)- that he has been with the county in one capacity or another and is aware of the strategic goals of CAT.
  3. Currently in the process of “tweaking” some of the course codes of already existing classes to make sure everything is accurately aligned with district standards.
  4. Looking to re-implement “academic coaching” for students in the CAT Program- not in its current form but exploring other ways to do it (e.g. all students will have an academic coach for all four years)
  5. Strengthening the Research I, II and III classes- to include more critical thinking and application of results in the real world. Support for other classes would still be part of the curriculum.
  6. Tablet Distribution will begin shortly. The plan is to issue the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders the existing tablets and the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders will get the 2-in-1 Dells when they come in. They have been ordered. The usage data supports that the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders will benefit from the new ones.
5. Ms. Mitchell Brown’s Report
    - a. Phantom Fundraiser Envelopes and T-shirt order forms were sent home the first week of school
  6. Ms. Ashwood’s Guidance Counselor Report
    - a. Junior Students interested in attending FSUs Boys or Girls State next summer should contact the program director
  7. Teacher Sponsor (Mr. Schneider):
    - a. Framing project update
    - b. Gift Card Update – Boosters to provide to teachers for use for healthy classroom snacks or classroom items
      - a. Less than \$25 each
      - b. Publix, Walmart, Barnes and Noble, Office Depot, Target, etc.
      - c. Faculty will request from Mr. Schneider and return their receipts to him
    - c. Peter Oberg Character Award Nomination Forms to be made available
      - a. Work through academic coaches
      - b. Email scholarship requirements to all Seniors – eligible students to ask their academic coach to nominate him/her and faculty to nominate only those who meet requirements
  8. Introduction of Chairs
    - a. Requests for committee members
    - b. Requests for apprentices to work with current members and take over next year
  9. Treasurer’s Report (David):
    - a. CAT Boosters Account Balance: \$8,130.07 (after \$860 in t-shirt sales at Freshman Orientation)
    - b. 2017-2018 Projected Budget
    - c.
  10. Communications Report (Dana):
    - a. Communications Update and what this committee does
      1. Please let Dana know if you are not getting the emails or would like to sign up to get them. You will need to get her updated email addresses.
    - b. Facebook Page Update (Facebook.com/lakewoodcatboosters) – Kristi
      - a. Report of what this committee does
      - b. Need to create Donate Now button with site for yearly Engineering Expo Costs
        - i. Can Katie or Billy work on this?
        - ii. Can Mr. Borg advise as he has some experience with this through FBLA
  11. Fundraising Report (Caroline)
    - a. Fundraising update and what this committee does
    - b. T-shirt sale update
      - a. Current t-shirt order form on the CAT Website with pictures of available designs

- b. All of these items meet the dress code requirement for LHS
    1. There are some T-shirts left in limited sizes.
  - c. Paver Update for CAT Circle
    - a. Lisa Marone –
      - i. 3D drawing of plan
        - i. We will need to reimburse \$150 for the ordered 3D drawing
        - ii. Contact is Josh with Tampa Bay Pavers
    1. Please Contact Ian Lightfoot at 727-638-2446. He is already an approved vender through the county and would be happy to come out and give Lakewood CAT an estimate on cost.
12. Funding Requests:
- a. Funds to help offset Senior Fees for those with financial hardship
    - a. Can we allocate \$500 to be used at Mr. Oyer's discretion
  - b. Boosters to pay cost of faculty to attend the CAT Banquet (offset cost by lowering scholarship award to \$500 each?)
    - a. Ms. Mitchell Brown to advise cost per faculty member
  - c. Busch Gardens Physics Day
  - d. USF Engineering Expo buses
13. Pete Oberg Character Award committee
- a. Need 3 parent and 2 teacher committee members
  - b. Consider changing award amount to \$500 per award
  - c. Committee to streamline nomination process and select essay prompt for this year's submission
    - i. Need deadline for notification of faculty about the award and criteria
    - ii. Need deadline for nomination
    - iii. Need deadline for notification of nomination
    - iv. Need Essay topic for this year
    - v. Need deadline for submission of essay
    - vi. Need essay grading criteria and deadline for selection
  - d. Awards to be presented at Senior Banquet by Committee Chair

**Class News:** 422 Total CAT Students

1. Freshman Class
  - a. **Class representative and two others volunteered**
  - b. 117 CAT Freshmen
  - c. Need to plan Freshman class get together for this fall
2. Sophomore News
  - a. 104 CAT Sophomores
  - b. **Class representative and one other volunteered**
  - c. Need to plan Sophomore class get together for this fall
3. Junior News (Sue):
  - a. 113 CAT Juniors
  - b. Parent volunteers to please see Sue after the meeting
  - c. Ms. Mitchell Brown is looking for volunteers to be on the Senior Banquet Committee, preferably Junior Parents
  - d. Need to plan Upper Classman get together for this fall
4. Senior News (Judy):
  - a. 88 CAT Seniors
  - b. Parent volunteers to please see Judy after the meeting
  - c. Ms. Mitchell Brown recommends fundraisers to help defray the cost of the banquet for students/faculty

- a. Yard sale in faculty parking lot
  - i. Sell a parking spot for \$20 and people keep what they earn/sell?
  - ii. Car Wash in CAT car circle?
  - iii. Restaurant fundraiser – Chick-fil-a; PDQ, etc.?
- d. Senior Costs – is there a way to do a payment plan for parents who need that?
  - a. Senior Fees
  - b. Grad Bash tickets
  - c. Yearbook – mailers sent out late week of July 24th
    - i. All Senior pictures must be taken by Prestige Portraits before the deadline of November 28<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. There may be dates set up at the school but they have not been announced yet.
    - iii. If you would like to take care of before that you can call Prestige
      - i. Phone: 813-402-3500
      - ii. Address: 1049 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave North, St. Pete
      - iii. \$10 sitting fee
  - d. Prom , etc.
- e. College Planning:
  - a. The Common Application can be started/submitted August 1<sup>st</sup> online
  - b. Some schools have their own applications or do not accept the Common App, please visit school websites
  - c. FAFSA applications can be started online beginning October 1, 2017 for Fall 2018 applications using your IRS 2016 Tax Information
  - d. Prepare a resume to give to teachers your student will request a letter of recommendation from
    - i. Include contact information, objective, education, industry certifications, experience, honors, activities, volunteer service, and additional skills
  - f. Need to plan Upper Classman get together for this fall
    - 1. The kids really enjoyed the bon fire that was held last year.

### **Support Lakewood!!**

1. **Fall Sports underway!** Visit Lakewood Website for sports and coaches
  - a. Participation paperwork can be found at <https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/domain/176/pcs%20forms/4-1891-A.pdf>
  - b. Family Sporting Event Pass available for purchase from bookkeeper
    - c. Available to students and their families for regular season
    - d. Cost is \$50 per student, \$60 per adult, or \$150 for annual family pass (they cannot be used for tournaments but can be used for all regular season home and away sports for the entire year)
2. **Lakewood High School Football Home Game Schedule:**
  - a. Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 730 pm
  - b. Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 730 pm
  - c. Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 730 pm
  - d. Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 730 pm
  - e. Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 30 pm

### **Open Agenda**

- a. **Band Boosters will be meeting August 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Band Room**
- b. **The 1<sup>st</sup> Swim Meet is August 19<sup>th</sup>. It is not too late to join the Swim and Dive Team.**