

# LOLHS Parent Advisory Board Minutes

Tuesday, Jan 8, 2019

6:30-8:00pm

Library Media Center

Jim Wygonik, Principal, Jeanne Manfredi, Vice Principal,

Dottie Wells & Jess Videll-Co-Presidents, Lori Montazella-Secretary

Jim Wygonik opened the first meeting of the New Year with these words:

"More improvements come out of this group than anything else"

## **Balancing the Ride:**

Much time was spent on this topic. Most important to remember, if your student is experiencing difficulties balancing school, homework, and extra-curricular activities, reach out to the teacher, the guidance counselor, Jim or Jeanne. Help may be available. Or it just may be that your child is doing too much, and difficult decisions will have to be made-for each family the choices are varied and what works for one family may not work for others. However, the need to assess your individual child's situation in proportion to their ability to keep up with their homework and studies is crucial and something may need to be dropped. One size does not fit all. Bring your concerns to a higher level, if something can be done to help, it will be done. But exemplify to your children that communication is the key to "Balancing the Ride" and getting it all done. \*Lean on Principal and Vice Principal for Help \*Communication \*Partnership between parents and the school \*Reach out \*Go up the chain of adults interacting with your student.

## **Supporting the Trades:**

Trades are recognized here at LOLHS. Many Tech classes are offered, Industrial Arts, and more are being added. Opportunity/Field trips to visit various technical schools. Ms. Shoude in the counseling dept. has been at Old Lyme HS for a year and is working on making connections with local businesses for internships, jobs, etc. There is a good start to this and roots are being developed and connections are being made. Job planning, working with businesses, affiliation with the Chambers of Commerce, all this is a good start to excelling in the trades here at LOLHS.

## **Mid Terms:**

Schedules have been posted on the website and also was emailed. Cafeteria will be closed for the midterm week, be sure to pack a lunch! This year the test schedule is 1:40 mins. not 2 hrs. 15 minute rule for late arrivals. No phones will be allowed in classroom. Weather contingencies

posted online as well, in case of delays/cancellations. Last day of the Semester is Jan 22. Encourage students to take advantage of the "Study with a Buddy" evenings! Smoothies, relaxation and yoga will be available! First one is Monday 5-7!

**Winter Ball:**

January 25th is the date, get your tickets, on sale at the school. Fully chaperoned and no departures before 9:30 without parent approval. Will take place at Woodwinds in Branford. Breathalyzers are authorized if use is suspected, however, as in the past this will hopefully not be needed. Encourage your children to make good decisions!

**Last but not least:**

Parents are encouraged to attend PAB meetings to voice their opinions, ask questions, bring up topics of concern and interest to themselves, as well as the whole student body population and their families. Since time constraints at the meetings limit long discussions on personal situations, the Principal and Vice Principal are available during school hours for discussion on any concerns that may need more time. As always, please attend and encourage others to attend. The PAB meeting is a great place to effect change and find out what is going on with your school!



