

Minutes for DLS Parent Association Meeting
Recording Minutes – Patricia Pon
April 13, 2026

Spencer Shively, Vice President for Mission and Student Life, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

7:02 pm - Opening prayer: Gwenn Ertoz

Welcome and Introductions: Spencer Shively, Vice President for Mission and Student Life

Mr. Shively noted this evening marked the conclusion of the 15-minute speaker series for the year, highlighting the diverse representation from various campus areas. He shared that the Parent Association leadership team is looking for feedback on who to invite for next year's series.

15 Minute Speaker: Mr. Leo Lopez, Vice President for Athletics, Assistant Coach - Golf

Mr. Shively introduced Mr. Leo Lopez, who has been with the athletic department for 23 years, to discuss the athletics program.

Mr. Lopez begins by sharing his background, mentioning his graduation in 1994 and his family's long association with the school. He reflects on his decision to stay at the school despite considering other opportunities, citing the mission and community as key factors.

Mr. Lopez emphasizes the growth and success of the athletics program, mentioning the increasing number of student athletes and coaches.

Growth and Adaptation in Athletics

- Mr. Lopez discussed the addition of a third golf team and the increasing popularity of tennis, reflecting changes in student interests..
- He mentioned the challenges of maintaining the balance between being a student athlete and the increasing demands of academics and sports.
- The athletics department focuses on the overall well-being of student athletes, integrating service programs and faith components into their activities.

Community and Support in Athletics

- Mr. Lopez praised the community's support for the athletics program, noting the involvement of alumni and parents in various capacities.
- He highlighted the importance of having good coaches who focus on the holistic development of student athletes, rather than just winning.
- The athletics department has implemented policies to ensure fairness and support for all student athletes, despite the challenges.

Parental Involvement and Recognition

- Mr. Lopez acknowledged the role of parents in supporting the athletics program and the importance of their involvement in various activities.

- He mentioned the efforts to recognize and appreciate the contributions of parents and volunteers, emphasizing the community's commitment to the school's mission.
- The athletics department aims to provide a supportive and inclusive environment for all student athletes, fostering a sense of belonging and community..

President of the Parent Association: Michelle Anderson

Introduction of New Parent Association Board Members

Michelle Anderson introduced the new PA Board members for the 2026-27 year:

President - Betzy Lesser

Vice President - Tara Preston

Expense Administrator - Christina Heil

She identified that Patricia Pon will continue serving in her current role as **Secretary**, and the newly formed Board is seeking additional volunteers to support various activities.

Patricia Pon shared that in the next few weeks, an email will be sent to current committee members to confirm their continued participation on their current committee and/or express interest in serving on another committee next year.

Parent Association Board – Chair Reports

Expense Report: Jennifer Accardo, Parent Association Expense Administrator. Jennifer reiterated the need for timely submission of receipts for reimbursement.

Volunteer Coordinators: Yesenia Feustel & Lisa Borba - No updates.

Frosh Parent Reps: Janet Wright, Khatera Tamplen, Tanja Fabel, Tavoria Wilson-Morton – No updates.

Sophomore Parent Reps: Ariana Marbley, Tara Preston, Jemisse Hurd – No updates.

Junior Parent Reps: Betzy Lesser, Lolo O’Keefe, Winn Acle, Patricia Pon – No updates.

Senior Parent Reps: Michelle Anderson, Jen Accardo – No updates.

Carondelet High School Representative: Gwenn Ertoz -

Golf Classic is coming up on Monday 4/27.

The largest Parents’ Guild meeting is coming up on Thursday 4/16 at the iCenter where there will be a panel of Senior girls who share their experience at Carondelet and how they’ve come together as a community.

There was a Joint Parent Coffee with Carondelet’s Parents Guild and the De La Salle Parent Association on Friday, March 20th at Koin Coffee which had a good turnout and was a nice

opportunity to meet new people and visit with each other. There was a suggestion that we could have more joint coffees in the future.

Hospitality: Winn Acle, Joni Dupont, Jody Muñoz, Patricia Pon, Jill Steele, Jemisse Hurd, Ariana Marbley – The next event is the Freshman Welcome Night, Monday May 4, and the volunteer sign up genius will be sent out soon.

Special Events: Noel Hughes, Angelica Nathan, Patricia Pon, Lolo O’Keefe, Valerie Wright, Shirley Valero, Rena Cota, Anna Febiana – Teacher Appreciation Week starts on Monday, May 4, and there are two events - a Cinco De Mayo lunch on Tuesday May 5, and a Lunch Box event on Thursday May 7, where an email goes out to the whole school to give parents an opportunity to donate to buy a lunch box for each of the teachers and staff, which we will then serve.

Community Outreach: Angelica Nathan, Ariana Marbley, Tara Preston, Jemisse Hurd – No more Parent coffees are scheduled for this school year..

Crab Feed: Patricia Pon, Betzy Lesser, Tavoria Wilson-Morton – No updates.

Dad’s Club: Alex Esparza, Michael Nathan, David Brumley, Nic Anca, Larry Morton Jr, Jesse Tamplen – No updates.

Miscellaneous: *Auction Dessert Dash* - please sign up if you can as there are still desserts needed for the auction night. The auction is on May 2nd.

Parent Association Auction Gift Basket - A QR code for donations for the Parent Association gift basket for the De La Salle Auction is available, and the community is encouraged to participate in the auction gift.

Spartan Updates: Spencer Shively, Vice President of Mission and Student Life

- Quad Hockey - Ongoing
- Winton Arts Show - This Week
- Kairos 161 - Departs 4/15
- Sophomore Jr Ring Meeting - 4/15
- National Signing Day #4 - 4/15
- Little Shop of Horrors - Opens 4/16
- Blood Drive - 4/21
- House Games / Rally - 4/24
- NHS Induction Ceremony - 4/28
- Spring Band Performance - 4/30

- Recognition Assembly - 5/1
- College Decision Day - 5/1
- De La Salle Auction - 5/2
- Welcome Night - 5/4
- AP Exams - 5/4
- Grad Practice - 5/6 and 5/8
- Volunteer Reception - 5/7
- Senior Send Off - 5/8

Reminders:

- Next PA meeting is Monday, May 11, 2026

Closing Prayer: Gwenn Ertoz

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.