

**Henry E. Lackey High School
P.T.S.O. Meeting
Tuesday, December 18 at 6 p.m.**

Attendees: Principal Curry D. Werkheiser, Richard (Rick) Samara, Cathy J. Richards, Cindy Hancock, George Thomas, Tanta Thomas (student), Dena Bohannon, Martin Allen, Chardonnay Glenn (student).

Call to Order at 6:00 p.m.

- I. Welcome and Attendance – Rick Samara.**
- II. Principal’s report - Mr. Curry D. Werkheiser**

AYP Recognition: Recently, the Maryland State Department of Education invited Mr. Werkheiser to Baltimore and recognized H.E. Lackey and five other Maryland high schools for achieving AYP.

Tardiness and class cutting policy update: A recent outside business visitor commented that she has not seen hallways in a single school as safe and organized as Lackey’s. Class cutting, tardiness, and other behavioral issues have decreased.

Personal Recognition: The following teachers and students have recently been recognized by the Charles County, Board of Education:

- Sandra Hamke - Science teacher
- Larry Holmes - Student with exceptional achievements
- Glenn Jones – H.E. Lackey, Vice Principal, taught for 25 years and is a member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

The Charger Chronicle: Our school newsletter is being sent electronically (e-mail) and by regular mail. Parents were asked if anyone had difficulties opening the .pdf file. No problems were reported. A planned upgrade will include Honor Roll recognition for those achieving a grade point average of 3.0 or greater.

S.A.T. Update: The school set out to improve last year’s overall scores. Our latest report shows that by implementing some positive measures, scores have increased by 30 to 40 points without changing the size of the test taking pool.

Additional Classrooms: We have been granted additional classrooms. They will be in the form of modular units in front of the

school (where they were previously located at the top of the hill between the school and Chicamuxen Road). These are scheduled to arrive in the spring.

Guidance Office: We were granted an additional guidance counselor who will be arriving this month. This will make a total of five counselors.

Town Meetings: We will be arranging town meetings in addition to the PTSO meetings. We established a tentative date of Tuesday, January 22nd. This is subject to change (It may be January 30, 2008) Last year we blanketed the community with flyers and did not have strong attendance to those meetings:

Since there was no turnout at the community centers, consider holding the town meetings at the feeder schools (Matthew Henson and General Smallwood). We will talk about the positive programs at H.E. Lackey: Engineering, Business, Teaching, and AP Programs. It would be beneficial if several parents would volunteer to speak about their children's positive experiences at Lackey.

We are considering something to encourage parents to attend (raffle, food, Starbucks coupon). Open item for next meeting.

III. Charles County Sheriff's Teen Court Program - Rick Samara

Teen Court is a voluntary program, which allows juvenile misdemeanor offenders to resolve their offenses through community service and involvement in the judicial process. Based on the facts presented in court, the jury members decide on a disposition within the guidelines provided to them.

Teen Court is a "hands on" educational opportunity, which allows teen offenders and teen volunteers to better understand our system of justice. Upon successful completion of the Teen Court disposition, the charges will not be recorded with the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services.

For more information, visit www.ccteencourt.org

Parents and students may also want to visit the website National Youth Court program at www.youthcourt.net

Note: This is another excellent way for students to "get involved" in their community, make a positive contribution, broaden their overall skills, and help build their academic résumé.

IV. Open Items-Rick Samara

A. Fundraising Goals

1. Goal Options:

First fundraiser will be for:

- PTSO Academic Scholarship
- Maryland Leadership Workshop (MLW):

For more information visit www.mlw.org. The MLW helps students create an academic résumé by building leadership skills. We would raise money and a third party or group would determine who would receive the award.

B. Fundraising Methods

1. The following fundraising methods were discussed:

- Scrapbook Crop
 - Purpose: Scholarship and other academic endeavors.
 - Target number of participants: 30-40
- 2. Tentative date: Saturday, March 8
- 3. Time: 10 am to 6 pm
- 4. Place: H.E Lackey cafeteria.
- 5. Food: Potluck.
- 6. Volunteers: Needed for set up, host event and clean-up. Future Educators of America may possibly assist. Could break up volunteer hours into two shifts (10 am to 2 pm and 2 pm to 6 pm).
- 7. Tentative Fee: \$30.
- 8. Advertising: Sign at Mason Springs intersection (consider asking Art Department to assist), Lackey marquee; Maryland Independent; Charger Chronicle
- 9. Door Prizes: Consider advertising in Charger Chronicle that we are looking for donations
- 10. Laptops: It would be nice if we could have a couple of laptops for scrap bookers to print out text.
- 11. Additional Planning: Need to hold a special scrapbooking meeting to plan.

(For more information on our Scrapbook Crop, please contact Dena Bohannon at Dena.Bohannon@Finnegan.com)

2. The following items were tabled for later discussion:

- Target Credit Card
- Lackey Alumni Board
- 50/50 Raffle
- Captured Moments

There being no other items of business, the PTSO adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Next meeting – Tuesday, January 15, 2008 @ 6:00 p.m. in the school's media center. There is no other school sponsored event scheduled on this evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Hancock
Recording Secretary
Henry E. Lackey High School
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