

# **Lancaster High School New Mascot Process and Information:**

## **LHS Organizational Committee:**

This Committee is comprised of 21 students at Lancaster High School who were selected and invited to participate by the LHS Student Union Officers based on two components: inclusion of all groups/grade levels within the building and past demonstrations of commitment/reliability. Eventually, the Committee will be expanded to include leaders from the Lancaster Middle School and William Street School. For the most part the students who were invited held an identified leadership position within the building. The justification for this was to utilize the existing leaders within the building as a way of accomplishing our aggressive timeline for the process. The Organizational Committee will meet every Friday at 7AM until the process is complete to update sub-committees on progress and challenges. The Organizational Committee will be chaired by Ethan Bruening (Student Union President) and Jacob Doyle (Student Union Recording Secretary) will serve as the Secretary for the committee.

## **Organization Committee Members:**

Seniors: Ethan Bruening, Gabby Farace, Nicole Bless, Jake Doyle, Danielle Giroux, Brooke Tryjankowski, Lauren Budzich, Claire Emerson, Dan Emerson, Emily Koepfel

Juniors: Kristen Bull, Gabby Folsom, Anna Donnelly, Dana Porzio, Taylor Szczepankiewicz

Sophomores: Connor Carrow, Patrick Uhteg, Katy Jargiello, Emily Kerl

Freshman: Devan Delaney, Alivia Wagner

## **Organizational Committee Goal:**

The Organizational Committee will design and run a process within the High School and the Middle School that will offer the opportunity for every student in grades 7-12 to be able to submit a potential new mascot/logo for Lancaster High School. The Organizational Committee will **not** be choosing the new mascot/logo but will be responsible for creating the process that will include every student in grades 4-12 in its selection. The process will include several (2 anticipated) rounds of entire student population voting on the mascot/logo. Our goal is for the process to be complete (new mascot and logo selected) by June 24, 2015.

## **Process and Timeline (as of April 23, 2015):**

On Friday, March 20, 2015 the Student Union Officers met with Dr. Vallely, Mr. Marchioli, and Mr. Skowron to present their initial plan and ideas for the process of selecting a new mascot and logo for the High School. On March 25, 2015 each student who was identified by the Student Union Officers as a potential member of the committee was sent a letter giving them basic information of what their role would be in the process and included a commitment form. This form was due in early April. All 21 invitees accepted the opportunity to participate.

On Wednesday, April 15, 2015 the first meeting of the Organizational Committee was held in room 242 after school (see agenda). The Organizational Committee will oversee 4 Sub-Committees (High School Process, Middle School Process, Retirement/Unveiling Ceremony, and Communications). The sub-committees will create all parts necessary for accomplishing their sub-committee goals.

### **Timeline:**

April 23- Application Process (begins with video announcements @ LMS - 3rd period video presentation @ LHS) coupled with nickname/logo application distributed to every student in HS & MS.

May 1 – All Applications due by 2:45 PM

May 5,6,7 – Display of submissions (all LHS and LMS) and “First Round Vote” at LMS Top 5 highest vote applications as counted by a machine scored scantron (bubble sheet).

May 8 – Display of submissions (all LHS and LMS) and “First Round Vote” at LHS. All student ballots will be counted by a machine scored scantron (bubble sheet) to get the Top 5 submissions.

May 8-20 – Professional development of Top 5 submissions from “First Round Votes”

May 26 – Display of professional renderings of Top 5 submissions at LHS, LMS, and WSS.

May 27- Final vote of Top 5 submissions. This will take place at LHS, LMS, and WSS and with student representatives from the elementary schools. All student ballots counted by a machine scored scantron (bubble sheet).

May 28- (If needed - less than 100 votes between Top 2 submissions) Run Off Vote between Top 2 submissions (based on May 27 vote). This will take place at LHS, LMS, and WSS and with student Representatives from the Elementary schools.

May 28 – Organizational Committee meets with Dr. Valley to present student selected new nickname and logo as counted by machine scored scantron (bubble sheet).

June 8 – Board of Education Meeting presentation of new LHS mascot/logo. BOE votes to approve (tentative date)

June 15 – Official Retirement/Unveiling Ceremony at LHS (tentative date)

## **Sub Committee Goals:**

### **High School Process Sub Committee:**

- Create mascot/logo application process (in conjunction with Middle School S-C)
- Create application (in conjunction with Middle School S-C)
- Run application process in every English class in the building
- Collect all mascot/logo applications
- Display all applications on a specific date
- Run one day vote based on all “first round” applications
- Have Top 5 “first round” application winners professionally developed
- Run one day “second round” vote to arrive at the Top 5 choices for the High School and WSS
- Hold Run Off Vote (if necessary)
- Constantly communicate all plans with the Communications S-C
- Will meet every Tuesday @ 6:45 AM (until project is complete) in room 242

### **Middle School Process Sub Committee:**

- Create mascot/logo application process (in conjunction with High School S-C)
- Create application (in conjunction with High School S-C)
- Run application process in every English class in the building
- Collect all mascot/logo applications
- Display all applications on a specific date
- Run one day vote based on all “first round” applications
- Have Top 5 “first round” application winners professionally developed
- Run one day “second round” vote to arrive at the Top 5 choices for the High School and WSS
- Hold Run Off Vote (if necessary)
- Constantly communicate all plans with the Communications S-C
- Will meet every Tuesday @ 6:45 AM (until project is complete) in room 242
- Will meet with Middle School Committee to include them throughout the process
- Will meet with William Street Committee to include them throughout the process

### **Retirement/Unveiling Ceremony Sub Committee:**

- Create and run a ceremony in the Lancaster High School Auditorium (?) to retire the Redskin mascot and unveil the newly selected mascot/logo for Lancaster High School
- Create agenda/order of events for this ceremony
- Create and send out invitations for ceremony
- Constantly communicate all plans with the Communications S-C
- Will meet every Wednesday @ 6:45 AM (until project is complete) in room 242
- Create and run presentation at the June 8 BOE meeting presenting new mascot/logo

### **Communications Sub-Committee:**

- Responsible for all in-school announcements within both the High School and Middle School
- Responsible for creating and updating the Lancaster School Website with the process of selection of LHS's new mascot/logo
- Responsible for informing all faculty and staff at the William Street School, Middle School and High School as to how this process will work and potential dates for voting.
- Responsible for all communications with any local media
- Will create timelines for each building outlining the process
- Will meet every Thursday @ 6:45 AM (until project is complete) in room 242