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Golden Lance Winners Honored

The Board of Education recognized this year's Golden Lance Award honorees at their May meeting and thanked all volunteers who share their time with LPHS programs throughout the year.

Four individuals were recognized as Volunteer of the Year:

- **Andy DiBasilio** for his service as a volunteer coach for LPHS football;
- **Brian Elliott** for his work as a volunteer wrestling coach for the past nine years;
- **Donna Fiedler** for her work as President of the LPHS Booster Club;
- **Mindy Golden** for her dedication to LPHS for over 10 years, holding leadership positions with LPPE and assisting with the swim team.

Three individuals were named Friend of Lake Park:

- **John Binneboese and The Itasca Bank & Trust Company** for his work as President of the LPHS Educational Foundation and financial support of the Distinguished Citizens Program for the past ten years;

- **Richard Gulbrandsen & the Glen Ellyn Jazz Ensemble** for organizing the music for the soloists and the band and providing LPHS with 50 charts over the years, valued at \$15,000;
- **Joe Kean of Friendly Ford** for his job shadow program and for allowing the Booster Club to purchase a 2007 Ford Mustang at a greatly reduced price so that funds could be raised via raffle tickets sales, thus benefiting 1,500 students.

Two couples were named Distinguished Citizens:

- **Charissa and Mike Hannigan** for their dedication to a variety of LPHS programs. Charissa is President of LPPE and Mike is Marketing/Webmaster Director for the Boosters. They have taken thousands of photos for the football, wrestling and boys gymnastics teams and created CD's for families.
- **Chris and Ben Pyzdrowski** for their work with the band auxiliary and spearheading the organization's massive volunteer involvement at last summer's PGA in Medinah. Both served as trip chaperones, making each band trip a safe and enjoyable one for all of the band members.

Board Reviews Student Achievement Results

Associate Superintendent Lynne Panega presented student achievement results of the 2006 Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE), a required test for all students during their junior year. Mrs. Panega reported that as a result of *No Child Left Behind* (NCLB) expectations, Lake Park is currently one of five districts in DuPage County in Corrective Action status, meaning students did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for four consecutive years.

Panega noted that there are currently four student subgroups identified at Lake Park: white, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander, and IEP. Students within the IEP subgroup did not make AYP 2002-2005 but did in 2006, however students within the Hispanic subgroup did not make AYP in 2006. She stressed an overall concern for all students to make AYP. NCLB targets for AYP increase each year, culminating in 2014 when 100% of students are expected to achieve AYP.

Panega explained six possible options for corrective action mandated by NCLB:

- Replace school staff relevant to the failure;
- Institute and implement a new curriculum;
- Significantly reduce a school's autonomy and transfer decision-making authority to the central office (possibly an over-site panel);
- Appoint outside experts to advise the school;
- Extend school year or school day;
- Restructure internal organization of the school.

She indicated that Option 2 is being looked at for raising reading scores and Option 4 is being looked at for raising math scores.

Panega reported that many school improvement initiatives are being utilized to help strengthen teacher ownership in student achievement.

School Improvement Initiatives Presented

LPHS's School Improvement Plan for 2006-2008 is based on results of the 2006 PSAE and includes a variety of student, professional development, and parent involvement strategies, including:

- Curriculum mapping
- Math curriculum reform
- Co-teaching
- Paralleling regular education and special education
- Teacher evaluation using the Danielson Framework
- CRISS
- Site visits to other high schools
- Learning Resource Center
- English curriculum renewal and development
- Minority Achievement Task Force
- Lancer University - Professional development
- SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, results oriented, timely) goals
- SMART schedule to support teacher collaboration

SMART Schedule Begins Fall 2007

Lynne Panega recommended the implementation of a monthly SMART schedule for school improvement purposes, effective with the 2007-2008 school year. The schedule provides staff with 90 minutes eight times per year for teacher collaboration focused on improved teaching and learning. The schedule is based on 35 minute classes.

A key element of schools that function effectively as professional learning communities is regularly

scheduled time for teacher collaboration. The implementation of the SMART schedule for school improvement purposes will provide time for teachers to engage in meaningful discussions that result in specific plans for increasing student achievement.

The proposal establishes guidelines, outcomes, and expectations for a monthly reduced schedule which supports the implementation of SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, results oriented, timely) goals.

Meetings will occur on the first Wednesday of each month, except December. All staff are expected to be involved in the team meetings. Athletics and activities will begin after 2:30 p.m. at WC and 3:00 p.m. at EC.

The committee was co-chaired by Lynne Panega and Chris Roll. Other committee members included Barb Layer, Kris Frandson, Tim Noverini, Kara Roll, Carolyn Roys, Jim Salter, and Ed Wardzala.

Board Member Resigns

Katherine Wienberg resigned her seat on the LPHS Board, effective May 14. In submitting her resignation, she thanked the Lake Park community, staff and school board members for giving her the opportunity to share the vision of success for Lake Park High School.

Wienberg said, "Lake Park is moving from a great high school to an excellent high school. I regret that I will not be here to be a part of this transformation, but look forward to hearing about the successes."

Board President Barbara Layer thanked Wienberg for her service to the community, stating, "Kathy will be truly missed. For ten years, she has displayed her visionary leadership skills, especially in education. She brought ideas that focused on student

achievement. Her high degree of warmth and genuine caring about the Lake Park community was infectious."

Wienberg was first elected to the Board in 1997. She served as secretary and vice president during her tenure on the Board. She was re-elected in April 2005 to a four-year term.

Wienberg is a teacher with Schaumburg School District 54 and will be retiring at the end of the school year and moving out of the district.

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2007 - 2008 Officers Elected

The Board of Education recently elected its officers, whose terms will run through April 2008: President - Barbara Layer; Vice President - Bob Marino; and Secretary - Judith Briggs.

The other board members are P. J. Olzen, Patricia Szerlong, and Martin Tasch.

The dates for the 2007-2008 Board meetings are: May 21, June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24, October 22, November 26 and December 17, 2007; January 28, February 25, March 17, April 28, May 19, June 23, July 28 and August 25, 2008 in the EC Community Room.