

LPA Board Meeting

Attendance:

Bill Stoddart, Trista Jones, Kerry Williams, Johnna Visser, Crystal Warden

Discussion Topics:

Carnival: March 1st

-We are in need of parents on the floors, can class liaisons help find willing parents? We also need an overall supervisor of the event- is Holly Crane interested?

-Mary Cota is overseeing the whole function but needs help- she lost her MSU connection so we need to see if anyone can help in that area. Typically players have staffed each booth.

-We will have an "information" booth set up and will be selling rely local cards as well as playhouse raffle tickets. Kerry and Crystal will staff the table. Crystal also has another person helping (Playhouse tickets)

-Bill is going to make signs for the info desk with arrows pointing the way.

Play House:

-Johnna is finding volunteers to help staff the mall- Longfellow was given March 10th and 11th but one of those days was supposed to go to Chief Joseph. We are waiting to hear back from Mary Jo.

Book Cart:

-Trista had 2 invoices, one for \$3000.00 and the other for \$4000.00. The \$3000.00 invoice was offset by a Spark Grant. Ok to pay

Software for iPads:

-We need to purchase additional software for the iPads and have about \$3500.00 to spend after we have paid for everything else. This still leaves \$7000.00 in reserves.

Wetlands:

-Board approved to fund \$1000.00 for the Wetlands Festival

Farm to School:

-There has been no further discussion since Kerry's email. They did ask Trista for a check to reimburse printing. She did issue one but used their funds. We still need to figure out if they are an advocacy group or not. We discussed having them come up with a proposal to the board for what support they would like to see.

Money:

-need to post pone this discussion until March. We either need to extend our meeting or meet at a different time. We don't seem to have enough time to cover this.

LPA Meeting, February 13, 2013

Attendance:

Longfellow: Crystal Warden, Bill Stoddart, Trista Jones, Johnna Visser, Kerry Williams, Megan and Ben Wells, Ian Anderson, Annie Sites, Kathy Steele, Meghan Lenz, **Stewart Mitchell (Longfellow parent Representative)**, Beth Antonopulos, Randy Walthall, Michelle Varda, Andrew Varda, Paul Grisby, Clarissa Gentry, Myriah Marsh, Anna G, Kristin Taylor, Shockley, Betsy Garrignes, Rob Funderburk, Jennie Lee (lives in Hawthorne boundary)

Irving: Lei Anna Bertelsen, Taylor Longsdale, Elizabeth Williamson (Also a board member)

Morning Star: Sarah Bothner, Tom Gibson, Jamie Heard

Whittier: Peter Andrews

Also in attendance representing the School District: Alysha Jenatta- Longfellow Liason, Rob Watson- Superintendent, Wendy Tage-Trustee, Heide Arneson- School Board, Denise Hayman- School Board

Presentation:

Boundary Realignment- Given by Steve Johnson (Deputy Superintendent)

Bozeman School District is currently under construction for Elementary 8. It is located on the corner of Flanders Mill and Durston. They purchased 40 acres- only 10 acres are needed for an elementary school but the intent is to build a middle school there when both middle schools reach capacity in 3-4 years.

NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE- THIS IS A PROPOSAL ONLY

Boundary maps and options can be found at bsd7.org

To date, three options have been proposed. Options 1 and 3 would affect Longfellow boundaries while option 2 leaves Longfellow's boundaries unchanged.

Elementary boundaries will take effect in the fall of 2014- Students would be allowed to attend their current school for 2013/14 if their current school is in their attendance area. THERE WILL BE NO PREFERENCE GIVEN TO SIBLINGS WHO ARE NOT ENROLLED PRIOR TO 2014.

Middle School boundaries will take effect in the fall of 2013. Students who are currently enrolled will be allowed to stay in their existing school and students who are not yet enrolled should honor the new boundaries and attend their attendance area school.

Grandfathering: *"Conditional Grandfathering"* If a child has been placed in a non-boundary school, that child would be allowed to stay in their non-boundary school provided they are not taking the space of a child who is in boundary. Priority has been given to 5th grade students and they will be allowed to stay in their current school.

LONGFELLOW CHANGES:

Longfellow currently has 300 K-5 students that live in the boundary area and there are approximately 37 students attending who are out of boundary students. This school is at functional capacity with about 326 students attending during the 2012-2013 school year. The "tech lab" is located in a corner of a hallway, the gym serves as a cafeteria, and there is very little handicapped accessibility.

OPTION ONE: (Splits Emily Dickinson and Hyalite)

- The west boundary would change from 4th street to Wilson and would include Painted Hills and possible arrow leaf
- East of Sourdough would attend Irving (students are currently in Morning Star Boundary)
- North of Goldenstein would attend Morning Star

OPTION TWO:

- No changes would be made to Longfellow's current boundaries

OPTION 3:

- The west boundary would change from 4th street to Wilson

WHITTIER AND HAWTHORNE HAVE NOT BEEN AFFECTED YET

Also in attendance was Taylor Lonsdale. Taylor is the Safe Routes to School Coordinator for the state of Montana. He spoke a little bit in regards to transportation efficiency as well as equity. Those are two factors that the committee looked at when drawing new boundary lines. Reduced and free lunch eligibility was considered as to distribute the number of students eligible equally amongst the schools.

This was an emotionally charged meeting with parents from different area schools in attendance. There were a lot of arguments against the proposed boundary changes and concerns about what happens to the community Longfellow has created. Great suggestions were passed on such as creating a "standard" boundary that is unchangeable and guaranteed with more flexible outlying areas. Steve Johnson said many suggestions were given in every meeting and all were taken under careful consideration, however, due to growth it would be nearly impossible to draw boundaries that keep everyone happy.

ATTENDANCE AREA BOUNDARIES WILL BE DECIDED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD AT THEIR MARCH 4TH MEETING IN THE WILLSON AUDITORIUM.