

LPA Board Meeting

Attendance: Kerry Williams, Trista Jones, Crystal Warden

Discussion Topics:

- 1) Trista received a call from Harvest Montana inquiring about participation in the fall
- 2) Looked over treasurer report. We have approx. \$ 4900.00 plus our reserve
- 3) Clarrissa asked Kerry if LPA would buy her a new pair of boots for playground use- NO
- 4) Kerry is going to schedule a board retreat so we can discuss all issues and line things up for next year- 2 hour block in April
- 5) Kristin Taylor stopped by to let us know she is happy to coordinate the artist fundraiser, however, she will be gone for 4 months in the fall so will not be here to man the actual event.

Do we still want to do the fundraiser?
- 6) Carnival brought in \$2240.61- we have been averaging about \$2000.00 each year
- 7) Spirit items... we need to get rid of them- probably will have to take the loss
- 8) Kerry went over agenda items for the LPA meeting
 - a. Laci Lake- safe routes to school
 - b. Randy Walthall- building update
 - c. Myriah Marsh- farm to school
 - d. Suzanne (MSU student) discussing school lunch reform program
- 9) F2S said they would be happy and feel supported with \$60.00 each year
 - a. Should we give them \$60.00 now and \$60.00 in the fall? No strong feelings either way
 - b. Can they open their own checking account under LPA? Trista and Kerry are checking into
- 10) How effective are our parent liaisons in the classrooms? How do we make them more effective?

Attendance: Beth Antonapulos, Myriah Marsh, Sarah Carothers, Kristin Taylor, Laci Lake, Suzanne Hotchkiss, Kerry Williams, Trista Jones, Crystal Warden, Randy Walthall

Introductions:

Presentations:

New reform of school lunch program Suzanne- MSU

She is doing her research project on School Lunch reform and needed to get parents opinions. Most of us agreed that we hadn't noticed any significant changes as those present almost always pack their kids a lunch.

Suzanne explained that the reform is an effort to fight childhood obesity- is it the parents responsibility or the schools?

She mentioned that they put a cap on calories for all meals as well as eliminated trans-fat. Beth stated that the only difference she has seen is smaller portions but then kids were going back for seconds anyway.

Randy stated that Longfellow as a whole has a very low participation rate for the hot lunch program.

Safe Routes to School- Laci Lake

This is a state wide program based out of Bozeman.

She would like to hold an event one day per month this spring that has a corresponding theme.

(Example: MSU day where football players are on the playground when kids arrive)

Scheduled dates are 4/3, 5/8/, 6/5- they need parent volunteers to help out with a walking school bus in various locations as well as distributing coffee, apples, and prizes for the kids.

Laci will be calling the buses to have them drop kids off at Bogart- parent volunteers will walk the kids to school from there. Also, need volunteers to meet at Southside, Christie Fields, and Langhor's for a walking bus. Beth Antonopulus has volunteered for South Side and Myriah Marsh has volunteered to cover Langhor's.

She is hoping to continue to find ways to improve safe access to school

Farm to School- Myriah Marsh

This year's farm to school week is happening around Earth Day and the theme is "Bees". They would like to provide the K-2nd grade classes with smoothies and 3rd-5th grade with honey. They need volunteers to help in the classrooms as well as with the garden boxes. In the past, they have brought in animals for students to check out at recess.

Next meeting is March 21st in the library at 8:30 a.m.

*Screen free week is April 29th - May 5th

Misc. items- Randy Walthall

They are close to finalizing the blue prints for the upcoming renovation. You can stop by the office if you are interested in taking a look. There is also an older version located in the teachers' Lounge.

Renovations are on a two year timeline.

- Pulling steam boiler, putting in new floor- this will be the location for the music room
- Library will be walled off- two entrances, shelves will move in 2'
- basement classrooms will remain
- Crawford's classroom will have about ¼ captured to accommodate for lost space
- bathrooms will go in by the gym
- adding an elevator
- office will move to Harsted's room
- build out 5th grade classroom and boys bathroom over Cota's room
- speech and counseling will be built out over current office
- safety upgrade with entrances will happen
- over the gym will be built out to accommodate for new mechanics

CRT testing is finishing up- Make=ups happened March 20th. There is a new 5th grade student who is required to take the tests Monday and Tuesday of his first week. Testing closes Tuesday March 26th.

He will revisit common core and state requirements at a later date