

LPA Board Minutes 11.14.12

In attendance – Trista Jones, Bill Stoddart

****No action was taken as there was no quorum**

Fundraiser – Confirmed amounts raised from various events

1. Direct Donations - \$4500
2. Simple Gifts - \$2500 (net)
3. Artists' Bazaar - \$4500

There is approximately \$7200 in carryover funds from last year's fundraiser, along with another \$7k in savings. We agreed that we should spend last year's carryover to honor parents' commitments to help enrich their children's educational experience.

Treasurer succession

Confirmed that there is a possible interested party

Boundary realignment committee

Trista offered to be part of that committee

Newsletter is to go out on Nov. 30th

Info due by Tuesday of that week to get out in time for printers (Bill will take care of this)

Spirit Items

Not enough time to get them done by holidays

We should just have one logo that will represent Longfellow and only do shirts/hats, etc with that logo instead of trying to do a different one each year per Trista's experience

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In Attendance:

Trista Jones, Bill Stoddart, Beth Antonopulos, Crystal Warden, Kristin Taylor, Myriah Marsh, Amanda Miller, Kristen Wolf, Jenna Lenz, Randy Walthall

Introductions

Mr. Walthall's Presentation

Mr. Walthall shared the presentation he gave to the School Board last week, providing an update on specific educational goals and outcomes at Longfellow.

While there was a great deal of detail in the presentation, a clear and concise program of goals-based learning continues to be developed and Longfellow teachers and staff have demonstrated success with the instructional plans they have implemented. We are working to help prepare students for the real world through lessons and activities that engage them and that apply directly to the world around them.

There are few areas of concern as a very small number of 3 – 5th grade students who reported not liking school and who felt they had been bullied; however, Mr. Walthall recognized these issues and is committed to seeing them resolved.

We also learned that Longfellow volunteers logged over 30 hours per classroom in the month of October, not including efforts related to the Fall Fundraiser or Run for Reading. As always, there is the constant challenge of balancing the needs of all children with the resources we have available.

And last, Mr Walthall started a blog and is working on sending out e-blasts to parents to help keep them abreast of upcoming events and activities and to share any pertinent announcements.

Fundraiser Update

Through our three events, we raised over \$11,000 – thank you to all those who helped. And we need someone to head up the fall fundraiser in years to come as Kristin Taylor’s last year is next year.

We’re still looking for a Secretary . . . :)

Thanks-4-Giving

Thanks 4 Giving is going on as we speak. Please take donations to the Willson School and stop by from 9 – 3 on Saturday and 9 – 1 on Sunday. Also, do we want to take lost and found items to Thanks-4-Giving? Not this year.

Missoula Children’s Theater

Apparently, during this year’s MCT event, there was a lot of messing around on behalf of the students, with little supervision provided by the two MCT staff. As a result, one student who was disobeying instructions was injured on the playground. Discussion centered on making sure there is adequate supervision at next year’s event as was confirmed by Mr Walthall.

Playhouse Raffle

If we want to participate, we need to sell tickets. Everyone who participates gets an equal amount. We need to contact Crystal Warden from SWMBIA or MaryJo O'Donnell at Bozeman Schools Foundation by Christmas break if we want to participate.