

Board Meeting

In Attendance:

Kerry Williams, Bill Stoddart, Johnna Visser, Crystal Warden

Discussion Topics:

1) IPAD Proposal:

-We were working on a proposal to get I Pad's into every classroom at Longfellow. A very generous person donated I Pad's to the school so the proposal is no longer necessary.

2) Christmas Program:

-Every year we struggle getting enough volunteers to decorate the stage at the Wilson. Due to time constraints, we only have a couple of hours before and after to accomplish this task. Johnna suggested we contact Cashman's to see about Poinsettias. Her thought was to pre-sell them to parents and the night of the program parents can pick them up after the performance. Cashman's would deliver to the Wilson and the Poinsettias would line the front of the stage as decorations.

-Johnna will talk to MS. D about it as well as contact Cashman's to see what type of deal they can offer.

-A table will be set up in the foyer of the Wilson to sell "Longfellow" gear. We currently have a lot of water bottles, bags, and stickers to get rid of. We are looking into what our actual costs were for these products so we can at least break even.

-Mark (Rely Local) will also be at the table selling Rely Local cards. These cards offer discounts at local business around our community. He has agreed to sell them to us at 50% off.

3) Mackenzie River Pizza Night:

Last year, Longfellow participated in the Mackenzie River Pizza night and a portion of the sales went back to the school. It was held on a Monday night which seemed to work well. Bill will call and get more information for us to consider again.

4) Spring Carnival:

- We will be selling tickets for SWMBIA's Play Houses on Parade fundraiser. Proceeds go to the Bozeman Schools Foundation and funds are equally distributed amongst participating schools. Crystal is taking care of ticket sales during the carnival. Mary Jo with the Foundation should be setting up a calendar for volunteer sign-ups to sell tickets at the mall. Johnna is going to help coordinate parent volunteers to coordinate this. We need to verify time commitments.

-We would also like to have Rely Local cards available for purchase at the carnival.
Kerry is going to coordinate with Mark and see if it's possible.

5) Face book page for PACS:

-We need to discuss in further detail whether we would like to set up a face book account or not. Some schools have them and others don't. What are the pros and cons? We would have to put an administrator on it so we can control what gets posted.

LPA Meeting

In Attendance:

Bill Stoddart, Kerry Williams, Johnna Visser, Crystal Warden, Randy Walthall, Myriah Marsh, Kristen ND Wolf, Megan Higgs, Christine Shaw, Holly Crane, Wendy Morical, Craig Lee

Introductions

Presentation:

The PEAKS Program (Gifted Education) given by Wendy Morical - coordinator

The Peaks program is a program that has been put into place to identify those students who excel in a particular academic area and then provide support to the student to further enhance their ability. This program allows parents, teachers, and students to make necessary adjustments to the learner's education by allowing variances from standard classroom learning. Common core might not be challenging enough for these students so teachers and administrators work to identify those children and create a curriculum specifically for that child. Students go through a variety of benchmark testing so they can be identified and paired with like minded students.

The Peaks program offers support to the teachers by offering programs outside of the normal classroom. Some of these programs include: Word Masters, Destination Imagination, and Continental Math League. Many schools are implementing PDR (plan, do, review) within their classrooms. This allows students to plan their own project, execute the project, and review what the project entailed and how they went about completing it.

Wendy stressed the importance of the PEAKS program within the Bozeman School district and was very clear that there is not a lot of money in the budget for it. The PEAKS Program provides funds and materials as well as training when requested.

If parents have questions they should contact their child's teacher first. The teacher can get others involved if necessary in order to individualize learning.

If you have further questions or comments, feel free to contact Wendy directly. Her contact information is as follows:

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Childcare CO-OP:

Kristen suggested Longfellow parents create a childcare CO-OP so volunteer hours are more obtainable for parents with small children. The basic concept is that parents would be matched within each classroom and would swap childcare so more parents could volunteer. She is creating a flyer to send home in Friday Folders. We also discussed putting it in the newsletter although Kerry's concern is that it may be overlooked.

Next Meeting:

January 16th