

Longfellow Parent Association (LPA) Meeting
November 12th, 2013, 11:00am
Longfellow School Library

Members Present: Bill Stoddart (co-chair), Charlie West (treasurer), Stephanie McDowell (secretary),
Johnna Visser (co-chair), Jenna Lenz (volunteer coordinator)

Members Elected: *none*

Members Absent: *none*

- Charlie brought budget totals to date after the Holiday Bazaar. We've raising \$6000 of our \$13,000 annual general fund goal. (This doesn't include Run for Reading.)
- We discussed how to increase donations and fundraising:
 - Pie chart or thermometer to show fundraising totals in the newsletter.
 - Donate now button on the website that takes you to a PayPal LPA page.
 - Signature buttons with Donate Now (or Support Longfellow!) for LPA and teachers. (Ask Randy how he feels about staff using this in signatures.)
- Holiday Concert:
 - Decorations – no one has volunteered to decorate. Decided to sell poinsettias to decorate the stage. Stephanie will call around and see where we can get them without a pre-order (fronting money).
 - We'll need 300 poinsettia order forms to go in the Friday folder ASAP.
 - We should have a credit card machine at an LPA table at the Holiday Concert on 12-16-13.
- Fundraising Email Appeal:
 - Email appeal to Randy, teacher, parent liaisons to request donations for LPA.
 - Promote all support goes to the school b/c LPA has 0% overhead (run by volunteers.)
 - Use pictures to illustrate what we need. (pie charts, thermometers, etc.)
 - Still missing some Parent Liaisons for a couple classrooms. Johnna has ideas of who to ask.
- Mr. Walthall Updates:
 - Good news: 8 iPads were donated to the school by a parent this year.
 - Mr. Walthall will get us the teacher proposals ASAP.
 - Mr. Walthall has a meeting to learn about how to run the website on 11-20-13. If LPA has updates, we need to get them to him by then.
 - Teachers want electronic t-shirts order forms. Mr. Walthall will get it to them.
 - There is yearbook money \$100 left from last year. We'll hold onto it for this year's yearbook.
- Johnna is still looking for lunchroom volunteers. She'll reach out to a couple more volunteers.
- **ACTION:** Motion by adjourn at 12pm by Bill. 2nd by Charlie. **PASSED.** Minutes by Stephanie McDowell, Secretary.

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- Present:

- Principal Randy Walthall randy.walthall@bsd7.org
- Bill Stoddart bill@northforkfinancial.com 579-0334
- Stephanie McDowell stephgmcdowell@hotmail.com 585-0942
- Jenna Lenz jruss314@yahoo.com
- Johnna Visser johnna@qwestoffice.net
- Holly Crane hcrane@bozeman.net
- Heather Drake heather@mac.com
- Kate Burnaby Wright kbwmontana@gmail.com
- Josh Smith yosh.smith@gmail.com

- Mr. Walthall presented on the school academic results and achievements that he presented to the superintendent's office this year.
 - Presented method of differentiated instruction within the new Common Core curriculum.
 - Personalized instruction for each child's level rather than a single lesson for the entire class regardless of their level.
 - Many parents recognized this as a significant departure from when they were in school.
- Longfellow School (in standardizing testing of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades) scores above the district and state on the CRT Math, Reading, and Science scores.
- The 2013 CRT test will be the last for the State of Montana.
- This year, we'll move to the Smarter Balance test for the State of Montana as a pilot or next year. (The 2013 CRT will be federally reported for this spring 1214 testing. Smarter Balance will be used for reporting Spring 2015.)
- 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades took CRT tests.
- 2nd (possibly), 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades will take Smarter Balance.
- Adjourned 1:15pm, minutes by Stephanie McDowell, secretary.