

Longfellow Parent Association (LPA) Council Meeting

October 12, 2016 12noon – 1pm

Longfellow Conference Room

Members Present: Michelle Risho (co-chair), Stephanie McDowell (secretary), Jenna Lenz (Volunteer Coordinator)

Staff Present: Principal McClellan

Guests: Tanya Smith, Monkia Johnson, Alyssa Smith, Amy Higman, Tanya Hauwiller. Kate Wright, Ephie Risho, Claire Eldridge, Becky Hodgson, Jen Murgatroy, Betsy Gurrigues, Sharon Glick, Amber Campbell, Christine Hodgeson, Marie McSpadden

- Marisa Bueno will be voted in as co-chair via email.
- R4LF: Parks and Rec may not want us on the park lawn in the snow. We will know by this afternoon. Donations are at about 20-25% our goal. WE will send a reminder email and then a follow-up email after the event.
- We have some reserves from last year. Some if it is to pay off busing and old bills. We will figure out how much we make and how much we have in reserves and revisit the budget at the next meeting.
- At the next meeting, we will make a decision about the Culligan water and whether to get a water filter for teachers.
- Goals for this year that were discussed with LPA co-chairs and Mr. McClellan:
 - Logo
 - Improved communication
 - Marquee
 - If we do teacher proposals, we need to be able to fund them
 - Community involvement/community building
 - Don't put more on teachers
 - Don't do too much in the evening
 - Teaching parents about parenting skills and providing support
 - Survey Monkey to parents about if we changed LPA meeting to evenings and adding daycare
 - Family dinner or family movie night ideas
 - Teacher support: solid budget for them and idea for teacher SOUP event
 - New STEM curriculum may be coming out through district in a couple years. We may have to fund some of it. We could look at making the current STEM event a fundraiser. Laurie and Matt will do a parent night to answer questions.
- Minutes by Stephanie McDowell, LPA Secretary.

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Longfellow Library

- Members Present: Marisa Bueno (co-chair) Stephanie McDowell (secretary), Natalie McDonald (Treasurer)
- Staff Present: Mr. McClellan, Officer Vandersloot
- Parents Present: Alyssa Smith, Jenn Lammers, Jen Murgatroy, Holly Crane, Courtney Foster

- Introductions from new co-chair and members present.
- R4LF update:
 - The event is organized and ready. We will proceed even with the snow. Discussion of fundraising not picking up. Jen will work with Karen to send an email today to update parents on bringing spare clothes/shoes and making a donation.
 - We'll follow-up with a thank you email and update that donation are still accepted.
 - At the next LPA meeting, we will discuss R4LF and ways to make it better for next year. Jen mentioned that it would be helpful to have a co-chair who could help with the fundraising piece of it.
- Officer Eric Vandersloot talked about the teacher "Run Lock Fight" training.
 - It is 8 hours. There are 4 modules: medical, combat, barricading, and gun take away. Then they run through scenarios. They do the training in the school with the people they work with.
 - The school runs drills about this. They also run drills for fire, earthquake, evacuation, in addition to, lockdown. They talk to the kids about why they are doing the drills and let them ask questions. Then they run a scheduled drill that teachers know about. Then, they run a drill that isn't scheduled.
 - Mr. McClellan asks parents to talk to their kids when they talk about it and ask their kids why? For example, they your child says they would break out a window to get away from someone, ask them why before telling them not to do that. Or a child may say they were taught to run away from the school during some evaluation drills. Ask them why rather than telling them not to do that.
 - Officer Vandersloot is also working with Hawk TV to make videos for elementary kids, middle school kids and high school kids about Run Lock Fight.
- Patrick update: Teacher conferences had 98% attendance.
- Marissa gave an update on LPA goals for the year:
 - Asked for thoughts on moving LPA meetings to the evening. LPA will send a Survey out to find out about morning, daytime or evening meetings.
 - Parents mentioned that it might be helpful to have meeting time alternate each month.
- Minutes by Stephanie McDowell, LPA Secretary.