

Longfellow Middle School PTO Meeting-October 27th, 2014

Attendees: Michelle Edge, Kari Ellison, Jeff Murphy, Jon Baudek, Chip Schreder, Tracy Kayser, Jennifer Poelma, Stephanie Maletz, Heidi Barreyro, Kathy Heiderscheit, Lee Stahl, Katrin Hjaltadottir

Meeting was called to order at 6:30PM

Welcome and Introductions

Secretary's Report – Michelle Edge for Reyne Larson

- Minutes were approved from May 19th, 2014. Approval: 1st=Tracy K, 2nd=Michelle E
- Minutes were approved from Sept 22nd, 2014 as prepared. 1st = Jeff Murphy and 2nd = Kathy H

Treasurer's Report – Kari Ellison

1. Balance as of 10/27/14 = \$22,739.83

Estimated expenses left are \$13,772.34 (Pinnacle/Reading totes)

Pinnacle fundraising concerns:

- ✓ Now require verification of money by PTO or school rep prior to any funds leaving building
- ✓ Strongly suggest having a later second turn-in date with some kind of class totals for students to see fundraising progress during the sale
- ✓ NSF check came in-will verify funds for collection or cancel order
- ✓ Errors need to be resolved/orders aren't shipped yet

Approval of the Treasurer's Report: 1st = Jennifer P 2nd = Heidi B

2. Staff Requests:

Band Lockers = \$5,965 for 5 new storage cabinets/lockers

Move to approve full amount of \$5,965 for 5 storage lockers (2 trombone, French horn, trumpet, and flute/clarinet) by Jeff Murphy, 2nd by Jen P. Motion Approved

3. Known future requests:

8th grade recognition = \$500 for food/decorations (\$375-food and \$125 decorations)

75th Anniversary = \$500 for picture frames

Spring testing breakfast foods: \$1,000

District Wide Parent Committee Report – Tracy Kayser

- No meeting was held in October due to conferences
- Meeting will be held at Longfellow on November 18th (Attendees are by invitation only)
- Tracy K has already offered to bring treats for this meeting

Old Business:

- Reminded everyone that we will need officers for next year
- New website should be launched = not yet happened
- Wendy's fundraiser = LDI is starting this fundraiser
- High Roller/Band Event-Fundraiser = Could band host a fundraiser at High Roller's? Southern Bluffs does this already...usually raises about \$500/time. Part of the admission price goes to the school.
- Box tops will be done by Kathy H and Soup Labels-we will contact Geri Patschull. Milk caps done by Jeff Murphy.

New Business:

- PTO paid for pizza with staff appreciation day for Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Pantry and clothing in Family and Consumer Ed classroom is complete and looks great
- Joys and concerns
 - ❖ Sign Ideas = We recommend a new sign for the gym
Would anyone see a rolling sign on our street? This isn't a high traffic area-would it fit the neighborhood? Would it make more sense to have a scrolling screen in the lunch room/gym?
 - ❖ Bus #52 is working so much better for the transfer from Central to Longfellow. Kids are no longer waiting for long times at Central and they are no longer walking over here. Still some major concerns over bussing in general. Why are students dropped off Central when school doesn't start until after Longfellow on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday? What about the quality of the bus drivers? Should we invite Raymond Burt or Joyce Smalley with First Student to the PTO Meeting? Jen P will follow-up with Joyce.
 - ❖ Bullying = Posters have been taken down from last year. Instead, there is focus on positive behavior and work continues on good and respectful behavior. Longfellow Way slips are being given out for doing what you are supposed to be doing. Anyone could be rewarded for doing anything. Every Friday, Officer T hands out Longfellow School store credit where 10 slips = \$.50 or they can drop them off in the office where the student + friend can go to the front of the lunch line.

Principal/Associate Principal's Report

Jon has requested funds for 8th grade testing treats with the estimated cost of about \$200 max. Tracy K made a motion to approve funding for the 8th grade WKCE testing treats. Jen P 2nd approval.
Motion Approved

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by Kari Ellison

**Our next PTO meeting will be:
Monday, November 24th at 6:30pm in the LMC**