

Longfellow PTA Board
Minutes of Meeting
June 12, 2007

Attendance:

Ed Saperstein, Vincent Lynch, Wilma Bowers, Susan Perla, Sheryl Buford, Olivia Tribble, Rajni Goel, Allan Kim, Meena Krishnan, Shanti de Jongh, Mary Mahoney, Nancy Kiley, Anne Krieg, Sherrie Burson, Sheri Berman, , Marijo Ahlgrimm, Betsy Sigman, Tammie Koenig,

Ed Saperstein, PTA President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on May 16 were reviewed and approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Leslie Johnson was unable to attend, but sent in a Treasurer's Report, which was filed. Ed Saperstein overviewed the Treasurer's report which was distributed in hard copy and summarized income and expenses from July 1, 2006 through June 12, 2007. Given that the end of the school year was approaching, the final projected results of the income and expense categories were reviewed to form an amended budget for the year. Ed also presented the administration's request to use some of the funds to buy some 'instantaneous voting machines' for classroom use in tallying query responses and response rates. The request was approved by the members present.

Principal's Report

Mr. Lynch spoke about the good results that were returning from the recent SOL testing. There were many favorable results including the first time ever that 100% of the students of one particular general education teacher achieved a passing grade – Ms. Postlethwait – 7th grade math. Despite the overall good results, this was the first year under the provisions of No Child Left Behind whereby the hurdle to pass the tests was raised for special education and non-English speaking students. Longfellow's achievements, as with those of many other FCPS schools, were not as good in the scores earned by these student groups and accordingly, the school will now be categorized as a 'failing school' pursuant to the provisions of No Child Left Behind. Further information regarding future plans to address attaining the increasing hurdles will be distributed by FCPS administration.

Mr. Lynch also updated the attendees on the status of the buildout/construction taking place to update some of the boys' bathrooms.

Vice President's Comments

Susan provided an update on activities of the Nominating Committee and the efforts to fill the roles of the PTA Board for the upcoming school year. Susan noted that:

- The Fundraising co-chair indicated she'd no longer be able to take on the role. Therefore, the Nominating Committee would continue searching for a co-chair.
- The Reflections and Langley Liaison positions are still open.

Susan thanked Ed Saperstein for his years of service to the PTA and to Longfellow and presented him with the 'Executive Key' to the newly renovated boys' bathrooms. Ed thanked the PTA for their support and contributions and also recognized Susan Perla for her significant contributions.

President's Report

Outbound and inbound PTA Board members introduced themselves. Ed Saperstein overviewed action items/considerations that needed to be addressed by the new PTA officers/board members before the beginning of the '07/'08 school year. Areas requiring action or planning included:

- Securing an audit of the books for the '06/'07 PTA year
 - (Sheri Burson and Meena Krishnan volunteered to conduct the audit over the summer)
- Planning for the armchair fundraiser correspondence
- Planning for the pre-registration packets
- Coordination and funding of the Student Directory
- Preparing a PTA budget for review and approval by the general membership at the September Back-to-School Nights
- Addressing the funding of the assignment notebooks
 - Booz Allen not likely to continue funding them
- Preparing for the Principal's Welcome Coffee
- Preparing an initial newsletter
- Updating the website
- Coordinating involvement and volunteers for Back-to-School Nights
- Updating the website list for opportunities for student community service credit
 - (Mr. Lynch also indicated that the school board may likely be revamping the community service requirement)
- Plan for events needing to occur in October 2007
 - Teacher appreciation lunch and the distribution of the gratuitous teacher grants
 - High School Options night

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Outbound and inbound Board members met briefly to discuss transition plans.