



Longfellow Middle School PTA
General Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 13th 2019



Call to Order and Welcome

- President Jennifer Von Elm called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
- The new Executive Team introduced themselves
 - Mel Tillotson, VP Programs
 - Karen Leiser, President-Elect
 - Somer Cross, Secretary
 - April Wade Turk, VP Communications
 - Shelly Breslin, VP Fundraising
- President Von Elm announced the dates of the upcoming meetings:
 - October meeting will be Wednesday the 16th at 6:40pm and will be open to both parents and students. Ann Dolin will be giving a presentation on procrastination.
 - November meeting will be on Veterans Day, the 11th at 9:30 am
- There are 2 committee openings - How to Thrive at LMS and to give tours

VP Fundraising

- VP of Fundraising, Shelly Breslin, reported that the fundraising goal of \$55,000 is about 60% to completion. The money goes to teacher appreciation expenses, electronic carts, etc. This year there is a focus on replacing failing smart boards in the classrooms.
- There are business partnership opportunities to give exposure to local businesses and to support the school. Contact Shelly for more details.
- Yogurt sales start on 9/20 and will continue through 11/8. Yogurt will be \$3.

Treasurer Reports

- President Von Elm reported that almost \$32,000 or 60% of the PTA fundraising goal has been raised to date.
- The first big payout for teacher stipends will be in October and is approximately \$17,000.

Program Reports

VP of Programming, Mel Tillotson, reported on hospitality events:

- There have been two events already – Teacher Breakfast before school started and Back to School Night BBQ Dinner
- Reflections will be offered again this year. A few volunteers have signed up, but judges are needed.
- New Parent Coffee will be Monday, October 7th at 9am and will be a round table / open forum style meeting.

Secretary

Secretary, Somer Cross, gave a report on the new on-line directories:

- Paper copies of the directories will not be printed this year.
- Registration in the PTA will give you access

- After the first quarter, only PTA members will have access
- Likely finalized around early November

VP Communications

VP of Communications, April Wade Turk, announced that PTA will post communications through News You Choose Newsletters and Facebook postings.

Community Organizations

- Elizabeth Hale gave a presentation on Safe Community Coalition. The Coalition will be presenting a new documentary called "Like" in October to coordinate with this year's theme of social media awareness. In addition, the Coalition is coordinating with high school kids to give a presentation to 8th graders later in the year regarding what to expect in high school.
- President Von Elm introduced Vance Gore with McSPaCES who was going to be available after the meeting to answer questions.

Votes

- To approve the May Meeting Minutes:
 - MOTION: by Stephanie Anglin and SECOND by Anne Warrell
 - VOTE: carried by voice/hand vote
 - RESOLVED: The September Meeting minutes were approved without modification
- To approve the audit report from 2019/2019:
 - MOTION: Molly Sebastian Kingsley and SECOND: by Elia Ortenberg
 - VOTE: carried by voice/hand vote
 - RESOLVED: The audit report is approved without modification
- To approve the Budget for 2019-2020:
 - MOTION Connie Howell and SECOND by Christina Saxon
 - DISCUSSION: Questions were raised regarding maintenance of new smart boards and descriptions of the two pass through items on the budget. Principal Kihm and President Von Elm responded.
 - VOTE: Carried by voice/hand vote
 - RESOLVED: The budget for 2019-2020 is approved without modification
- To adjourn the meeting
 - MOTION by Anne Warrell and SECOND by Yamina Boukavabila
 - VOTE: Carried by voice vote
 - RESOLVED: The budget for 2019-2020 is approved

Jennifer Von Elm adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.