



Longfellow Middle School PTA  
General Meeting Minutes  
Friday, March 6, 2020



**Call to Order and Welcome**

- President Jennifer Von Elm called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**Votes**

- To approve the January meeting minutes:
  - MOTION: by Kate Carey and SECOND by Lavina Colaco
  - VOTE: Carried by hand vote
  - RESOLVED: The January meeting minutes were approved without modification
- To approve the February meeting minutes:
  - MOTION: by Lavina Colaco and SECOND by Kate Carey
  - VOTE: Carried by hand vote
  - RESOLVED: The February meeting minutes were approved without modification

**President Update**

- **Upcoming Events**
  - The next and final meeting will be on Friday, May 1st.
  - McLean Madness, our 2nd basketball game between Longfellow & Cooper Middle Schools, will be held on Friday, March 20th. Ticket sales are currently ongoing. Pom-poms will be distributed with tickets and each person attending will need a wristband to enter the gym. Doors open at 6pm and the game starts at 6:30pm. There is a need for a few parent volunteers to check in students. The Longfellow community is encouraged to wear blue to show school spirit.
  - Heritage Night will be held on Friday, March 27th. This is a highly attended community event—there were over 500 attendees last year. Parents and students are encouraged to sign up for the talent show and country displays, and also sign up to bring a dish to share. Limited service hours for student are available.
  - “Upstanders,” an anti-bullying movie will be shown on Monday, March 30th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The movie is appropriate for kids 13 years and older. A panel discussion will follow the movie.
  - Other events for March & beyond include the spring fling teach luncheon on Thursday, March 19th. Restaurant night for Chipotle is on Tuesday, March 31st. The 8th grade party is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10th from 7-9:30 p.m.

- **LMSPTA Nominating Committee**

All Executive Board positions have been covered. However, the LMSPTA needs participation on the various committees. The President-Elect, Karen Leiser, is heading up the Nominating Committee. Parents are requested to contact Ms. Leiser if interested in any committee position.

- **School Superintendent and Board Member to Speak at the McLean Community Center**

Dr. Scott Braband, the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Superintendent, and Ms. Elaine Tholen, the Dranesville District Representative on the School Board, will be addressing a community forum at the McLean Community Center on Monday, March 16th. They are encouraging students to ask questions. Ms. Tholen has said that she will come back to Longfellow in April and hold a forum as well.

### **Principal Kihm's School Update**

- The McLean Center for the Arts is exhibiting the school pyramid's artwork. Students have done artwork through their graphic art and other art classes and some have won Golden Key & Silver Key awards.
- Because of Coronavirus concerns, the school administration canceled the China Exchange Program after a meeting with principals in the school pyramid and the School Superintendent. There is a panel of health officials who put together a bulletin that comes into principals from FCPS' Health Department every day at 5pm. Right now, domestic trips are still on. School administration and teachers are encouraging students to wash their hands and use hand sanitizer when necessary. The school is putting information on the news show, have signs in the hallways, and teachers are allowing students to use the bathroom more often if they need to wash their hands.

There was a motion to end the meeting by Shauna Cramer and seconded by Lavina Colaco. The motion was carried by a hand vote.

Jennifer Von Elm adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m., followed by a presentation on "Vaping" made by Ms. Kelly Rankin, Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist for FCPS.