



**Longfellow Middle School PTA  
General Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 16, 2020**



**Call to Order and Welcome**

- President, Karen Leiser, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:33 and introduced the Executive Team.
- She gave an overview of how PTA Meetings will work this year. Each will be approximately 20 minutes in length followed by a guest speaker. The next PTA meetings will generally be the 3rd Wednesday of each month.
- Regarding Webex meetings, to ask a question or raise a concern, please hit the raise hand button or add questions to the Webex chat.
- New water fountains have been added to a few places around the school, due to a grant the PTA received last year.
- Karen gave an overview of 5 questions the PTA asked teachers which confirmed there is still a need for PTA backing this year in both supplies and general support.
- There are still vacancies on the PTA Board this year - President-Elect, VP Programs, Parent Programs Coordinator, and Committee Openings - How To Thrive At LMS and 8th Grade Party. Anyone interested in serving, should contact the executive committee.

**Secretary Report**

- Secretary, Somer Cross, asked if there were any concerns / questions about the meeting minutes from March 6, 2020 that had been emailed out prior to the meeting. Hearing none, there was a request for a motion.
  - MOTION: Hojon Lee Second by Sarra Cho
  - VOTE: Carried by majority by Webex Poll
  - RESOLVED: The March 2020 minutes were approved without modification
- On-line Directories- You will have access until October. Will continue to have access if you join the PTA.

**Treasurer Report**

- Jessica Davis, from the Audit Committee, gave an overview of the Audit Report from 2019-2020. She asked for comments. Seeing no comments or questions, Somer opened polling to the audience.

- MOTION: Tony Jia    Second by Rafay Hassan
- VOTE: Carried unanimously by Webex Poll
- RESOLVED: The 2019-2020 Audit Report was approved
- Kerrie Lineweaver, Treasurer, presented the proposed budget for 2020/2021. There are many zeros for line items this year because the current pandemic situation does not allow the opportunity to do those events in a socially-distant way. We hope that we can renew those items next year.
  - MOTION: Jessica Davis        Second by Barbara Kotschwar
  - VOTE: Carried unanimously by Webex Poll
  - RESOLVED: The 2020-2021 Budget was approved

### **VP Fundraising Report**

- VP of Fundraising, Shelly Breslin, gave an updated report on the Support Excellence Campaign and asked participants to join the PTA. She explained the benefits of Business Partnerships and reminded people of Domino's Pizza night fundraiser was that night. There will be another fundraiser in October with Chipotle.
- The PTA has already distributed Welcome Back goodie bags for teachers with white boards and other supplies that were well received.

### **VP Programs**

- As this position is currently vacant, President Leiser gave an overview of programs. Reflections will be offered again this year. We will be hosting a virtual New Parent Coffee soon.
- On October 7<sup>th</sup>, the PTA will screen - The Upstanders - anti-bullying movie event for parents and students – online. More details to follow

### **Communications**

- The VP of Communications, April Wade, explained that members can stay updated with PTA events through News You Choose for Newsletters- Check your spam/promotions box if not receiving them – and Facebook.

### **Meeting Conclusion and Guest Speakers**

- Principal Patrick gave a positive report about the first few weeks of school. There had been some concern about whether students will be using cameras and that will be gradually phased in by individual teachers. If there are any technical problems, first check emails from teachers. Monday attendance is

asynchronous but needs to have a student check in with their Lancer time teacher. If someone is going to be absent, the attendance line is open as last year, and parents should leave the full name and student ID number if possible.

- Somer Cross called for a vote to end the meeting:
  - MOTION: Connie Howell Second Lavina Colaco
  - VOTE: Carried by majority by Webex Poll
  - Resolved: The meeting ended approximately 8:34
- After the meeting, Marissa Brooks, Director of Student Services, and Riley Barrows, After School Specialist were available to discuss the start of the year and answer questions.