



LONGFELLOW PTA

Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2009 – 7:00 pm

Call to Order/Welcome – Julie Fuller

Introduction of Dr. Chuck Baker (interim superintendent for District 200) by Mrs. Thornburg

Dr. Baker introduced himself. He has been with the district for 37 years. The position he has assumed is a temporary one...9 months. He has been on the job for 6 days and is trying to visit every school in the district.

He has 3 three main topics to help 'fix' the problems within District 200.

1. The budget needs to be addressed. The Board of Education is in agreement with his assessment. There needs to be a clear and concise plan of attack with this issue, especially since a 'referendum' will not be happening at this time due to the economy. He will seek the input of the teachers and the parents about this issue. The teacher's contracts are also up this year.
2. The level of technology within District 200 is way below other districts in IL. He would like to see technology become a main issue for the future of the district. As a PTA, we can move forward gaining more technology for our particular school. Do NOT wait for the district to supply the equipment due to lack of money.
3. Create a smooth transition for the next Superintendent.

The everyday areas of the job as superintendent will continue as always, but that is what he would like to accomplish.

President's Report– Julie Fuller

- Halloween parties are this Friday, Oct. 30th.
- Book Fair is next week along with parent/teacher conferences
 - The PTA is providing food for next Thursday night during the teacher's free time during the conferences.
- November 11th is Veteran's Day and the PTA will provide goodies for the Veterans.
- November 12th is the next Cook's Night Off at Genghis Grill. We made \$220 from honey and made no money from Egg'Lectic. The December CNO is at Chili's for the entire week of December 10th.

Secretary's Report—Nancy Gambaiani (filling in for Kristy Lucas)

Minutes from September 15th meeting were presented and approved.

Georgia Prendiville motioned for approval of the minutes and Nancy Gambaiani seconded the motion.

Vice President's Update—Nancy Gambaiani

- Longfellow Line went out. Thank you to Julie Spotts and Chris Cannova for putting it together. Thank you to Janice Zeuch for creating the cover.
- The CapriSun brigade brought in \$11.74 so far.

Treasurer's Report—Jill Cankar

- We made \$4000 from the Innisbrook gift wrap sale. We are down \$2000 from our projected budget.

- We made \$155 from the Macy's Shop for a Cause Day.
- We need to have 'new' ideas for making money.

School Update—Dianne Thornburg

- We had language counts and we now have 20 different languages spoken here at Longfellow with 76 students speaking those languages...some being fluent in both languages.
- We have a technology committee with Mrs. Macy, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Slates, Ms. Hettlinger, Mrs. Anderson, and Mrs. Sapone. They meet every Tuesday morning to address our technology needs at Longfellow. We have budgeted \$4000 for technology this year and we received another \$1000 from the Fun Run.
- The flu epidemic is being watched by the Dupage Health Dept., and they continue to update us. You may go to the website for more information regarding this matter. Our cleaning protocols are up to date and we continue to thoroughly clean the rooms where there are a lot of kids out with illnesses.

Second Vice President's Report—Bonnie Parisek and John Scheidt

- Thank you for the classroom enhancement money.
- Thanks to the Longfellow Angels for the extra Halloween costumes. There is a definite need for these in this school.

Committee Reports

Longfellow Angels-Michelle Rollins

- Costumes being given out on October 28th and a last chance before the parade.
- The Thanksgiving food drive begins next week, which will help 10-12 families in our Longfellow community. Any extra food from this drive will go to the Christmas sharing project in December.

Chess Club-Eleanor Richards and Anne Wakeman

30-35 families are involved and it is well received. They have hired a professional to help reach the chess game to all. The families involved gave extra money to pay for the pro.

Book Fair-Jill Cankar

Set up is on Monday morning and the teachers will have a preview breakfast on that day.

Announcements:

- January 12 PTA meeting will have Kay McKeen from SCARCE as a guest speaker

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Nancy Gambaiani; Michelle Rollins seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned 8:45

In Attendance: Nancy Gambaiani, Julie Fuller, William Edgar, John Scheidt, Michelle Rollins, Esther Harris, Bonnie Parisek, Kate Fleming, Jill Cankar, Ann Wakeman, Joan Fefferman, Georgia Prendiville. Mary Keeney

Submitted by Kristy Lucas, Secretary

Approved: _____

Date: _____