**Longfellow Parent Association (LPA) General Meeting**

September 9th, 2014, 12noon

Longfellow School Library

In attendance: Myriah Marsh and 20 parents

* Mr. Walthall Principal Report:
  + Construction:
    - The 3.1 million dollar renovation is coming along. Construction will continue until mid-Oct. Hopefully we will have a service elevator then.
    - We do not have heat or hot water in building. Please be aware of this and think about sending extra clothes on cooler days.
    - New bike rack on North play ground will probably come next summer.
  + Parent’s Night Thursday:
    - Please enter to Gym on SE side of building. Area near parking lot is still a hard hat area. Same format as usual. Randy and other speakers in Gym at 6:30 pm. Teacher session #1 at 7pm, teacher session #2 at 7:30pm.
  + Playground:
    - We are working with a group from east coast to replace the old parts of the north fort. This was the same group that did the Dinosaur Park.
  + Woodchips:
    - We got new wood chips this fall. There are on the North play ground; there has been some reports of kids having trouble breathing (particularly those with asthma) as the chips are “off gassing”.
  + Blue Ribbon School Award:
    - Last spring Longfellow was nominated for the Blue Ribbon School Award based on results in testing and other variables. Randy will discuss this at the Back to School Night. The schools will be awarded sometime this month.
  + Annual Wetlands Festival will be coming up September - October.
* We are looking for Parent Liaisons in each classroom.
* What would parents of LPA like to seeing/ hear at our meeting this year?
  + Rob Watson from School District
  + Rob Irizarry- He works with computer coding and Access Montana.
  + Shakespeare in the Schools
  + Different committees on which people can volunteer.
  + Kid’s Link and Greater United Way office- after the first of year
  + SMS Middle School
  + Kate Wright- Long history of language in schools and at Longfellow. Trying to offer language before and after school. Will wait until after the first of the year to start offering classes (currently Chinese and Spanish). Call for volunteers.
  + Anna G - Run for Longfellow:
    - Call for volunteers.
    - Call for prizes to be donated.
    - LPA will do $150 to cover expenses.
    - New look this year. 1 major fundraiser
    - October 7th. Will not directly fund library or physical education.
    - May close off street for run, ½ mile for K-2, 1 mile for 3-5
* Adjourned at 12:55pm, minutes by Myriah Marsh, co-chair.