

Lafayette Home and School Association(HSA)

General Meeting Minutes – January 15th, 2015

39 signed in attendees including HSA Board members

1. Meeting opened at 7:00pm by Hope Scheller and Laurie Lindsley. Agenda attached. Minutes from the June 5th, 2014, October 2nd, 2014 and November 20th were distributed and previously posted on the website. Motion to approve – moved by Gayle Moseley and seconded by Kristin Willsey. All in favor – YES – minutes approved.

Important dates on the calendar for the month of January – attached on the agenda. Additional information - Dr. Broquard will host a coffee talk on January 16th at 8:45am. The topic will be how children deal with change focusing on the renovation and the end of the year process moving into swing space. Her focus will be to help the children acclimate to change. She will meet with the children in all grades thru peace class and use grade level appropriate conversations.

2. Beth Taubman presented the actual vs. budget to date. In revenue, the donation/membership line has exceeded budget to date by over \$23,000. The book fair revenue was approximately \$10,000. Currently, there are no unexpected expenses to date.

Question: How do we stand with the collection of the activity fee? Currently, the budget is estimated at \$100 per student per grade to equal 100 per grade at \$10,000.

Answer: The collection rate currently is 90%. In the past, as experience the activity has not been collected at 100%. The activity is not mandatory. The HSA has linked thru room parents for collection and then turned over the collection to the teachers during the Fall parent – teacher conferences. Also there are scholarships available for families to pay the activity fee. Currently, the HSA has awarded ten scholarships and they are always available.

3. The following Budget changes were presented for the 2014 – 2015 budget:
 - a. Add line for the school store in expense; currently there is not a specific line item for expense. The expense line item for the school store will be budgeted at \$1500. In addition, the increase of the school store revenue to \$3000 was presented.

Question: Is the actual revenue is already over the \$3000?

Answer: Yes, the actual revenue for the school at \$5799. Next budget we will have a better estimate for budgeting the school store. Currently, the expense is under the MISC expense line.

Question: Where are the Golden Ls donations?

Answer: Under the membership/dues revenue line item.

Motion to approve budget line changes moved by Jen Lanoff and seconded by Stacy Beck. All in favor – Yes – motion approved.

4. The following HSA By – Law change was presented to the membership: current HSA by laws states that the Secretary shall convene the nominating committee. After discussion at the Board, it was noted that the Secretary position every two years, is up for election and the sitting Secretary might be running for an open Board position. The Board is presenting to have the Immediate Past Co-President convene the nominating committee so that there is not a conflict.

The membership was asked to vote on the following By law change - change the Secretary to Immediate past Co-President or his/her designee shall convene the nominating committee.

Stacy Beck motioned to approve and Keith Jones seconded. All in favor – Yes – Motion passed.

Question: Back to the Budget/Finances – where is the interest? Or are the accounts in interest bearing accounts?

Answer: Yes, all the accounts, money market, checking are in interest bearing accounts. Currently, the interest is small and is not listed on the budget as income. The HSA will add the interest line to report as income.

5. Nominating Committee – According to the bylaws, a nomination committee must be formed of no less than three members to facilitate parents willing to run for Board positions in the Spring. The three members presented to the general membership are Ellen Shurman, Nadia Gold-Moritz and Angela Anderson.

Ellen Shurman has asked to be removed from the Nominating Committee due to her role in the Auction. Dennis Smyth is now added to the nominating committee.

Motion moved by Keith Jones and seconded by Laurel Davis. All in favor – Yes – motion carried.

6. Committee on Education Meet and Greet

Laurie reported that she attended a Meet and Greet at the Wilson Building hosted by David Grosso, Chair of Education Committee. Laure reported that Councilmember Grosso spoke about the following initiatives and issues:

- a. School discipline – ban on suspending Pre K children an update
- b. Increasing attendance and decreasing truancy
- c. Mental Health and behavior
- d. Early education less than 3 years
- e. Community libraries

The results/answers will be presented in January 2015.

Dr. Broquard was unable to attend the January meeting due to illness. However, it was noted that during her coffee talk in December, she discussed Lafayette, testing and current assessments.

Mr. King at this January general meeting reported that the teachers are seeing better seat time or less seat time during the last testing period. He also stated that teachers will review the data in the next two weeks from IReady testing.

The consensus from the meeting was to ask Dr. Broquard to follow-up on the questions presented from the January meeting focusing on monitoring local schools (mentioned) and their respective testing in relation to Lafayette. Parents would like to know about Murch, Janney and Eaton.

Overall, parents are concerned and have questions regarding the unit assessments, are the teachers teaching to the test and how are the teachers reviewing the UAs to see what the kids are grasping and overall understanding? In addition, questions arose about grade testing not standardized testing.

The meeting around at 8:15pm. Stacy Beck motioned to adjourn and Jen Lanoff seconded.

Meeting adjourned. ##

Respectfully submitted,

Janine Finck-Boyle, Secretary