

Boylston Elementary Student Activity Account Requests

Undesignated Funds Reallocation Request:

\$7358.38

This funding is collected each year from rebates from school photos. Instead of securing in an undesignated line, we will secure it in specific student centered clubs/lines. The range of this yearly photo funding is between \$1600-2000 each year. Our plan is to start the new clubs utilizing the redesignated funds to secure our materials that can be reused each year, 23/24 events and pay for this year's advisor stipend. Then in future years splitting the photo rebate equally across student clubs for future funding needs.

Start 2 Clubs:

Comic Book Club \$2000.00 **Current \$0**

Kindness Club \$2000.00 **Current \$0**

Transfer to Existing Accounts:

Garden Club 858.38 (science, life cycle, all grades) **Current \$594.40 = 1452.78**

Student Council 2500.00 (Huge student interest in bringing this back to represent the student body and promote student leaders.) **Current \$728.63 = 3228.63**

Comic Book Club:

Description:

Who would win a disagreement? Batman or Superman?

These are two famous comic book characters that people of all ages love.

Students at BES seem to have a love of reading and writing comic books. Two 4th grade students met with me to ask about starting a comic book club at BES. They wrote up a proposal writing out their plan. These students will attend the 10/10/23 SC meeting to share their request with the committee.

20-25 Students will meet one to two times (TBD) per month to create comic strips and comic books. We will start a 6 week plan, then review to plan for the next group of students in order to allow the opportunity for more students to attend. Students can sign up for this club and we will cap it at 25 students. Parents will need to sign a permission slip and provide transportation home. We will need one to two adults to monitor this group. Through comic books students can discover events, characters, plots, and dialog of the comic book. Who doesn't love learning while doing something they enjoy? Prior to this proposal, \$0 was available.

Materials Needed:

colored pencils, crayons, markers, paint, paper, snacks, school appropriate comic books
The proposed plan is to use the Student Activity Account to help fund the Comic Book Club. We will use some money from our undesignated line and open a Comic Book Club line. We would like to move \$2000 to this line. Money will be used to pay for materials, snacks and a stipend of \$696 for the club advisor.

Costs:

\$350 assorted paper (posters, blank templates, paper, etc.)

\$275 markers, colored pencils, crayons, pencils, etc.

\$200 snacks for students

\$696 stipend club advisor(s)

\$479 preserved in account for comic book shows, fundraisers and extra activities, etc.

Kindness Club

"Being kind is a reward in itself." unknown student

"I have been waiting to join since I was in 1st grade!" anonymous student

Our teachers and team at BES actively promote a culture of kindness that leads to improved friendships and feelings of belonging for all. The Kindness Club allows 4th and 5th grade students to take ownership and leadership roles to promote it with their peers.

On Friday, 10/6/23 sixty 4th and 5th grade students attended the first meeting of the 23/24 school year. This amount in previous years has been 20-25. We had four teacher volunteers. Students take on the role of promoting and spreading kindness at school, at home...everywhere.

Description:

The proposed plan is to use the Student Activity Account to fund the Kindness Club. We will use some money from our undesignated line and open a Kindness Club line. We would like to request to move \$2000 to this line. Money will be used to pay for materials, events, student snacks and a stipend of \$696 for the club advisor(s).

The Kindness Club has been organized and run for 9 years and has a history of providing valuable resources and events for BES students. Mrs. Abella (parent) started it with Patti Inwood. Up until this reallocation request it was run strictly voluntarily by staff. They utilized parent contributions, donations and school supplies to fund their many activities. Parents sign a permission slip and pick up their child(ren) from the event. Prior to this proposal, \$0 was available.

Over the years, they have done many things to promote kindness in school:

kindness rocks

kindness Chain activity

performing 2 student written plays for seniors in Boylston

Sang holiday songs for assisted living facility
Spirit week signs
MCAS signs
K_IND sign
School signs

Monthly Kindness awards are given to students each month to students who exhibit kind acts and words around BES. Each grade level nominates a student. A future plan is to have students nominate acts of kindness they observe. There is a lot of interest in this group and it is growing in numbers. Students have been extremely excited about this group since day one of my start of the school year. *Kindness is contagious.*
Materials Needed: paper, writing utensils, crayons, markers, colored pencils, craft supplies, stipend for club advisors, etc.

Costs:

\$350 assorted paper (posters, pamphlets, art, etc.)
\$275 markers, colored pencils, crayons, paint, brushes, pencils, etc.
\$200 snacks for students
\$696 stipend club advisor(s)
\$479 preserved in account for fundraisers, crafts, extra activities, events, etc.

Garden Club:

Add money from Undesignated Funds to the existing Garden Club. Funds will be used to plant in the student garden beds for science lessons (soil, fertilizer, plants, seeds, bulbs, gardening tools, etc.).

Amount to be transferred: \$858.38 (**existing \$594.40**) = \$1452.78

\$150 Soil

\$40 Fertilizer

\$200 Plants

\$25 Seeds

\$100 Gardening tools

\$937.78 preserved in account for future resources, lessons, expert visitors, and learning

Student Council:

We would like to reorganize the existing Student Council this year. It wasn't used in the past year(s). Students have a great interest in this group.

\$2500.00 (**current \$728.63**) = \$3228.63

Designated money will be used for materials (paper, markers, pencils, poster paper, etc.), to fund events (student events, family events, school wide events) and fundraisers

to be organized by the Council, and a stipend of \$696 for an adult to organize and oversee it (club advisor).

Costs:

\$350 assorted paper (posters, pamphlets, art, etc.)

\$275 markers, colored pencils, crayons, paint, brushes, pencils, etc.

\$200 snacks for students

\$500 student planned event

\$696 stipend club advisor(s)

\$1207.63 preserved in account for fundraisers, student planned events, crafts, extra activities, etc. The students will have a say in organizing and planning these events.