

<p><u>Attending:</u> Rachelle Boulton, Heather Taylor, Jen Christensen, Gina Hirst, Amanda Keller, Heather Taylor (PTA, filling in for Bridget Lee), Amy Johnston, Laura Charchenko</p>	<p><u>Absent:</u> Zhao Ning</p>
<p>AGENDA</p>	<p>NOTES / MINUTES</p>
<p>1) (continued from last month) \$3500 budget overage remains... How should we spend it? Amanda—what requests did you get from teachers/staff?</p> <p><u>Ideas:</u> +Additional technology laptops (instead of desktops) for teachers who are requesting them iPads for Kindergarten or functional skills or older grades For engineering Project Lead the Way, more robotics kits so the groups can reduce in size. +TA salaries</p>	<p>Will carry it over to next year’s budget (Amanda has it earmarked already)</p>
<p>2) Accreditation. Community Council and all school employees needs to know the accreditation goals.</p>	<p>The results from the recent survey were not very helpful. The survey was written weirdly/poorly. But our school’s results came in as “excellent” or “very good.”</p>
<p>3) 1st draft of SIP (School Improvement Plan) for next school year. Need a goal for meeting the district achievement plan.</p>	<p>Amanda Keller passed out tentative SIP for 2019-20. Copies available in office. Explained each goal and proposed action plans.</p>
<p>4) STEM designation for Stewart. Feb visit: how did it go?</p>	<p>State Board, STEM Action Center, after-school program people, etc. visited in Feb. Looking for 21st century skills (collaboration, creativity...), and if possible, integration of STEM into normal class (vs a standalone class). Ideal if STEM integrated into core content. Do students have access to tech? How is it used? Best if not simply sitting at computer.</p> <p>Went VERY well—said they haven’t seen STEM done this effectively in a building this old. At Stewart, it’s integrated so well that kids wouldn’t even know they’re getting STEM work. Additionally, all 5-6th graders do VEX (robotics) in class, plus an after-school club is available.</p> <p>Discussed opportunity of Computer Science Week (every year in Dec) and Engineering Week (Feb) in future years. As for other careers (including parenting) being included, there are parameters that need to be met, but Amanda stated, “if any parent is passionate about something, come talk to me about it [so we can get it included].”</p>
<p>5) Community Council Heather Taylor briefly explained a new parent council opportunity with Safe and Sound Schools.org.</p>	<p>Any parents who are interested in school safety can apply. It’s free. Great resources and training offered to those accepted. Briefly discussed, and PTA rep Heather Taylor says she’ll offer that to parents through the PTA.</p>

<p>6) Adding a HOPE Squad next year could go under the umbrella of Social and Psychological Wellbeing with Team Recess. (Do we need to talk about this more? When?)</p>	<p>See next year's tentative SIP for details. This will be a school-wide initiative. Will need to make sure the divide between this and student council is clear. Teachers gave input. Team Recess is great, but harder for younger grades to manage higher-level stuff, like conflict resolution. May include opportunities for relationship building during school lunch. Focus is on friendship, inclusion, social connection. Most likely, older students guiding younger students.</p>
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AGENDA items for NEXT MONTH:

- Brainstorming STEAMraiser for next year (need to get ahead of the summer for gathering donations)
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