



Wednesday, December 6, 2023  
 Spellman Education Center  
 Meeting Minutes

**A. Call to Order** – President Debi Friedmann called the meeting to order at 11:01 am.

**B. Take Roll**

**Members Present** – Linda Cherashore, Nathan Cooper, David Christopher, Lori Cushman, Elissa Faraglia, Matt Franks, Debi Friedmann, Ellen Gacomis, Beth Hayes, Matt Lagoy, Deb Maccariella, Kelly McCreesh, Lauren Ranalli, Molly Schwemler, John Scully, MaryKate Stepchuk, Maria Stetter, Josh Winter

**Members Absent** – Paul Dougherty, Stacey Fuller, Kevin Myhre, Lindsay Saling, Sumita Suresh

**C. Approval of September 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

**Board Action:** Motion to approve the Sept. 6, 2023 meeting minutes was made by Lori Cushman and seconded by Elissa Faraglia. By voice vote, all present voted “aye”. The motion carried.

**D. Approval of October 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

**Board Action:** Motion to approve the October 11, 2023 meeting minutes was made by Deb Maccariella and seconded by Ellen Gacomis. By voice vote, all present voted “aye”. The motion carried.

**E. Treasurer’s Report & Disbursements Approval** – John Scully reviewed the treasurer’s report. No disbursements were made since our last meeting.

**F. Mini Grant Committee Report – Review and approval of 2023-24 Mini grant disbursement**

Building	Project Title	amount awarded
East Bradford ES	ELD and a Giant Community Connection	\$340
East Goshen ES	Enhancements for Bellingham	\$186
Exton ES	School to Community Raised Bed Project	\$1,054
Fern Hill ES	Non-Permanent Vertical Surfaces for 4th & 5th Grade	\$1,160
Fern Hill ES	PAWS for PBIS at FHE	\$700
Fern Hill ES	Bobcat Backyard Garden	\$2,500
Glen Acres ES	Strawbees STEAM Classroom Robotics - Micro:bits	\$2,195
Glen Acres ES	Build Bins	\$1,001

Building	Project Title	amount awarded
Fugett MS	Fugett Middle School Beautification and iCARE	\$2,500
Peirce MS	Charger's Coffee Cafe	\$900
Peirce MS	Coding Drones with CoDrone Classroom Kits	\$2,500
Stetson MS	Stetson Community Mural	\$1,500
East HS	Brewing Independence: EHS AS Coffee Cart	\$2,155
East HS	Digging Local Clay	\$1,575
East HS	Model UN Philadelphia Conference	\$2,500
East HS	US History: A Look in Real Time	\$2,500
Henderson HS	Unified Track and Field	\$1,000
Henderson HS	BSU National Mall Trip	\$2,500
Rustin HS	Equity through Discovering Student Voice through the Written and Spoken Word	\$1,500
Rustin HS	Rustin Black Student Union- Visit to Historical Black Universities	\$2,500
Rustin HS	Planter Boxes @ RHS Main Entrance	\$1,913
		\$34,679

**Board Action:** Motion to approve the 2023-24 mini grant disbursement was made by Deb Maccariella and seconded by Nate Cooper. By voice vote, all present voted “aye”. The motion carried.

- G. Harlem Wizards Update:** Sponsorship pledges to date: \$7,500. The board wants to send sponsorship opportunity email to local chamber lists. Board member Matt Lagoy agreed to sponsor. Looking for 100% participation by board.
- H. Annual Breakfast:** discussion about location of event. “Meet the new Superintendent” breakfast. Board members will invite sponsors personally. Recruit new local businesses to attend.
- I. Community Enrichment Grants:** no applications to date. Strategic Planning Committee to discuss program. Suggestions: trade or college scholarships.
- J. EITC funding:** Debi Friedmann along with Lauren Ranalli to create a short video with the help of Communications Department to explain the EITC program.
- K. Strategic Planning Committee:** Debi announced the formation of a strategic planning committee. The following people volunteered: David Christopher, Debi Friedmann, John

Scully, Nate Cooper, Lori Cushman, Molly Schwemler. Debi to reach out to volunteers with next steps and meeting dates.

**L. Opportunities/Concerns:** none

**M. Other:**

-Matt Taglang RHS German teacher requested funding for student trips abroad. After discussion, the board determined that this is not something the board can support.

-PFEW update: Nate Cooper, PFEW volunteer gave an update on this program.

**N. Adjourn**

**Board Action:** On motion by Lori Cushman, seconded by Maria Stetter the Board, on voice vote, agreed to adjourn at 11:49 am.

Next meeting is **February 14, 2024**