



November 19, 2024

Attendees: Sarah Sirna, Jeff Gustafson, Nicole Nejezchleba, Ashley Crist, Stephanie Woodstrom, Kristen Coward, Kayla Lande, Laura Richardson, Kali Sundquist, Michele Ewen, Cindy Andress, Kelsey Suardini, Caroline DeLong, Anjuli Glaza, Calida Fuerst, Lisa Murphy-Salvador, Kelly (virtual attendee with no last name showing)

Absent Board Members: Steph Berner, Tara Pitkin, Sarah Wexler

Topic	Discussion Items, Notes and Action Items
Superintendent update (David Law)	<u>District Budget Presentation</u> - Superintendent Law shared the budget update and explained what led to the current deficit. His priorities are to maintain programs and minimize classroom sizes. - The best way to stay informed through the budget process is school board meetings where the budget is discussed. - Key milestones will happen in December and June
President's update (Sarah and Laura)	4th Grade Service Project - Tonka Serves will run the program this year. Students voted to support a program addressing elderly loneliness.
	District Leadership Meeting - A recap of the Dream Makers Gala was shared and regular standing agenda topics were covered. - At the next leadership meeting, Laura will ask about what communication would be helpful to share on our PTO Facebook page.
	Many Hands Many Meals - We have enough interest to add an extra packing station at Thursday's event.
	Timberwolves Family Event - Deadline for purchasing tickets in the Minnewashta family section is Dec 2.
Treasurer update (Kristen)	Monthly Update - <u>October Treasurer Report</u> - <u>Minnewashta Fundraising Statement</u>
	Playground Updates

	- Sarah will add the playground improvement planning effort to the agenda for the next meeting - Caroline will look into details about the shade sail at the outdoor learning center at MCEC. Board will also talk about shade options that Calida has researched
Enrichment updates (Jeff)	<u>November 2024 Requests</u>
	Reading Intervention Team - Mabel Crandell is requesting \$556 from the \$800 budget to renew an IXL license for the fifth graders to use the Spanish language feature within the app. It's currently used for math, but they would like to extend use into language tools to build vocabulary with the 65 fifth grade Spanish students - Motion to approve seconded and carried
	Kindergarten Team - Requesting \$500 for an in-school Science Heroes program that would be used with all Kindergarten students. They will learn about the five senses through this program. - Motion to approve seconded and carried
	Second Grade Team - Requesting for \$571 to have an in-school experience with guides from the Lowry Nature Center to teach the students about maple syrup tapping. This would be tied to Native American History Month - Motion to approve seconded and carried
	Enrichment Feedback Loop - Nicole will draft a short feedback survey to gather feedback from enrichment fund requesters to help us evaluate and prioritize in the future
	Enrichment Communication - Cindy has shared Jeff's video which generated some new requests from staff. Jeff will do another follow up video next month and perhaps another update in January about how many enrichment dollars still need to be spent. - Kayla will include the updates in next newsletter
Event updates (Event chairs)	Minnewashta Gala (Sarah S and Kayla) - Kayla shared plans for an inaugural parents night for building community. Event will be April 11 or 25 at Hazeltine Golf Club and will be open to any parents and caregivers age 21+ - Kayla confirming if April 11 is available. - Tickets will be sold through Zeffy.com. Pricing will start at \$130 for early bird pricing, and will include dinner and initial entry to casino games. If we sell 109 tickets at that price we will break even. - Entertainment will include a DJ, casino dealers, and a raffle drawing. We would also like to have a video playing during the meal that showcases the events and enrichments funded by the PTO.

	- Nicole will double check regulations around non-profit organization running a raffle; Laura will also check with Susie who runs a raffle for Minnetonka baseball - Laura will talk to Becky Ashe about interest in the teacher band performing. - Kayla needs to make a \$3000 deposit to hold the space. Since we do not have a line item in the budget for this event, we will need to approve a motion to move funds into a new line item for this. Classroom Parties (Kelsey Suardini) - Kelsey shared ideas for creating grade-wide themes for class parties that can be reused for that grade the following year. The benefit would be pooling money for supplies and reusing materials to save on costs and waste. - Concerns were shared around taking the creativity element away from the parents who may want to get involved in planning ideas. - We will send communication about an opportunity to collect leftover or reusable supplies for next year's room parents to use for next year's winter parties.
Helpful Documents	- Event Dates - Board Contacts
Topics for Next Month's Meeting	- Playground Updates - Minnewashta Gala Funds Vote