



January 14, 2025

Attendees: Sarah Sirna, Jeff Gustafson, Nicole Nejezchleba, Stephanie Woodstrom, Laura Richardson, Kali Sundquist, Steph Berner, Cindy Andress

Absent Board Members: Sarah Wexler, Ashley Crist, Kristen Coward, Kayla Lande, Tara Pitkin, Calida Fuerst, Michele Ewen

Topic	Discussion Items, Notes and Action Items
Call to order (Sarah)	Celebrations <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Movie night was a success with a large turnout and a lot of great feedback
President's update (Sarah and Laura)	Grandparent donation <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A grandparent made a donation and requested that it be applied specifically to supplies for new teachers setting up their classrooms; their check is being processed; Sarah is writing a thank you note.
Principal's update (Cindy)	Classroom party guidelines <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cindy expressed concern about the increasingly extravagant entertainment and decorations at classroom parties, and discussed equity as an important value in the school.- Cindy plans to establish some gentle guidelines for keeping parties a bit more equitable and more community centered. She will share her message with us and we'll figure out the best way to get the message to room parents.
Treasurer update (Kristen)	<u>December Treasurer Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- One corporate donation is still missing. Steph B is following up.- Cindy suggested that next year we do one staff appreciation week for all staff instead of multiple events throughout the year.- Sarah shared an idea to provide jars that staff can get refilled with flowers at various times during the year. Lisa volunteered to do name labels.- We have a surplus that we need to think about how to spend.
Enrichment update (Jeff and Ashley)	High Potential Group <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Requesting \$67 for a subscription to Time for Kids magazine to help advance Kindergarten and 1st Grade readers.- Motion to approved seconded and carried

	Supply Requests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two recent requests approved: headphones and 5th grade graduation supplies - These requests are approved directly by Jeff, Sarah and Laura and do not require a board vote. - Cindy will remind staff about the supply budget in her next newsletter
	Ideas to Share with Teachers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Morales “adopts” an animal for the kids to journal about. We could suggest this to other classrooms as an idea for spending their funds. - Science Heros: is it appropriate for other grades? - Orbit Earth: this event was very successful so we’d like to explore other content with this organization if they ever create more. - Funding existing field trips: as costs continue increasing, we may need to explore ways to help fund them. - Historical reenactors/history theaters: we’d like to find out if there are any topics that teachers would like to present in new ways - Red Balloon authors - Indoor recess ideas - Animal encounters such as Llamas, mobile petting zoo, RADzoo
	Courtyard Improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Survey is ready to be sent to teachers to get ideas of what they would like - Ideas: all-weather seating that can be left out all year - Nicole is getting a quote from By the Yard and other vendor to understand cost
Event updates (Event chairs)	Dudes and Donuts, January 25 (Steph B and Jeff) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Everything is set for the event; building is ready and a custodian is assigned - Female guardians are welcome even though this is marketed for “dudes”
	Timberwolves, February 1 (Sarah) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board members to email Sarah if you want your child to join the high-five tunnel
	Imagination Fair, February 11 (Sarah, Melanie Winters, Ellen O’Grady) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two parents are planning and organizing this year’s events. - Kali will arrange for Tonka Serves volunteers to help at the event. - There will be a button design contest before the event so that participants can wear them at the event. Sarah, Melanie and Ellen will narrow the options down to the top 10 and the board will vote on the winner
	Book Fair, March 6-7 (Tara) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volunteer signup is live on Membership Toolkit
	Grandfriends Day, April 14 and 21 (Kali) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spanish will be April 14 from 9:30 to 10:30 - English will be April 21 from 9:30 to 10:30

	Parent's Night Out, May 9 (Steph B) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Country Club Lanes will charge \$859 for two hours, which includes bowling - Capacity will be 120; tickets will be sold in advance because we have a limit - Tentative date is May 9 from 7 to 9 - Outreach for food vendors includes Tono, Joey Nova, Taza, MedBox
	Carnival, May (Laura) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laura beginning planning
	Minnewashta Gala (Sarah S and Kayla) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This idea is being put on hold for this year as there isn't enough time to incorporate all the ideas that came up and to pull it off in time.
	Eat the Rainbow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Starting soon on one Tuesday per month
Helpful Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Event Dates - Board Contacts