



April 15, 2025

Attendees: Sarah Sirna, Jeff Gustafson, Nicole Nejezchleba, Stephanie Woodstrom, Laura Richardson, Ashley Crist, Kristen Coward, Kayla Lande, Calida Fuerst, Kali Sundquist, Tara Pitkin, Cindy Address

Absent Board Members: Steph Berner, Michele Ewen

Topic	Discussion Items, Notes and Action Items
Call to order (Sarah)	<p>March meeting minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motion to approve seconded and carried - Stephanie W to post to website
Outdoor project updates (Sarah, et al)	<p>Basketball hoop update (Cindy, Sarah)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Estimate for stationary hoops is \$17k each; adjustable is \$21k each; playground needs 4 replacements - District will likely cover the cost of the pole replacements - PTO will try to replace one this year, and fundraise for the others next year - Cindy will review the trust to see if there are funds there we can use - Cindy will email Jim about a full scope of work and what part of the quote would be the responsibility of PTO versus district - Sarah will research if the Diamond Club might be able to get involved <p>Courtyard update (Calida, Nicole)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Melanie has been gathering teacher input and feedback is positive - Calida is looking for ideas for how to get the mountain top weaving project (tree-wrapping) coordinated; idea to host an activity table at the Carnival to get patches completed that volunteers (potentially Minnewashta Girl Scout troops) can later come in and assemble. - Calida to get an estimate on how much yarn will be needed for the tree. - PTO will earmark \$10k from outdoor improvements fund for artist - Will use \$1000 from the trust to cover the cost of yarn
	<p>Budget update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outdoor project budget is ~\$19k. We spent \$2k so far on the chairs. We will earmark \$10k for the artist which leaves \$7k for the hoops

Enrichments (Jeff, Ashley)	<u>April Requests</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After all the requests below are fulfilled there will be less than \$7k remaining - Suggestion to put any unused funds toward the basketball hoops
	Kindergarten <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asking for \$700 to bring in the Science Crew for an inhouse field trip. This replaces the previous inhouse field trip the PTO funded that didn't go well and is being refunded. - Motion to approve seconded and carried
	High Potential Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asking for \$99 for a subscription to Merge Cube augmented reality - Asking for \$170 for an inhouse field trip with Snapology - Motion to approve seconded and carried
	Reading Specialists/Interventions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asking for ~\$185 for a set of games and visual learning resources - Motion to approve seconded and carried
	STEM Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asking for \$50 for a one-year subscription to Novel Effect app that adds sound effects when someone is reading a book; PTO would like to get feedback on this app before renewing in the future - Asking for ~\$330 for Crazy Fort sets - Motion to approve seconded and carried
	Math Specialists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asking for ~\$875 for guided math kids that would bring the curriculum to life in new ways with hands on tools, games and scaffolding techniques. - Motion to approve seconded and carried
	Speech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asking for \$120 for a CORE board on the playground. It allows dual language learners as well as students in our special programs to be able to better communicate in various areas of the school - Asking for \$284 for a series of 7 books that are written to be able to focus on speech sounds and 3 boxes of articulation materials (visual aids); these are not available in Scholastic. - Motion to approve seconded and carried
	English Literacy Teachers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asking for materials and supplies that would support grades 3-5 (poster boards, pencil boxes, highlighters); English specialists don't have a supply budget but there is plenty budget available for supplies at those three grade levels. Jeff will notify the teachers of this decision. - Motion to approve seconded and carried
	Special Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asking for ~\$206 for sensory supplies, timers, social skills games, etc - Asking for ~\$414 for additional social/emotional support materials for our older students.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motion to approve seconded and carried
	<p>Art</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Melanie has submitted her annual list of supply requests for next year and is requesting \$926 to cover it - Motion to approve seconded and carried
<p>Presidents update (Sarah, Laura)</p>	<p>Music</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mrs Asche also plans to request funds for additional instruments. Asking for ~\$985 for two new xylophones and mallet sets - Motion to approve seconded and carried - NOTE: McPhail Artist in Residence ended up being free due to McPhail donations and grants. Plan was to use funds from the trust but now we don't need to use that money. Feedback from students was very positive and we'd like to book them again next year. <p>Social media event feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First event was held in late March; parent survey showed very positive feedback about doing this with their kids; the presenter did a great job and there is definitely an appetite to continue and expand this. - Sarah will follow up with My Health and ask for continuation of this series for 3rd and 4th graders and for a separate series more appropriate for 5th graders heading to Middle School. - Nicole will also follow up with the middle school principal to see if she or the counselors would be interested in helping us build this series. - Sarah plans to explore Live More Screen Less program with highschool - PTO cannot lead but would support a group of parents working with Community Ed on proposing a book study on Anxious Generation <p>Board slate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still in search of a fundraising chair - Board will vote next month <p>Committee creation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At Kindergarten Information Night and other opportunities through the year for parents to sign up for specific committees
<p>Principal update (Cindy)</p>	<p>Water discoloration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cindy sent an email explaining the rust in the water that is now running clear <p>Grand Friends Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One was yesterday and the other is next week <p>Be Seen Be Heard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sessions are continuing and will hopefully be quarterly next year <p>Peace Site Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Another band will attend this Spring's event to play music from their country; this will be paid for using funds from the trust
<p>Treasurer update</p>	<p>April Update</p>

(Kristen)	
Event update (Event chairs)	Book Fair Update (Tara) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Did about \$16,000 in sales; will get around \$8,000 in Scholastic dollars - Provided some furniture and manipulatives for the SPED room - We continue to stock the library with whatever Mary needs
	Staff Appreciation Week, April 28-May 2
	Parents Night Out, Cancelled <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Due to low sales/interest, recommendation is to cancel the event so we can get feedback and plan a more successful event. - At the Carnival, Laura will set up a table to get feedback and ideas
	Carnival, May 30 (Laura) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laura is on it; all permits are pulled
Other updates	Yearbook <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work has started on class pages - Boarded voted on 5th Grade page designs
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Event Dates - Board Contacts