

Minutes Meeting 10/18/21

Ilana Steel, Tammy Tsikar, Katharina Elbert, Wayne Fitzpatrick, Shara Ertel, Aliison Lopez, Liz Hiser, Teri Ginsburg

Finance review. We are currently just over 48,000 raised to our budget of 65000. Might need to pare back some events. Shara mentioned that she did not feel like there has been too much messaging. Room available for more directed ask. Katharina also made the point that although directed giving is nice, having unrestricted funds is always the best donation.

Action items: Put together email focusing on where your dollars are going. Get distribution date for the directory from Meryl. Message Corporate matching.

Grounds Beautification: Katharina presented that all the plants have been purchased and out into the ground. They have been mulched and are currently waiting on bulbs for the final push to plant. The adopt a plant was very successful, raised 2255 in funds. Committee will use just under half in the fall and more in the spring. In addition, the Divinci Program is starting another Pollinator garden so some of the plant funds will be going to that.

Grants: Liz Hiser presented what the Grants Committee was all about. The 3 days for submissions November 12th, January 28th, April 1. They have already had 4 submissions. The group will meet after November 12th to discuss the proposals.

Hospitality Review: Recap of my meeting with Tamii. Instead of a mix of lunch and breakfast she would like lunches for the half days November 2 Lunch November 2, December 9, Feb 3, May 12 and end of year in June. Shara explained how there previously was a mix of teacher appreciation events that were school-based (e.g., lunches at the beginning and end of year that were primarily catered with narrow community participation) and house-based (i.e., end of terms 1, 2, & 3 breakfasts held in the break rooms of each house which were supplied by donated food with larger parent community participation). The pandemic has made the house-based breakfasts temporarily infeasible we agreed to circle back on the conversation as the year evolves

Action Item: Will let Tamii know about the end of term breakfast in more detail and plan to revisit if restrictions are lifted. In the meantime for the lunches will be doing directed asks: purchase 1, 5 10 meals for the teachers and ability to write Thank You cards that will be placed on the tables.

Another idea that Tamii brought up for around the holidays was pies during Thanksgiving and Cookies/Hot chocolate for the Winter Holiday. Shara came up with the idea of a cookie swap. Homemade individually wrapped cookies for the teachers to give out.

Action Item: Tap people for interest in this committee. Teri said she has extra lanyards for the teachers to give as gifts during the holiday. Circle around to discuss costs

Student Council presentation: Recap of 3 main areas of interest on the committee. SEL, Safety, and Academics. Liz mentioned that Tamii should reach out to Public Safety and transportation for help with that. For the student led initiative on Narrative report cards Shara mentioned Dan Rubin and Kathleen Sabet as resources. Lastly, Teri and Shara inquired as to whether school start times had been brought up as subject. Michelle has said they had not.

Action item: repost school council meeting times and places for public
Circle back with Tamii about how she would like to manage feedback in every area (including school start times)

PTOC recap: Gift giving policies and who should be enforcing/messaging the caps

Review of the minutes for September Meeting. Motion by Michelle Wetlaufer to Approve the minutes from September 28th 2021 board meeting.
Approve: Wayne Fitzpatrick, Second Allison Lopez