

Kids First Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Sunset View Elementary School, 4365 Hill St., San Diego, CA 92107

Board Members:

Present: Valerie Zucker, Katie Rooney, Sheila Thomas, Shelly Foley, Nancy Bergmann, Sara Yamashiro, Kelli Maruccia, Kelly Makley, Dawn O'Donnell, Carrie Gray, Sarah Spear, Ashley McDonald, Leasa Fisher, Jessica Kimball, and Shauna Ferehnacher, Anup Patel (did not vote, left early).

Absent: Spencer Lugash and Kathy Johnson.

Others present: Stephanie Abbott, Shirley Park, Missy Spradling, Joanne Bruskotter, and Kendra Oakes Mueller.

Quorum present: 14, NEED 12, 1 DIRECTOR AT LARGE VOTE

Proceedings: Welcome

- Meeting called to order by Katie Rooney at 6:40 pm.
- Most of the time will be spent on discussing proposals.
- Thank you to everyone who submitted a proposal.
- Please do not get discouraged if it does not go how you intended tonight.
- Thank you to everyone who attends and being involved.

Principal's Report:

- Jamey- no principal report.
- Passed thank you notes from Jog-a-thon around for everyone to enjoy.
 - Jamey will put somewhere where everyone can look at when they have more time.

- Jog-a-thon was such a great and successful day.
- The students and staff really enjoyed the new logo wear.

Kelli Marucci: Fundraising

- **Jog-a-thon:** Kelly read from email from Jill Wyatt.
 - Currently at \$66,000 and still collecting checks.
 - Projecting \$68,000 gross.
 - Last year we made \$49,000, which puts us up about \$10,000 this year.
 - T-Shirts were funded by the sponsors.
 - Pledge to give cost \$1000 and this was our first year using this tool.
 - Really made things easy and seemed to be well worth the money.
- **DDA:**
 - Seems to be moving along but had no new news to report.
 - Upcoming Family Dine Out will be held at Sushi Lounge on Tuesday, February 27th.

Steam: Jessica Kimball & Anup Patel

- Family Science Night March 22
- Anup- Meeting next week, Wednesday the 21st, to discuss details.
 - Please volunteer.
 - Signup Genius will be up soon.
- The Limo ride for the students who raised enough for Jog-a-thon will also be held March 22nd.
 - Discussed changing date so that Jamey could attend but with a full schedule decided to keep all the dates as is.
- Moonlight Madness will be on March 16th.

Treasurer's Report: Shelly (please see attached report)

- A few things in the budget that we have not spent money
 - Library guild - \$4600
 - Jamey- supposed to go to 2nd grade guided reading.
 - School directory

- Playground support
- Garden
- Steam
- Birthday Book Club
- If anyone is currently working on these programs please let us know and please submit expenses ASAP.

Proposals: Shelia Thomas

(* Please see attached breakdown for Kidsfirst Proposal Summary)

- We are so thankful for so many proposals and opportunities for our children.
- \$54,000 is the amount up for discussion tonight.
 - Have to spend all the money this year, before June 30, 2018.
 - Please reach out if you have any additional questions.
 - Based on the proposals received we do not have the dollar amount to cover all proposals so we will vote after hearing discussions on each.
 - If we vote yes to a sum that exceeds this amount we will revisit at that time.
 - If we vote in favor of an amount lower than the \$54,000 the remaining money will rollover and we will discuss that if needed.

1. Julia Cook Children's Books: submitted by Shirley Park

- \$1000 one time expense to buy a set of books for each classroom.
- Proposal Explanation: Keeps every grade consistent in having the same titles while learning appropriate lessons. 20 classrooms est. \$50 per class.
 - Teachers have freedom to use and select books they find fitting.
 - A helpful tool to help start discussion even if the book is targeted to be for younger children.
- Teacher's Vote: 9 no, 6 yes, 1 maybe, 1 I don't care.
- Feedback:
 - Unclear to how many books would each class getting.
 - We already have enough books that cover these topics.
 - Are the books we have out of date?
 - Shari- most of the books they use are timeless so she doesn't think so.

- Do not have enough information about the books to know how valuable they will be.
- Think money could be more beneficial spent elsewhere.
- Jamey's suggestion: to buy set of books for her to go through and explore to see what direction they can be used.
 - No books are currently in the counseling section so that might be a good opportunity for this to be introduced.

2. First Grade Classroom iPads: submitted by Laura Caffo

- \$3,164 one time expense to buy 2 iPads for each 1st Grade Class.
 - 2 for each class, equalling 8 iPads.
- Teacher's Vote: 9 yes, 6 no, 2 maybe.
 - Feedback: Alyssa Goncalves, 1st Grade Teacher- The 1st grade classrooms currently has 4 iPads but that does not seem to be enough, avg. 4 per device. Having 6 would be much better so the students could use them more frequently and more children can engage at the same time. The androids are currently in all the kids hands but not as functional or as user friendly as iPads.
 - Currently students use the iPads for 15 minutes every couple of days.
 - The NO votes said they would rather use money elsewhere and to have students learn current devices.
 - Additional information:
 - Chrome Books- coming before end of year for all grades.
 - Concern: might not be as easy as iPad but we do not know enough about it
 - Will not need to teach children to use iPads because most children already have access at home.
 - iPads receive best service on campus.

3. Brainpop and Brainpop Jr: submitted by Mandy Buss

- \$2,395 one time fee for the yearly subscription.
- Teacher Vote: 15 yes, 2 no, 1 do not care.
 - Brainpop is a website that has all subject areas, in which you get to select your unit/topic.

- Hope to have teachers use as tool to supplement subjects to make more engaging.
- Kids can login independently which is nice or school and home.
- NO votes seemed to be concerned that if they didn't use the tool it would be a waste of money.
- Concerns:
 - Only vote on \$800 today because that is prorated sum for this year?
 - Should we be voting on \$2,395 because that is what would be funded if they do not prorate?
 - Would only have access from March- end of school year?

4. Grade 2-4 Poetry: submitted by Kristen Dennis & Helen LaMadrid

- \$7,200 recurring fee for continuing education with Veronica Cunningham.
 - Same program we had previously, before enrichment, just getting Veronica back in this position.
- Teacher Vote: 12 yes, 4 no, 2 maybe.
 - Helpful for another prospective on writing. She does amazing thing with the children! Kids relate to teacher and she really gets them to blossom.

5. Learning to Read, Reading to Learn: submitted by Nancy Kaase

- \$4,300 one time fee for specific books to teach our students to read.
 - TK & Kinder proposal only!
- Teacher Vote: 17 yes, 1 no.
- Teacher feedback: had similar programs in the past so this would be helpful to bring something similar back. Would provide the tools necessary to better teach the students to read.

6. Kindergarten Playground Update: submitted by Theresa Punzalan

- Proposed \$2350.
- Voting on \$2290.
 - Revised amount because the two umbrella stands and the tarp will be paid for out of the beautification budget.
- Teacher Vote: 18 yes
- Teacher Feedback: All in favor of. They also agree the bikes need love if anyone is willing to help!

***7, 8, & 9 have been removed from the vote because those would be in budget and up to discuss for next year.**

10. Junior Theatre: submitted by Sheila Thomas

- \$560 towards the Junior Theatre After School Program.
- Proposal Explanation: Junior Theater was launched a few weeks ago and the response was much greater than anticipated. This amount would cover the additional students who signed up for the program.
 - \$25 per student.
- Teachers vote: 16 yes, 1 no, 1 blank.

11. School Yearbooks: submitted by Katey Rooney

- \$6,300 one time fee so that all children will receive a free yearbook.
- Teacher Vote: 15 yes, 2 no, 1 blank.
- 79 did not order year books last year.
- Concern- Whale and Poseidon donors get this as a perk for donation but now everyone is receiving for free.
 - Feedback: those donors usually do not care and would make the donation regardless of this.

VOTE REVISION:

- REVISED AMOUNT: \$42,269
 - IF WE APPROVE EVERYTHING

12. Upper Playground Turf & Track: submitted by Corey Brucker

- Proposed Amount: \$96,000 one time fee to revitalize the upper playground.
 - Larger than amount budgeted for Vote tonight.
 - Based on the amount we can only vote on the \$15,000 for the new Asphalt activity area.
 - Because the turf and rubber track go hand in hand we will need to revisit voting on the \$60,000 & \$21,000 at a later date.
 - The possibility of turf would be something we can discuss at a budget meeting to see how it would be built in?
- Teacher Vote: 14 yes, 1 no, 2 maybe, 1 blank.

- Concerns: Everyone would like this improvement, however, they concerned with some of the legal factors and the pricing.
- Will need to go through self help to make sure it is ok with the district standards.
- Would need legal feedback before moving forward.
- VOTE REVISION:
- VOTING ON 12.A \$15,000 for a 5,600 square feet asphalt activity area.

FINAL VOTE:

- REVISED AMOUNT: \$42,269
 - IF WE APPROVE EVERYTHING
- *If there is money left over there could be another proposal.

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VOTE RESULTS: (SEE ATTACHED FOR NUMBER DESCRIPTION)

1. 13 YES, 2 NO
2. 13 YES, 2 NO
3. 12 YES, 3 NO
4. 15 YES, 0 NO
5. 15 YES, 0 NO
6. 15 YES, 0 NO
8. 15 YES, 0 NO
9. 13 YES, 2 NO
- 10A. 14 YES, 1 NO

New Business: Discussion of Proposals not voted on tonight:

9. MIND UP PROGRAM

- Program is taught all over world.
 - 15 lessons
- Mind Up- Researched based lessons offer strategies, build resilience, and help creating life skills.
 - If we can get kids to learn why their brains function as they do it would be a valuable tool.

- Parents would be involved.
 - Mindup teacher will engage and teach parents how to use these tools at home.
 - Will also receive packet with more information.
- Teacher Feedback- Teachers that were hesitant would like more information. Or they believe they are already implementing these strategies.
 - 10-15 minute commitment per day.
 - Goes beyond the classroom.
- Suggestion: Have her come talk to everyone to discuss details.
- Feedback- new generation with new life stress, social media etc, anxiety. Help teach these tools to cope before problems occur.
- Jamey has done informal training in the past and it was very powerful and has been implemented over the last 2 years.
- **Teacher Vote: 15 No, 1 yes, 1 maybe**

8. SPANISH:

- Teacher Feedback: Would not learn enough to be beneficial and the teachers would have to give up that 45 minute time.
- Danielle, exploring adding to enrichment program so it will not take away teachers time.
- **Teacher Vote: 18 no, 0 yes**

7. Summer Writing in NYC- 5 days, 40 hours

- do have some site funds that would cover \$3500? (5 registration fees)
- Ideally would go grade by grade.
 - The shared experience would transfer to their every day better and they could reflect on the experience later.
- Based on whole team availability.
- Registration opens in February.
- Teacher feedback:
 - Concern: funding a teacher and having the teacher leave? Maybe ask how much each teacher would be willing to pay for this?
- Teacher Vote: 12 yes, 4 no, 2 maybe

*Thank you everyone for your time, proposals and votes!!!! :)

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Minutes submitted by Ashley McDonald, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report-Shelly Foley

STEM-Jessica Kimball

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Community Building

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New Business and Motions

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Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at pm.

Minutes submitted by Ashley McDonald, Secretary.

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