

TEP Minutes

11 October 2022/ 6-8 PM/ Room 14

Attendees

Bridget Cook, Peter Samson, Molly Lynn, Lauren Farber, Ceiri Torjussen, Katie Schwipper, Jessica Williamson, Stephanie Polansky, Aaron Zeri, Jenny Atkins, Isabelle Miller, Paul Ferra

Agenda

- **Guest Paul Ferra**
 - Father of alumni, and ex TEP member
 - Founder of Manzanita School
 - Realtor
 - Interested in sponsorship, offering to help with fundraising

- **Budget Overview (Kathleen)**
 - Giving fund at \$60,000 (goal is \$136,000)
 - Butterfly day netted over \$10,000
 - Aides not yet hired, so less money needed overall for this
 - Coyote fun run surpassed \$26,000, will know number this week
 - Banners surpassed \$10,000
 - Around \$350k surplus at Wells Fargo, needs to be moved to money market, CB ASAP

- **Science Committee Update / Budget Request – total \$9,015 (Molly and Jessica)**
 - Garden Bed Revitalization, \$1,010 requested
 - Native Plant Stewardship, \$2,915 requested
 - Description of LAUSD drainage meeting
 - Need for mapping to provide to LAUSD construction
 - Overground instead of underground drains with rain capture irrigation
 - Seeds project, established by Christoff
 - Stargazing / Moon Viewing Event, \$75 requested
 - Curriculum, \$3,864 requested
 - Composting, \$700 requested
 - Nature Journaling, \$381 requested

- Ballona Lagoon Mudflat Experience, \$70 requested
- *Unanimous approval of budget request*

- **VAPA Update / Event Calendar (Stephanie)**

- Students to create signs for nature path and gardens
- Variety Show set for April 16, 2023 at Theatricum
- Gallery Show – Space Art as possible venue, maybe in February
- Karaoke Night – Corazon as possible venue
- Paint and Sip Mommy Night - Need location, Sagebrush Cantina?
- Recess craft table at lower yard

- **Fundraiser Update (Bridget):**

- Sponsorship Banners progressing
- Casino Night - 1/28/23 new date
- First Friday Market raised around \$500

- **Aides Update**

- We are in the Reference Checking stage of interviews

- **Enrichment Update**

- Request for members to check in with teachers and parents to measure satisfaction with Art, Science, Computer, PE

- **Upcoming Events – HALLOWEEN**

- Sponsorship progressing
- Booze donations for pickup downtown, to be dropped at Bridget's
- Scheduling discussion regarding sound curfew at TCC
- Prize discussion regarding upgrading prizes with more tickets at prize booth, ordering prizes

- **Past Events**

- Back to School Picnic
- Beach Clean Up
- Coyote Fun Run

- Pizza party for most laps class
- Over 25k raised

- **Giving Fund Approach Presentation (Isabelle)**

- Parent engagement issue – The Parent Pledge for donating volunteer time
- November data collect, family talent survey
- Post-covid community building, monetize socializing with workshops and small scale events
- Online shop for gift cards for % back from companies (also First Friday Market)
- November Giving Campaign

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM, minutes recorded by Katie Schwipper

Next Meeting: November 8, 2022/ 6-8PM/ Room 14