



TEP Minutes – 12/14/21

Attendees via Zoom:

Bridget Cook, Miria Jo, Kathleen Beegle, Fuji Whittenburg, Hana Elias, Stephanie Polansky, Molly Lynn, Alisa Hill, Kent Hill, Mike Burke, Chris Pernin, Kevin Kasselbaum, & Amy Weisberg

Meeting called to order 6:35pm

Motion & Vote- Approved the November TEP minutes/ All TEP members voted yes

Updates

- Computer Wise Update - They have been unable to find staff so they have refunded our deposit money. Fuji is checking with Planet Bravo and maybe some other companies to see if they have anything available for Technology enrichment. Looking for temporary solutions too (i.e. 4-6 week programs).

Gardening

- Discussion about updating the garden/beautification as a gift from the surplus money from last year. Teaching component will not be included. Amy will consult with the family member from her class about getting an estimate for what is needed and the cost. (Other estimates welcome). Once decided, Amy & Kevin agree to supervise the process via the Safety & Beautification Committee.

Financial update/Budget Stuff

- Giving Fund - we are $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way to our goal, which is better than some years past.
- Budget - on track so far especially since some fundraisers have been pushed until later in the year
- Party Book - it is hard to find host for parties, so Bridget is hosting a few including: 4th grade boys party (will only bring in a small amount), Family Cornhole Tournament scheduled for February 12th at the TCC. Need to add TCC to TEP liability insurance for the party. Kindergarten is having a party in February. Poker Night is scheduled for May for the entire school, hopefully it will be a money maker. Cafe 27 wants us to host a party there, Bridget is looking for a person to host this event.
- Spirit Shack - Spirit Friday is designed to increase community engagement, but spirit shack sales are on track to cover costs spent on new merchandise.

Principal's Updates

- Still need to hire one more aide. Money is already in the budget for this.
- 1st grade teacher interviews begin this week.

Vapa Update

- Variety Show (Stephanie) - Date changed to February 6th. Planning committee has a good handle on everything. Consensus among TEP is to make the focus a fun event over making money.
- Art Show - date unknown, Miria and Stephanie will go to talk with the gallery about setting one.

Science Update

- Science committee has gotten approval from Leadership for Science program proposal including enrichment science teacher and science aide for FOSS kits. There was a long discussion about the language of the proposal and the science enrichment teacher teaching enrichment vs. core science. Questions about whether an extra aide is needed or use of current aides. Kevin will make things clearer with the staff regarding science expectations. The proposal budget is for \$22,000, but the current science budget is already \$20,000 so TEP did not vote. Meeting went over time, so more discussion might be needed via email.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10pm