

## TEP Minutes 5/9/23

Attendance: Kathleen Beegle, Bridget Cook, Molly Davis, Lauren Farber, Danita Menchell, Isabelle Millar, Kelly Rockwell, Pete Sampson, Ceiri Torjussen, Amy Weisberg, Aaron Zeri.

- Budget Update
  - On track to cover recurrent school year expenditures (Kathleen)
  - Kevin did not attend so no school investments “wish list” presented.
  - Amy presented on the LAUSD CAP (cultural arts program) grant used to buy art supplies (for next year) and new sound system for auditorium (and other things too). The next CAP grant for SY23-24 will come in July (this will be much less than the grant this SY).
  - Amy requested \$1,150 for sandbox cover and sand for TK playground. Voted yes (unanimous).
  - Molly is still looking into process/cost etc for refurbishing the middle playground (behind the parking lot) with Kevin and the district (both a full and a smaller upgrade).
  
- Fundraisers/Events Updates
  - Teacher Appreciation week, May 8-12 (Danita): it’s going well.
  - Spell-a-thon, May 12 (Katie/Lauren)
    - Need to add it to the TEP sign.
  - TEP coffee at drop-off, May 17 (Wednesday) (Bridget)
    - Put on TEP sign by Monday.
    - Molly mentioned sending home a letter to parents about TEP in advance of the coffee, but not one yet offered to do this.
    - Bridget to bring sign-up sheets for TEP Board, Science and VAPA.
  - Track and Field Day, June 2 (Pete)
    - Track and Field goes until lunchtime.
    - Pete discussed having more traditional track/field events, in addition to class events/activities (maybe if the class events are not traditional T&F).
    - Bandanas with TECS logo will be handed out.
  - First Friday/Spirit Shack update (Jenny/Katie)
    - Not sure if there will be another. TBC.
  
- VAPA Update
  - In the past, VAPA did several fun events throughout the year. Discussed how to engage more parents to join VAPA for more VAPA activities next year.
  - Ceiri has shifted away from the fully TEP-funded music teacher idea. He has been pursuing shifting the school’s electives choice to have music once-a-week for an entire year which will require some TEP budget.
  
- Science Committee Update (Molly)
  - Tide polling event, May 12 @ Leo Carillo.
  - Science Fair, May 18/19

- Currently only 9 kids signed up.
  - Sign up deadline will be extended from May 11 to May 15.
- Strong support from the science committee to add another hour of Mr. E to schedule for next school year.
- Ms Weisberg will ask at the next staff meeting if teachers would want to double Mr E time and have no tech enrichment next year (which would be a neutral change to time for enrichments).
- 2023/24 planning
  - Before next meeting (June, last meeting): (i) Advertise next board to all of school; Bridget will do (ii) prepare list of nominations for positions (president, secretary, treasurer, controller...)
  - Returners:
    - Yes: Pete, Danita, Aaron, Lauren
    - Maybe: Belle, Molly
    - No: Ceiri, Kelly
  - Discuss nomination/vote process at next (last) TEP Board meeting
  - Decide on date of 1<sup>st</sup> new board meeting: proposed for the week after the last TEP meeting.
  - Before 1<sup>st</sup> new board meeting happens:
    - Tech enrichment alternatives to Planet Bravo: Pete to discuss with Kevin (including possibility of not having any tech support)
    - PE alternatives to YMCA: Kevin is looking into this. Pete will check with Kevin on this.
    - Science: Mr. E: possibility of doubling his science time and not being an aide. Molly will look into it.
    - Check with Ms. Randy about her availability: Pete will follow-up and cc Danita.
  - Future grant writing: Amy recommended that every parent be involved in something (participation leads to higher chances for grants).
  - Friday morning assembly: Kathleen to remind Kevin to promote it to parents. Bridget to have room parents announce it. Hopefully this will engage more parents in general.