

TEP Minutes

12 December 2023/ 6-8 PM/ The Coop at Pine Tree Circle

Attendees

Pete Samson, Vitaliy Farber, Katie Schwipper, Danita Menchell, Christine Nelson, Lara Hogan, Jenny Atkins, Anabelle Munro

Agenda

- **Enrichment Updates (Pete)**

- Idea was brought up at leadership meeting to create a survey for teachers to assess enrichments
 - Katie will put this together with Pete's questions
 - Follow-up conversation to be held afterwards
 - Brief discussion of science/tech vs arts enrichments balance

- **Budget Update (Vitaliy)**

- \$2,000 from Holiday Party
- Annual expenses potentially \$338,200, and as of 12/11/23 we have raised \$178,409
- We may need to cut enrichments next year
- Giving fund at around 60 percent
 - Need to "rebrand" so that people understand this donation is a necessary fee to support our programs
 - Can we change the name of the "giving fund" to something like "Charter Programs Fee"?
 - How to best communicate this. With financial aid option?
- Giving Tuesday raised \$8,000
- Need for Grants
 - Possible incentives
 - Option to hire a professional grant writer
 - Vitaliy will Follow-up with Alyssa and Kent to inquire about the Santa Maria Trails grant from last year, whether that could be available again
- Idea of more custom sales of items
 - Student art gift wrapping
 - Market sale for kids to buy things – Valentine's day?
 - Plan for a holiday market next year, with donated items like the book fair

- **Teacher's Lounge improvements (Lara)**

- Donated furniture
 - Rove Concepts has agreed to donate some various pieces
 - Delivery/pickup needed for January 9
 - Reach out to parents with trucks
 - conference table still needed, as well as microwave, fridge
 - Lara will head a makeover effort, reorganizing layout/storage
 - Need to set up a parent volunteer day for working on this
- **Art Show (Christine)**
 - Christine is organizing, to open on a Wednesday and run through Friday
 - Need to clear auditorium use with FocusFish
 - Option to buy your child's artwork made into mug/tote/cards etc. By order (Annabelle will help set this up)
- **Other Fundraisers**
 - Gala, to be without kids, still need a venue
 - The Old Place?
 - Would have to be on a weekday, minimum for food sales
 - Check on the Mermaid, Freddi to ask.
- **A.O.B**
 - New after school programs will be starting, including a homework group/tutoring, lego club (Bricks for Kids), alternative to Beyond the Bell
 - Decorate for holiday show Thursday morning after drop-off
 - Concern raised that sufficient therapy/emotional support is not available to students
 - LAUSD is meant to provide this, recommendation to reach out to Christine Watts (region west's supervisor)
 - School psychologist is on campus (Tues/Thurs), but parent been told only available to IEP students
 - Can a parent group be started?

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

Next Meeting: 9 January 2024/ 6-8PM