

TEP Minutes

14 December 2022/ 6-8 PM/ room 14, Topanga Elementary Charter School

Bridget Cook, Peter Samson, Katie Schwipper, Aaron Zeri, Isabelle Millar, Kathleen Beegle, Ceiri Torjussen

Agenda

Budget Update

- Teacher requests and improvements, from surplus money
 - \$500 gift card for extra supplies for each class has been well received by teachers
 - Kevin is compiling a list of additional requests to be expected in January
- Giving fund at \$99,284
 - Will discuss ways to motivate more parents to donate at next meeting
 - Reminder in backpack for participation
 - Discussion of reaching out to non-parents
 - Possibility of TEP tip jar at holiday performance 12/16/22, Isabelle will make flyers to distribute
- Reception of LA City Supervisor Science grant of \$3,200
- Reception of Santa Maria Trails grant of \$20,000

Fundraiser Updates

- Spell-a-thon (Need someone)
- Super Bowl Squares (Bridget)
- Spring Gala (Jenny)
- Online Auction (Kathleen)
- Obstacle course fundraiser idea? Bridget sent an email around, has been resent

Upcoming Events

- Casino Night (Bridget) – 1/28/23 at Top O'Topanga ballroom
 - No baby sitter arranged
 - Looking for more raffle items

Misc

- Paul Ferra and idea of legacy committee

- Issue of TEP continuity, discussion of whether someone who isn't a parent might be involved as a controller or consultant
- Class-size reduction teachers – Pete will approach Kevin to see if school funds could cover half of salary as in past years
- Idea of monitor screen instead of bulletin board, at pickup gate
 - Would eliminate need for excessive emails
 - Could show videos and photos of enrichment classes
 - Could sell ad space
 - Aaron will work on pricing this idea out
- Make videos of enrichment classes to raise awareness
- Aaron's idea for investing in a business for passive revenue stream, will bring presentation when ready
- Spanish language classes as an enrichment option
- Music class update from Ceiri

Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM, minutes recorded by Katie Schwipper

Next Meeting: January 10, 2023/ 6-8PM/ Room 14