



TEP Minutes 3/8/22

Attendees - Bridget Cook, Mike Burke, Kathleen Beegle, Fuji Whittenburg, Stephanie Polansky, & Elle Greer

Financial Update - (Kathleen) Based on the projections from the upcoming Coyote Run & Auction we should break even with our budget this year.

Fundraisers -

- Coyote Run - this Friday 3/11, projected income from this event is around \$18,000-\$19,000
- Spell-a-thon- Let's wait to see how much money we raise with the coyote run. Since they are very similar fundraisers, in terms of getting pledges, we might not have to do the spell-a-thon this year if we make enough money from the coyote run.
- Auction-
 - Silent auction - Fuji and Kathleen have been working on it. Donations are coming in. Fuji set up an online app to help collect the donations. Reaching out first to corporate businesses, then will contact the local businesses, and finally they will request donations from parents. Date is to be determined.
 - In-person event - maybe combine with the Poker night scheduled for May 14th? Make it a fun casino themed party. Fuji will talk with Nikki to see if it is possible to host at her house.
 - Class gift baskets & Class art projects - still deciding if we will do these this year. Maybe be a good addition to the in-person event.
- Party Book - Poker night might be combined with an in-person auction event, see above.
- VAPA-
 - Variety Show- Sunday April 3rd. Ticket sales have begun, sold 42 so far, with 300 maximum. Decided to open sales to the public in a week, while reserving a certain number of seats for TECS families. Looking for volunteers!!! Total cost of the event will be \$2100. It has the potential to make \$4000+
 - Art Show - no update, working on variety show first
 - Original Works/Mother's Day Fundraiser - no update
- Business Sponsors - Banners look great! Might add one more real estate banner.

Enrichment Programs Update -

- Computer Wise - no update
- P.E.- New Teacher coming soon. FYI- classroom teachers are always there during P.E.
- Garden Program- Ms. Weisberg & Ms. Welch are trying to get the Whole Foods grant for \$3000 next year to help improve the TECS gardens. They are requesting an additional \$2000 from TEP this year to begin garden improvements now. The gardens are in need of help!

Kathleen proposed a vote to give them \$2000 for garden beautification & Mike 2nd the vote-Fuji added that we make this part of the gift \$ from last year's budget overage. The proposal was voted on by TEP and passed.

Science Committee Update -

- Science Enrichment Teacher search - None of the applicants worked out for various reasons. Trying to recruit for next fall. Also, recommending pursuing enrichment from RCD and science hikes with Dana while searching for an ideal candidate.
- Science Fair - Annual science fair tentative dates are May 9, 11, or 13.
- Hiking Club- weekly hiking club has begun on Fridays at 7:15 from Greenleaf Canyon Rd. hosted by Alisa. All families welcome (2-7 families have attended thus far).
- Weekend hiking & Nature Stewardship Club - Alisa & Kent's family is working with Tali & Chris Whalley and their family to organize a regular schedule for watering the native plants and young oaks growing in the school oak woodlands area. We plan to have 1-2 Saturday morning hikes per month – dates to hike or water coming soon to ParentSquare.
- Science Day- Due to covid and other circumstances there will be no science day this year. Alisa is exploring other options to support Hart St. Elementary (i.e. assisting their school w/butterfly habitat and/or joining in with weekend hikes/nature stewardship)
- Sheila Kuehl funds (\$5,500)- Check is coming this month. Science day will not be possible this year so requesting to the supervisor's office that unspent funds be allocated to support the TECS community Native Pollinator Habitat.
- Update re: damage to oak woodlands- LA county is scheduled to re-evaluate the oak woodland damage (by end of March), and will be proceeding with enforcement process based on the finding during this re-evaluation.

Additional items -

- Need a plan for next year! Aides, enrichment, how to assess enrichment, etc. Mike will reach out to Kevin to plan a separate meeting with interested parties (TEP members) and Kevin to get questions answered and form a plan for the next school year.
- Coffee with the principal - Kathleen will set up a date for this with Kevin
- TEP members next year - we need to start recruiting soon. Maybe a coffee w/TEP to answer questions?

Meeting adjourned - Fuji proposed 8:20pm & Bridget 2nd