

SCCPS BOARD MEETING

April 16, 2018 @ 7:30pm

Walnut Hills High School

Present: John Caliguri, Jessica Cox, Cecelia Goist, Emily Houh, Nadine Monchecourt, Shannon Schaffer, Brian Siekmann

[ACTION ITEMS AND QUESTIONS REQUIRING RESPONSES APPEAR IN RED. Notes taken by Emily Houh.]

Financials

- Profit & Loss Statement (Aug. 2017 through Feb. 2018) and Balance Sheet (as of Feb. 28, 2018) distributed at meeting.
- Discussion of financials:
 - Level of CPS funding each year has been \$142,000 for many years – same level of funding expected for 2018-19 school year.
 - That amount has changed only when other funding has been available (e.g., First Student funding) – to maintain total \$142,000 funding.
 - All students at Rothenberg have dropped out of program – which has impacted salary expenses on current financial statements. [Is this correct? Nadine & Cece, please verify. – EH]
- Discussion of making slight change to tuition rates for **siblings** with regard to **full-year, full-tuition** rates. Currently, full year, full-tuition families pay \$1000/year for first student, and \$900 for siblings. Suggested change:
 - First child - \$1000
 - Child 2 - \$750
 - Child 3+ - \$500

[Please check for error. If no error, does this change require a vote? – EH]
- Discussion of possible changes to overall tuition rates – add a 4th tier in addition to full (currently \$1000/yr), reduced-lunch (\$250/yr), and free-lunch (\$100/yr), which would be between full & reduced-lunch?
 - Determined NOT to attempt this at this time, as it would be a logistical nightmare and also would likely run into District-level barriers, as CPS has no such official designation.

Candy Fundraiser

- WFC candy fundraiser has turned a profit of approximately \$680 thus far. More money to be turned in.
- Many boxes of candy remain to be sold and are being stored at Nadine's and Sands – need to unload these! Encourage families to sell – can use profit to apply toward summer lessons. [Can Vicki send an email about this? – EH]

Discussion of future fundraising

- Transparency of purpose – what would we be fundraising *for*? Specific fundraising goals discussed:
 - General tuition reduction – not viable based on existing tiered tuition structure, as families may/do not want to raise money if benefit does not inure directly to them. Low (to no) priority.
 - **Directed fundraising for Suzuki workshop(s)** – one workshop in Summer of 2019, maybe just before Fall, e.g., a Suzuki “bootcamp”; estimated approximate cost would be \$12,000-15,000. After discussion of whether this would be well attended we decided to keep this on our list of possible fundraising goals.
 - Suggestion to use GoFundMe for this goal – need to check terms and conditions.
 - **Facilitation of individual fundraising, as needed** – provide opportunities and resources to individual students who want and/or need to do fundraising to cover their program-related expenses (tuition, rental, etc.). E.g., make LaRosa’s Buddy cards available, referrals to other types of individual fundraisers. This would require us to identify, choose, and make available such opportunities.
 - *Fundraising for teacher support?* Do teachers need or want this? Sarah G. and Laurie FW should be consulted before further discussion.
- Fundraising SURVEY questions will or may cover:
 - Goals
 - Desirability of workshop
 - Desirability of individual fundraising opportunities
 - Other goals they can suggest?
 - Methods
 - Selling stuff [Given last night’s discussion, should we even include this on the survey? I’m happy to NOT do so. – EH]
 - E.g., garbage bags (Nagel), butter bread (WH), etc.
 - GoFundMe or other similar sites
 - Option to just contribute money, one time or periodically
 - Practice-a-thon
 - Non-profit and/or corporate grant opportunities – contacts among parents?
 - Resource coordinator at Rothenberg (Barb) is looking at available grant opportunities.
 - Other methods they can suggest?
 - WHEN should survey be sent out? After Reds game? Before? **SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE!**
 - [Board members – please feel free to suggestion other categories and/or questions you want to include, or to otherwise suggest changes. – EH]

Reds game on May 22, and Play-In/dress rehearsal on May 11

- 3 volunteers for car storage:
 - Andrew Lehman – 513-265-2670 – confirmed
 - Jessica Cox – [confirmed?]
 - Shannon Schaffer – confirmed
- 2 volunteers to get chairs/children on the field (unless otherwise indicated, confirmation needed):
 - Lawrence - [confirmed?]
 - Christine - [confirmed?]
 - Emily Houh – 513-265-2675 – confirmed
- Suzuki “team” t-shirts for game – Emily & Shannon to make this happen
 - Red t-shirts with Suzuki on back and a number; Suzuki logo on front in corner
 - About 40 students to play
 - **TEACHERS, PLEASE SEND NAMES AND GRADES OF STUDENTS PLAYING AT REDS GAME so we can approximate sizes!**
 - Suggested source: custommake.com
- May 11 dress rehearsal is MANDATORY – 6pm potluck, 7pm Play-In
 - Potluck (Nadine to supply plates, silverware, water, napkins)
 - At JP Parker

Board next year – all present agreed to remain on next year’s Board.

Board Nominations? It was suggested—and subsequently agreed to—to ask parents to volunteer to be “school liaisons” to the Board, rather than “board members,” as the latter can scare people off. Schools to be repped:

- College Hill Fundamental
- Dater Montessori
- Kilgour
- JP Parker
- North Avondale Montessori
- Parker Woods Montessori
- Rothenberg
- Sands (Cox, Houh, Schaffer)
- Woodford Paideia

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