



November 14, 2023

Attendees: Sarah Sirna, Laura Richardson, Stephanie Woodstrom, Tara Pitkin, Michele Ewan, Kayla Lande, Bria Skordahl, Gretchen Padget, Kali Sundquist, Cindy Andress, Kathy Larson, Lisa Murphy-Salvador, Jeff Gustafson

Absent Board Members: Steph Berner, Kristen Coward, Calida Fuerst, Nicole Nejezchleba, Sarah Wexler

Topic (Person Responsible)	Discussion Items and Notes	Action Items
Review of Minutes (Stephanie W)	October 2023 - Motion to approve seconded and carried	
Teacher Presentation (Kathy Larson)	Parenting Podcast - Kathy Larson, 4th grade teacher and certified youth-and-parent life coach, joined the meeting to get feedback on a podcast she is working on focused on parent education	
Treasurer Update (Gretchen; Kristen)	Budget Update - Past month's Income included Boosterthon corporate match money and birthday books - Expenses included staff appreciation lunches, Fall dance costs, and \$200 donation to the district resource night - Gretchen is exploring Venmo for the organization	
Principal Update (Cindy)	Concerns about Class Sizes - Cindy outlined the many considerations for determining class sizes, including classroom space, developmental stages, and curriculum that involves additional teaching support (e.g. 3rd grade Spanish students have an extra teacher in the room when they start learning English). - Minnewashta is on track with class size averages across the other schools in the district; however the district annual report misrepresents the actual	

	<p>size of classes this year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minnewashta has fewer students overall (~916) than we have in years past (previous years have been around 960) - An influx of students to Minnewashta occurred with the housing development at the Minnetonka Country Club. To accommodate, Minnewashta lowered its open enrollment rate. 	
	<p>At-Home Learning Days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At-home learning is unlikely to be implemented for elementary students before a third consecutive day of an emergency closure. 	
<p>President Update (Sarah S; Laura)</p>	<p>District PTO Leadership Meeting Topics Discussed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School Nutrition – PTO leaders received an informative presentation on school nutrition; key takeaways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The nutrition team is proud to work with as many local farmers and suppliers as possible - Suppliers rework the nutritional content of key products to meet school nutrition requirements (so a product is better meeting those nutrition requirements than the same product parents are familiar with buying off the shelf at a grocery store) - Parents should contact Jane Bender in nutritional services with further questions - CASE Committee – The parent legislative action committee is looking for parents interested in joining the committee to go to the capital and share talking points and personal stories with legislators. Anyone interested should contact Patrick Lee-O'Halloran on the school board. 	<p>Cindy to share the idea of featuring this information on the Ahoy Minnetonka podcast.</p>
<p>Enrichment Update (Sarah S; Tara; Jeff)</p>	<p>Enrichment Definition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This topic will be the first and primary topic for the January meeting <p>PE Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Request to use full budget of \$928 plus an additional \$272 in funds for a new set of mats and bumpers to use for hockey and other activities - Motion to approve seconded and carried <p>Third Grade Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The board reviewed new insight about the rationale and benefits of the Rocket Math subscription seats and agreed to revoke 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motion to approve funds seconded and carried 	
Event Updates (Event chairs)	Many Hands Many Meals (Sarah S; Kali) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Both packing time slots full - Still need help with cleanup shift 	
	December Family Service Night (Sarah S; Calida) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scheduled for December 2 - 4th graders chose Poverty as their topic area - 4th graders doing all advertising (posters, etc.) - Event will include stations for blanket making, protein snack making; card making - Tara will also reach out to The Drawer to see if they want to set up a donation box - Laura to help round up donated food and supplies - Sarah S and Gretchen committed to being on site for event - Motion to approve \$1,000 event budget, seconded and carried 	
	Timberwolves (Sarah S) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - February 2 vs Orlando Magic - Ticket link: www.timberwolves.com/groupoffers - Promo code: 2324MINNEWASHTAELEMENTARY - \$35 per ticket, plus free option to take a free throw after the game 	
Topics for Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enrichment definition and funding criteria - Parent-teacher engagement ideas 	
Helpful Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Event Dates - Board Contacts - Room Parent Contacts 	

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October Treasurer Report

November 15, 2023

We started the 2023-2024 school year on 7/1/2023 with \$31,337.77 in our combined checking and savings accounts. As of October 31, 2023, we had a total of \$132,780.87.

Administrative Updates

- Looking into Venmo account for PTO

Program Updates – October Transactions

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Profit and Loss

October 2023

	Total
Income	
Birthday Books Income	\$ 350.00
Book Fair Income	\$ 1,426.23
Corporate Sponsor / Donation Income	\$ 109.00
Fall Boosterthon Income	\$ 96,698.25
Minnetonka Pride Income	\$ 4,965.91
Expenses	
Fall Dance / Social Expense	\$ 262.97
xOther School & Community Expense	\$ 200.00
Volunteer Appreciation	\$ 652.69
Other Fees (RevTrak, Intuit, Sign-up Gen)	\$ 139.10
PTO Administrative Expenses	\$ 286.00

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Balance Sheet

As of October 31, 2023

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Wells Fargo Checking	122,756.51
Wells Fargo Savings	10,024.36
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 132,780.87
Other Current Assets	
Uncategorized Asset	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 0.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 132,780.87
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 132,780.87
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	24,796.87
Retained Earnings	6,579.32
Net Income	101,404.68
Total Equity	\$ 132,780.87
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 132,780.87