

Friends of Weaver  
Minutes for January 14, 2019

Present: Francie Ghose, Laura Hall, Cindy Lee, Abby Harris, Christine Coxhill, Christine Ostrander, Rick Larson, RuthAnn Kurkjin

1. Call to Order and Introductions – Francie

2. Principal's Report

- Request to purchase chairs – folding chairs
  - Racks of chairs with carts for stacking, 36 per cart, proposing 4 carts/racks of chairs.
  - RuthAnn explained that since we do not have event space and the money is raised for technology, it would not be good to use the money for that. The storage space has been squeezed.
  - Francie – we are not in a position to approve this today but we would need a formal proposal of cost and it would be different if it was a proposal for items to be used in the classroom.
  - It is an idea to put chairs and furniture as a fundraising goal. Jackie is the furniture subcommittee chair.
- Data – Funding for teacher technology
  - Classroom desktop windows are no longer supported, they are used for attendance, macbooks are 7 years old and need to be replaced, ELMO dot cameras are outdated and super old, apple TVs are also outdated
    1. Most urgent are the Macbooks – Mr. Larson wants to make this an urgent priority, about \$1500 per Macbook and there are 26 teachers. About 8 teachers do not currently have macbooks
    2. Mr. Larson has about \$14,000 technology budget and replaced a smartboard with the whiteboard and a new projector, and 2 laptops. There could be an increase in costs because of potential construction needed in the media center
    3. Francie proposed using the Ipad buy back money (about \$14,000) to apply to the MacBooks and commit \$30,000 to the rest. Rick Larson has a carryover fund allocation of about \$12,000 (\$11,755.05 this year), which is how much they will get for tech. Rick says it is \$12,007.00. That puts it at \$22,335.00 for the year.
      - a. Rick Larson will allocate \$10,000 towards Macbooks
      - b. He spent \$910 per two laptops, one of which was more media center.
      - c. Board requests that the old laptops are kept on campus so we could use them for STEAM curriculum
      - d. **Motion to approve up to \$1,700 budget to pay Morgan Marten for continued science curriculum development**
        - i. **Motion approved**

- e. **Motion to approve \$30,000 to allocate for replacing 26 teacher classroom laptops of the teacher's choice according to the district technology leadership, following the expenditure of \$10,000 from the Weaver technology budget.**

- i. *Motion approved.*
- ii. Rick Larson will contact the district technology department to determine what laptop options there would be for the school
- iii. Goal is to place the order by the end of the year

- First Day Back Breakfast Monday July 29<sup>th</sup>
  - Abby
  - Come with concrete for proposal for budget for
    1. Cool covers for their laptops suggested – skins, graphic designer might be able to do something
- Teacher for a day, Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Lunch Volunteer – Francie is spearheading the lunch and the Christines will be helping.
  - Name badges are made, Rick Larson will announce at the Flag ceremony, mini staff meeting with donuts and instructions for what to expect. Students will help lead the volunteer. High school graduates from Weaver will be there.

3. Secretary's report – Abby

- *Action: Approval of March and April Meeting Minutes*
  - *Motion approved*

4. President's Report - Francie

- Tip a teacher disbursements
  - Each teacher will get \$100 visa gift card and orders should come in today
- PLTW Fundraising Program (need new letter)
  - Making a letter with specific request to go out to families in the fall, suggestions: TOSA, next generation science standards \$100 per person, going to take out PLTW
  - We need a new PLTW chair to set up the event in bidpal – Christine Coxhill and development chairs were suggested to be in charge of this event. Jackie and Francie will come up with letter and Gina and Christine will work on the bidpal part
- Media Center Staffing – Carrie Louge, LAEF Executive Director
  - Mrs. Epps has announced her retirement so we are looking for a new media center teacher
  - Carrie Louge – we are not obligated to rehire the media center position through the district so Carrie is discussing how that individual can be hired through LAEF. It started at McGaugh with an art teacher, the FOM

group went to LAEF. The caveat is that there must be a district credentialed employee available or in the classroom or adjoining. The benefit is that the cost is a large savings. Friends of Rossmoor is doing it for next year. LAEF employs the individual part time because anything under 30 hours is part-time so they don't require benefits or CALSTRS, they fall under LAEF's HR policies so they do the position advertising and hiring in combination with the principal and FOW

- If FOW wants to move forward on that, Dr. Pulver has to approve it. LAEF does this as a service to the schools because it is better for providing more instructional time to the students and saves parent funding costs.
  - The employee is an employee of LAEF and funded by FOW in partnership with LAEF.
  - Chris Vlastic who is the Director of Safety and Student Services, said that the speech room off of the media center could be a solution if we put a door through the storage room. It would cost about \$5,000 to put in a door and be a cost savings from a district employee.
  - Carrie suggests that FOW take the steps to preliminarily enter into a contract with LAEF to bring a STEAM teacher to Weaver. And then work with the district to approve it. They currently have a STEAM lab teacher job description from Rossmoor elementary and once it is approved, Carrie would post the position. Carrie would go through the applications and then present them to the FOW board and we would do panel interviews and sample lessons and then LAEF would hire the teacher.
  - Rick Larson suggested that if we did not have the door or window, we would need to have certified teachers to circle through the media center. There are some ideas to have teachers do their release time in the media center, or to have STEAM lab teacher teach the lesson in the classroom.
  - Instructional time and scheduling may be an issue with CLASS ACT and adding media time.
  - Carrie send us a contract sample.
  - FOW emphasizes the commitment to supporting and hiring for the STEAM lab teacher to provide the best service to the school and the students
  - ***Motion to enter into preliminary contract to hire a STEAM lab teacher with LAEF. The budget amount will be equal or less than what we currently funded for the current STEAM lab teacher position.***
    1. ***Motion Approved***
  - ***Second Motion – Move to forward fund the current media center aid, this is a conditional motion that the current media center aid would stay in that position.***
    1. ***Motion Approved***
- Grab Bag – Grand Prize Disney passes was not won
    - Enter people who bought a grab bag and did a paddle raise

- Casino Winners from WGG –
    - Brandi Royster – apple watch
    - Aggie Yoon – Red prada French wallet
    - Nilesh Vora – St John Necklace and earring set
    - Michael Casado – Round of golf for 4
    - Glatman – St. John Clutch Purse
    - Erin Winett – 2 disneyland hopper tickets
5. Weaver Goes Gatsby
- Gross Proceeds \$173,146
    - The expenses come to about \$33,399.73 and \$21,404.83 was the venue.
  - PR Report: Jackie Aker
  - Survey Monday Results <https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-DP6Q2FJFV>
  - Thank you notes
  - WGG Spinoff events
    - Poker Night Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>
      1. Matt Yoon won \$1,200
      2. Erik Hernandez won \$600
      3. 3<sup>rd</sup> place won \$60
    - Teacher for a day
    - Mardi Gras in May 18<sup>th</sup>
      1. Christine confirmed band – Dixieland Jazz band. New Orleans style hurricane and skewers will be served. We can bring snacks on the bus.
      2. Appetizers
      3. Drinks
  - Auction fulfillment Tasks
    - Parking Signs
      1. Christine O will ask her husband if he can take down the signs and put up new ones.
    - Pizza passes
    - Teacher for a day
    - Seal beach parade
    - Thank you notes – combining with Sea Legs event. Jackie and Christine O will work on an invitation and discuss who qualifies. Christine O will draft an invitation. We will do some light appetizers. Christine C. will look up the top 50 individuals. End of the year party. We should coordinate with who is organizing the end of the year beach party.
6. FOW Spending
- NGSS Curriculum- see president’s report
  - Teacher Laptops – see principal’s and president’s report
7. Subcommittee Reports
- Classroom STEAM Education: Laura Hall

- The kids have been working on using the motion sensor to open the doors for the morning of May 28<sup>th</sup>
- Laura has been recording the lessons and putting them in the share drive.
  - Mrs. French's class has had more instruction than the other classes because of scheduling. Laura asked for 10 classes for next year but that was pushed back.
  - Jackie will talk to Brian about videotaping the final lesson on the 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - Laura is trying to get the Scratch WeDo's for 4<sup>th</sup> grade, but she's having some trouble getting responses for scheduling.

#### 8. Election of Officers for Next School Year

- We need to spread the word about positions that are open. Jackie will email Weaver Whale Mail and put something out.
- Treasurer
- Financial Secretary
- Classroom STEAM Education: Laura Hall – not here
  - All of the supplies were picked up and Morgan trained Laura so they are all ready to go.
- Mom's Night—Jackie
  - Wine Donation Party – Girl's night at Aggies and women who come bring 2 bottles of wine which we will use for the wine pull at the auction. Event will be in February. Erin organizes the wine pull. Francie will send her an email to coordinate with Aggie.
- SCRIP
- Family Fun Night
  - Wednesday, January 16 Rubios 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
  - Tuesday, February 26 Chipotle 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
  - Tip a Teacher Night Thursday March 21 at CPK – Christine C. will get the paperwork from the office and submit it.

#### 9. Development Director's Report

- Gina and Christine spent Friday inputting donations. They spoke with OneCause about thank you notes, they do not have an automated system for that. Next step is to get in touch with volunteers.
- Abby will forward to Christine and Gina.
- Christine will bring a list to the next meeting of what has been donated.

#### 10. Other Business

- Will review how to distribute Disney tickets for the auction and silent auction items versus brown bag and live auction at the meeting next week on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Around August – look for registration for Seal Beach parade
- Ruth's husband asked her husband about car donation. (Bob Griffith)

Adjourn to next meeting on FOW Meeting Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:30am to 9:30am