

## **MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order at 3:25

## **ATTENDEES**

**SSC MEMBERS:** Sandy Kontilis, Jennifer Joaquin Nicholson, Karen Clark, Deneka Horalek, Tatiana Wolkenhauer, Samantha Altomare, Heather Peterson, Alex Punyansky, Lori Tulkoff, Megan Ware, Jessica Washer

**PUBLIC:** Alia Gettler, Matt Graham, Marissa Holmes, Devon Mitzel, Alyse Townsend, Kristin Wall

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

The minutes from the December 13th meeting were reviewed and approved. Karen Clark moved to approve the minutes and Sandy Kontilis seconded the motion and they were unanimously approved.

## **FUND A NEED FOR MARCH 2, 2019 AUCTION**

- STEM Option: Council discussed ideas around STEM options for Fund A Need (FAN). No clear programs or options were brought to the table other than providing additional supplies to teachers to help with in classroom STEM projects.
- Technology Option: Matt Graham and Alia Gettler gave an overview of current state of technology equipment and cost of maintaining equipment:
  - There is \$10,000 allocated to the Technology Budget which is funded from the Classroom Supplies Donation (\$150 per student ask from parents in the spring). The 10k is used for software licensing, maintenance supplies, subscriptions to software programs and some robotics equipment.
  - Mr. Graham suggests Rancho has a hardware budget in place to replace aging equipment each year. Roughly 2 carts a year of Chromebooks need to be replaced as they have about a 6 year life span. The suggested budget is roughly \$10,000 - \$15,000 year to replace aging equipment and is in addition to the \$10,000 used for licensing, supplies etc (see above bullet).
  - Mr. Graham suggests that the 3rd Grade Chromebooks be replaced this year. This is approximately 50 Chromebooks at roughly \$230 a piece (approx \$12,500 including tax). Ideally we could get to a 1 to 1 ratio, but 3rd grade can effectively share 2 carts of Chromebooks for their students.
  - District is implementing a buy back program equipment in good working order, possibly paying up to \$40 per Chromebook. Any money earned from the auction could be used towards new equipment. Alia is working on identifying acceptable equipment for the auction. The equipment would need to be in by April for this May's auction. If they don't sell they go to Ewaste. Possibly 2 auctions a year.
- Current equipment overview:
  - K-1 has 6 iPads per class which are up to date for a total of 30 iPads
  - 2nd Grade as 30 iPads
  - 3rd Grade has 2 carts of outdated Chromebooks which are no longer supported. Also has 1 cart of 2nd Generation iPads which can no longer be updated
  - 4 & 5th grade have roughly 90 Chromebooks each and are at a 1 to 1 ratio.

Council discussion ensued around how to fund the outlined Technology needs and whether we should have the FAN at the Auction once again be directly for Technology. Given that we had the FAN raise money for Technology last year, it was discussed by the Council if parents would be receptive to another donation ask for Technology. Another idea presented was to ask for technology donations during registration, in addition to Family Donations, rather than FAN.

The Council then discussed the idea of a General Fundraiser (Paddle Raise) at the Auction to raise money for RREF to be used to fulfill various needs by grade level in addition to general needs that we may not be able to meet with a budget that could come in at almost half of what it was last year. Rather than identifying one specific FAN this year, monies could be raised to address multiple needs. The money raised would be directed to a discretionary fund for the RREF, and allocated by SSC, with input from the teachers for needs by grade level (i.e. Chromebooks for 3rd grade, Reading Books for 1st grade). Deneka Horalek and Karen Clark to survey teachers regarding funding needs. Heather Peterson and Lori Tulkoff will work on the marketing side in helping the Auction Committee frame it for the event.

Samantha Altomare moved that at the auction we have a general fundraiser (raise your paddle) to raise monies for the RREF budget, to be allocated by SSC, with input from the teachers. Lori Tulkoff seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**BUDGET DISCUSSION RE: 2018/2019**

- Survey will go out to all SSC Members and Teachers on 1/22/19 due 1/25
- The Council will target to make budget decisions at the Feb 14th meeting.

**TOPICS FOR FEBRUARY 14TH MEETING**

- Discussion of Survey Responses
- Decisions for 2019/2020 School Year
- Subcommittee Updates (Attendance & Budget)
- Please allow 2 hours for Feb 14th meeting

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - Devon Mitzel provided some guidance on RREF budget for next year. In discussions with RREF board, they are estimating future budget to be approx \$390,000 if an Auction does take place. If no Auction is planned for next year, budget would be approximately \$250,000. We should use the \$250k number as there is no one identified to lead the Auction next year.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:47pm