

ATTENDEES

Linda Gilbert, Kiana Newman, Trina Semaan, Sarah Swanner, Jenny Conway, Kathryn Marek, Laura LaCourse, Runi Perkins, Kim Garrett

BUDGET

- Fundraising took a hit during our last two major fundraisers due to covid, but we're fortunate to have received some generous donations despite access to the school. The spring 2020 Davis Dash and spring 2021 capital fundraiser reached about \$20k (usually ~\$40k) and about \$7,500, respectively.
- With these funds and some extra from PTA, we committed to purchasing the water bottle refilling stations for the rest of the school while still maintaining about \$31k in the bank. The stations have not been paid for yet since they were on backorder. They are now scheduled to be installed on Aug. 25.
- Fundraising will be extra important this year to try to build back up and start making progress on some capital improvements (mostly outdoors this year) that were previously put on hold.

FUNDRAISING

- Photography Fundraiser Idea – reach out to Jen Grazian to discuss photography fundraiser (family photos, 5th grade grad, friends, etc.)
- Reach out to 5th grade room moms to help promote grad yard signs and marquee (and portraits if photography fundraiser is finalized)
- Birthday Treat Tower Idea (Trina) – Tiger theme cake (similar to baby shower diaper cakes) of pre-packaged treats, decorations and toys to sell to parents as a birthday treat for the class with special keepsake for birthday child
 - ⇒ Trina to create prototype to figure out final design, difficulty, time, cost, etc.
 - ⇒ If ready, will have a table with order forms at Back-to-School Night event

PROJECTS

- Purchase/make one or more playground benches to replace broken bench
 - ⇒ Kathryn to see if her Daisy Troop could take this on as a project (or another troop)
 - ⇒ If not, reach out to a possible donor (e.g. local Home Depot store)
- Kathryn mentioned a few outdoor projects to look into/resume progress on:
 - ⇒ Clean up landscaping behind the school, before the track
 - ⇒ Look into the county coming out to repair concrete near Sensory Garden
 - ⇒ Once repaired, look into a concrete company to create path addition to Sensory Garden
- Nature Trail – a few dads cleared the path over the summer and killed the poison ivy to begin the process of making it useable again for students
 - ⇒ Kiana to find out if poison ivy completely gone (and have it retreated if needed) and what exactly Phase II will entail
 - ⇒ See if next phase can be a Scouts projects (breaking down all wooden structures)
- Playground shade structure – potentially get a partner in education to help fund
 - ⇒ Kiana to look into purchasing patio umbrellas as interim solution (discussed post-meeting)
- Memorial Walk – find out if this is a project Foundation will be involved with and how/when we can support Mrs. Erbskorn's vision
- Let us know if you have any suggestions for additional projects/goals!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAMILY DANCE PARTY

Discussed options for a Family Movie Night vs Family Dance Party and decided to move forward with Dance Party due to cost and ease of event

- Linda looked into “Rockin’ B” DJ at \$300
- Runi to provide additional DJs’ info to compare prices
- Need to finalize ticket pricing, something like \$10-15/family
- Have a sanitation station and encourage masks
- Look into food costs: Rosa’s Pizza and Bruster’s and decide pre-order prices
 - Encourage no outside food
- Create signage to showcase what the funds raised will go to (e.g. Nature Trail, Playground, Sensory Garden, etc.)
 - See if Print House.Ink will sponsor signage
- Need volunteers to head up food, set up, clean up, etc. **Please reach out!**

DAVIS DASH 2022

The Davis Dash is Foundation’s primary fundraiser. There have been a couple of themes in the past and we are due for a new one this year. Doing a dance theme/”dance-a-thon” was suggested and everyone agreed to move forward with this idea.

- See if DJ will provide a deal for securing two events (Back-to-School Dance Party + Davis Dash) OR would be willing to be a sponsor in kind

OPEN POSITIONS

We have many positions open or needing an immediate shadow. While we do need regular members/volunteers, we really need these positions filled in order to continue what Foundation provides for the school (most importantly ASEP Coordinator and Treasurer). **Please reach out if you do not already have a position and are interested in one of the following:**

- ASEP Coordinator – will handle communication, contracts and coordination with program representatives and school. All work can be done from home. Everything is usually completed after each semester’s setup (to shadow LeeAnn)
- Sponsorship Coordinator – will reach out to new and handle current sponsor relationships (to shadow Linda)
- Secretary – will need to be available for most meetings to take detailed notes and then write up and distribute minutes
- Bulletin Board Lead – will create new thematic displays once every couple months for our bulletin board in the school
- Treasurer – will handle all finances and accounting including budget, payments, taxes, etc. All work can be done from home (to shadow Karen)
- Marquee/Yard Signs – will intake forms from parents, communicate marquee inputs with Connie and coordinate yard sign purchases and placements. Majority of work can be done from home (to shadow Runi)
- STEAM Liaison – will act as lead and liaison with Mrs. Erbskorn and teachers to support methods for moving our STEM certification to a STEAM certification (this will be more of a focus for next year)

OTHER NOTES

- Kiana and Kathryn’s husband, Paul, have been working on updating the Foundation website this summer. The overall design and organization should be completed this week.
- Newsletters are slated to go out to parents quarterly (or every couple months)
- We gifted \$50 Target gift cards to all full-time teachers to set up their classrooms

NEXT MEETING

September 8, 2021 at 10:30am

- Meetings will move to the 2nd Wednesday of every month instead of the 3rd
- We’ll try an evening meeting for October at 6:30pm to see if more working parents are able to attend