



Board Meeting - Minutes  
Tuesday, August 28, 2018, 8:30am

- Call to order 8:40 a.m.
- Board members in attendance: Gretchen Himsl, Yolanda Amador, Catrice Mays, Chiarra Stratton, Jennifer Gribble, Adrienne Murry.
- Budget 2018-2019
  - Reviewed proposed budget from budget committee.
  - Reviewed previous year's budget and actual expenses.
  - Commitment to Excellence goal was increased from \$50,000 to \$65,000. Kara Richardson expressed confidence in this new goal.
  - Lanier gear profit budget was increased based on the strong performance of that area last year. Yolanda Amador explained that the volunteers for that area had done a strong job of keeping costs low and sales up for Lanier gear.
  - Party with a Purpose was discussed. Profit was very low last year compared to past year. This year it will be a more traditional auction format with the goal on fundraising.
  - Discussed at length the professional development plan that Dr. Bradarich proposed. Concerns were expressed that the plan which was over \$100,000 was 10x more than previous years' professional development budgets of \$10,000. In a year with \$800,000 in budget cuts to the school, board members were concerned about the appearance of spending so much in one area. A question was asked about how much of the school budget would be allocated to professional development. Questions were raised about the overall school budget and specifically what areas were impacted the most and how the PTO can bridge the gap with the cutbacks. The consensus was that the board is very supportive of professional development but wants to balance our funding in all areas. Board members had different amounts they were comfortable but agreed upon \$30,000 to start and if donations came in above our budget, we can consider additional amounts as the year goes on.
  - Technology is another area that the board agreed is always a priority for schools. Board voted to increase this line item from 0 to \$10,000.
  - Additional classroom/teacher support was discussed that teachers will be feeling the budget cuts which mean they have more classes and less planning time than in past years. Board voted to increase the typical \$250 reimbursement per teacher to \$250 for fall and and additional \$100 in the spring semester.

- A line item for painting classrooms was tabled until we see how fundraising goes for the year.
- Catrice Mays emphasized that these are budgeted items and as other needs for the school arise, we can adjust our spending accordingly. This is a road map for our spending but it does not lock us down. Board members expressed comfort in knowing we allow for flexibility throughout the school year.
- See attached proposed budget to be presented at the General PTO meeting for approval on 8/31/2018.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.