

PCO Executive Committee Meeting - May 12, 2016

Present: Christy, Erica, Ryan, Beth, Kate, Marla

Calendar

Christy reviewed the upcoming events.

Mini Grants

Ryan reported that there were three mini grant submissions:

- Protect the DJ Controller - Mr. R. requested money for a case for the previously funded DJ controller.
- Get Playing - 4th grade teachers and P.E. teacher requested money to buy additional P.E. equipment for 4th-5th grades.
- 8th Grade Service Project - 8th grade requested money to support an event in memory of DeSean Fountain.

All three submissions scored high on the mini grant rubric, and the committee recommended funding all in full. Beth moved to approve all three requests. Erica seconded. Vote passed unanimously.

PCO Board Update

Kate submitted a letter to the ECS board from the PCO to show support for the idea to hire an ECS social worker. Todd Hoffman attended the board meeting to report about responding to parent concerns about Schoology. The next parent event about Schoology is May 25 at the Upper School. The board is engaged in a Deliberative Democracy Process about the employee compensation package. They are getting feedback from staff and will be presenting a plan in June. The board uses a project management tool called Base Camp, which the PCO might consider using as well.

Treasurer's Report

Erica passed out copies of the April finances and clarified some information. We have about \$48,000 in the bank, \$25,000 of which is allocated to Blooming Bash funds.

ECS Gear

Marla explained that the PCO has historically sold ECS t-shirts and polo shirts to students and parents, and the ECS staff has managed their own sales with the help of Judy Brand (nurse). Jon McCann has suggested that we streamline our efforts and just have one way to order/purchase ECS gear. Is the PCO willing and able to take this on? We agreed that with the school's support (storage space, staff liaison), and with enough parent volunteers to form a committee, we should be able to manage this. We will start with just t-shirts and polo shirts, and later add sweatshirts and other options if possible (hats, socks, lunchboxes, etc.).

PCO Help for Families

Uniforms - the PCO was able to purchase some uniforms and obtain some from the uniform sale for two students in need. The counselors were appreciative of our support.

Uber - the PCO will set up an Uber account so that families without transportation may come to the spring concerts. The counselors will handle the booking and PCO will pay for it.