

Davidson K8 PTO Board Meeting July 14, 2021

Location: online via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 4:32 PM.

Board Members Present: Carly Schiano, Rebecca Kryshtalowych, Alison Graves, Shelley Notte, Tara Hartman-Gud, Kendall Whitley, Chuck Fortuna, Melissa Boyes, Andria Carnell, Lindsay McKinney, Shannon O'Geen, Andrea Oliver, Ellen Loncz

President's Report

Financial Requests

- Staff Professional Development
 - \$8000 request by Chuck to fund 2 full days of training for all DK8 teaching staff by Peak Professional Development. Training will be broken into one full day session and 2 half day sessions.
 - Training covers strategies for engaging students, making learning fun and making students feel safe. Chuck and Alison both highly recommended the quality of Peak's training sessions.
 - Ellen motioned for a vote with Alison seconding. Request approved unanimously.
- IXL
 - Request for \$7,750 submitted by Chuck for IXL software licensing for 2021-22 school year. This platform is used by all 5th-8th grade students to reinforce reading comprehension and math concepts.
 - Rebecca motioned for a vote and Alison seconded the motion. Request approved unanimously.
- Lower School Promethean Boards
 - \$30,000 request by Chuck to replace and refresh Promethean boards in the lower school. This amount will replace approximately 15 boards and will cover all lower school classrooms (except Connect classes). Last year, 20 boards were refurbished. This funding will complete the replacement or refurbishment of all lower school boards.
 - Chuck realizes that we may be unable to fully fund the request at this time. Therefore, he will target the blurriest, least functional boards FIRST for replacement.

- Tara reported a current cash balance of \$47,000. She & Carly outlined our budgeted start up expenses for the 21-22 school year. These expenses total \$19,000 and include:
 - TOTP - \$2000
 - Spiritwear - \$2000
 - School Store - \$1000
 - Operational Expenses - \$3000
 - Boo Hoo Breakfast/Staff Luncheon - \$1000
 - Amazon Teacher Wish Lists - \$10,000
- It was recommended that we drop PTO funding of teacher wish lists (at \$200 per teacher) this year in order to prioritize funding of the Promethean boards. Instead, administration will encourage teachers to reach out to parents for funding of wish list items.
 - Tara motioned for a vote to suspend the funding of Amazon wish lists. Alison seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. This frees up \$10,000 in PTO start up spending.
- Melissa made a motion to fund the Promethean board request to the extent possible AFTER our initial PTO start-up needs are met. Alison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:57 PM.