

LEAF Exec Committee Notes

Wednesday April 9, 2019

LEAF Office

The meeting was called to order by Chair Elizabeth R. at 11:45 pm

Members Present: Elizabeth Reisinger, Peggy Carlson, Pat Krueger, Bruce Hentges

Additions to agenda:

Learning renaissance: It is time for the committee to reconvene, and it was agreed that this year it should be earlier in October. The 27th is the front-runner.

Meeting minutes of March 6, 2019 were accepted.

Financials

Bruce reviewed the Fundraising Report for March 2019

Not much at this time of year, but NOTS has been recognized. Investment earnings have stabilized – for now.

March Profit & Loss Statement & Balance Sheet

This is staying about even – consistent with last year.

Internal Audit Report

This is still on hold. Following tax season, it will be more likely to come in.

Legacy Fund Report

This report is helpful in that it provides a clear way to track the ratio, and it remains good at this time.

CIP Questions

LEAF has received a request to assist with the establishment of a scholarship fund established for the CIP Capstone trip. Currently, the LEAF account has been reserved for “what if” in case the district stops paying for the Amity Interns, and that is not a current concern. The scholarships would be need based. The request did include a proposal that LEAF also oversee and evaluate the applications.

There was unanimous agreement that LEAF can certainly serve as the fiscal agent for the scholarships, and that use of funds in the account are appropriate. However, by standard practice, if not policy, LEAF has not been involved in scholarship review or selection, and that will remain the practice for now. Those directly involved should design criteria and make allocations without LEAF approval.

It was also note that a request from the group to do fundraising at a local brewery is not out of line with LEAF policy.

AP Fee for Free/Reduced Lunch Students

LEAF has received a request to assist the district with a concern involving low-income students who wish to take AP exams. Because of changes in AP practice, students are now required to sign up much earlier in the year (October) and penalty fees have increased. The district covers students on free & reduced lunch, but now those who sign up for the test but don't take it in the spring will be charged \$40. The District's AP budget cannot handle the potential costs if large numbers of the covered students default. District staff fear that just the threat of having to pay a fee if they back out of the test in the spring will prevent students on free/reduced lunch from signing up, thus eliminating opportunity. The district is asking LEAF to consider an "insurance policy" for the potential costs associated with a large number of students defaulting under this scenario. Currently, about 70 students at Tech & Apollo sign up for the AP exam and take AP classes. That results in a risk factor of up to \$7800.

Consensus was that the likelihood of large numbers of students defaulting on the test is not great, and that the more serious concern is that a number of them could be discouraged from an important academic opportunity.

The group decided to support the request on a one year, trial basis. Funds will be made available by not offering the regular \$2000 academic contingency funding since there will be a fall granting round added.

It was noted that staff should be made aware of the contingency change along with other notice of the added granting round.

Wheel-chair access Oven for Apollo FACS

No information has been received regarding this potential request, so the matter was set aside, for now.

Adam Holm at May board meeting

Adam Holm has expressed an interest in presenting information about Community Education programming at an upcoming board meeting. He is specifically hoping to point out how their programs impact district students.

While the committee agreed that they are providing valuable services, in lieu of capacity it was decided that the option of expanding LEAF grant support to community education is not possible at this time.

MCN Recognition nomination

It was decided that this is a good option for the PR committee, and there is room on their schedule right now.

LEAF Photo Contest

This is launching this month

Spring Grant Cycle

Peggy felt that all is going well, and that the support provided has been excellent. There are not currently any concerns going forward.

Fall Academic Grant Round

The due date of July 1 will remain, even though most staff are not expected to begin submitting before they are back to work.

Communication to staff about the fall round should be given priority.

What's Going On?? Events Updates

MFF grant meeting with Pat Welter

PAKCAT Grant Oversight Committee (Abdi Daisane, Dan Edelbrock)

Next Executive Committee Meeting: May 3 at 11:30

The meeting adjourned at app 1:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted
Pat Krueger