



February 20, 2024

Attendees: Nicole Nejezchleba, Stephanie Woodstrom, Steph Berner, Sarah Sirna, Kristen Coward, Calida Fuerst, Kali Sundquist, Jeff Gustafson, Gretchen Padget, Cindy Andress, Lexi Wilkerson, Sadie Stowers, Vedha Reddy, Melanie Mozingo, Megan Serrano, Christin Berger, Kirsten Pederson, Kevin Pinck

Absent Board Members: Laura Richardson, Kayla Lande, Sarah Wexler, Lisa Murphy-Salvador, Tara Pitkin, Michele Ewan

Topic (Person Responsible)	Discussion Items and Notes	Action Items
Review of Minutes (Stephanie W)	January 2024 - Motion to approve seconded and carried	Sarah W to post to website
Teacher Presentation (Melanie Mozingo, Megan Serrano, Christin Berger, Kirsten Pederson, Kevin Pinck)	Teacher Contract Negotiation Updates - Teachers with the Minnetonka Teachers Association gave an update on contract negotiations. They asked any supporters to consider attending school board meetings wearing red, writing letters of support to the school board, spreading the word in the community, or attending future rallies. - Questions about the negotiations can be directed to Minnewashta members of the Association (Melanie Mozingo, Natasha Behboudi, Kirsten Pederson, and Christin Berger) and the Minnetonka School District (Jacqui Getty)	
Service Updates (Tonka Serves: Sadie Stowers and Vedha Reddy)	April Family Service Night - April 25, 6-8 pm - Tonka Serves students Sadie Stowers and Vedha Reddy presented ideas for Minnewashta's next service night including stations for crafting pipe-cleaner flowers and mason-jar vases which will be donated to local hospitals and/or nursing homes. - PTO to help with materials drive as needed	

	<p>Greener Good Event - April 20, 9 am - 1 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minnewashta is invited to host a collection table at the annual Greener Good recycling/upcycling event at MHS. - PTO discussed ideas and will use the event to collect kitchenwares for Reach and Restore in Hopkins. - PTO will procure reusable Minnewashta table cloths to use at this and future events 	<p>Steph W to coordinate with Sarah Johnson, create signage for the school, work with Kali on volunteer signups, work with Lisa on table cloths</p> <p>Kali to help coordinate with her contact at Reach and Restore</p>
<p>Enrichment Updates (Tara, Jeff)</p>	<p>In-School Field Trip: Orbit Earth Expo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Steph B and Tracy Custer from SparkPoint Innovations presented the opportunity to host an in-school field trip in the gym for all students to learn grade-appropriate earth and space science topics including night/day, time zones, eclipses, weather/seasons, etc. More info - Board discussed hosting the experience for all grade levels over two days this year, and evaluating, with teacher input, if it makes sense to focus on a particular grade-level next year - Motion to approve the two-day in-school event on May 28-29 seconded and carried. 	<p>Steph B to coordinate with SparkPoint Innovations</p> <p>Nicole to create a feedback form to capture teacher evaluations of the program for future planning.</p>
	<p>Art Enrichments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Melanie Mazingo shared updates on enrichment activities funded by PTO: 3rd graders enjoyed their field trip to MIA today (2/20), Melanie is working on scheduling the approved residencies with Payton Scott Russell (Spray Finger) and Michael Hall 	
	<p>PE Request: Projector System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board continued discussions about last month's request from PE team for new projector system and concerns about introducing more screen use into one of the few remaining tech-free spaces for students - Motion to deny the request for this specific projector system seconded and carried - Board is still open to exploring other projector systems to meet the safety and usability needs of the PE team 	<p>Sarah S to follow up with Sarah Becher about other options</p>
	<p>PE Request: Ninja Anywhere</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The only available dates for this year don't work due to other planned events during 	

	<p>that week. Board is open to exploring this another year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motion to deny request seconded and carried 	
	<p>Reading Request: Phonics Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reading intervention team requesting \$97 for various phonics materials - Motion to approve seconded and carried 	
	<p>5th Grade Request: Jeff Dayton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Request for \$1,162 remaining in 5th grade budget to use toward the Jeff Dayton music experience and live event - Motion to approve seconded and carried 	
	<p>Enrichment Definition and Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jeff led a discussion about how we define a framework and criteria for reviewing and approving enrichment requests going forward - Jeff and Tara will use Board's input to create a clearer definition and criteria/framework for decision making 	
<p>Event Updates (Event chairs)</p>	<p>Idea for Twins Game Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Minnewashta Timberwolves night was a success with over 200 tickets sold and a lot of positive feedback from parents - Interest in a similar event with the Twins is being explored 	<p>Sarah S and Jeff to follow up with their Twins contacts to discuss further.</p>
	<p>Read-a-Thon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sarah shared that she and Tara have been discussing ideas for introducing a reading event at the school for next year. More details to come. - Nicole volunteered to help plan this event 	
<p>Fundraising Update (Steph B)</p>	<p>Code Ninjas Parents Night Out Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - February event has sold out - Minnewashta has earned \$390 through these events so far 	
<p>Treasurer Update (Gretchen, Kristen)</p>	<p>January Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$89,000 current balance - 25% of this year's enrichment budget spent; no requests have been received to date from RSK, Grade 2, Media, STEM, Music, math team, high potential team, speech team 	<p>Board members to reach out to contacts about enrichment ideas</p>

Presidents Update (Sarah, Laura)	Board Slate - Reminder to all current board members to email Sarah and Laura before next month's meeting to let them know if they want to keep, change or leave current positions	
	Branding Update - Kayla met with branding team at University of Minnesota to talk about updates around using the M logo.	Kayla to share info
Principal Update (Cindy)	Student Wellbeing - In the last parent feedback survey, one of the only areas rated under 90% approval is how parents feel about student wellbeing. Cindy plans to ask more questions about this in the next survey to uncover what's going well, what's not going well, and what ideas parents have for improvement. Then the PTO will discuss how we can partner to make an impact on student wellbeing.	
Meeting Adjourned		
Helpful Documents	- Event Dates - Board Contacts - Room Parent Contacts	

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January Treasurer Report

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We started the 2023-2024 school year on 7/1/2023 with \$31,337.77 in our combined checking and savings accounts. As of January 31, 2024, we had a total of \$89,444.54.

Administrative Updates

- None

Program Updates – January Transactions

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Profit and Loss

January 2024

	Total
Income	
Birthday Books Income	\$ 205.00
Box Tops for Education Income	\$ 1,571.41
Expenses	
Birthday Book Expense	\$ 973.33
Dream Makers	\$ 500.00
1st grade enrichment	\$ 557.74
3rd Grade Enrichment	\$ 250.16
Phys Ed	\$ 1,197.26
Special Programs	\$ 922.52
Other Fees (RevTrak, Intuit, Sign-up Gen)	\$ 54.47
Tax, Legal, & Professional Fees	\$ 0.06

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Balance Sheet

As of January 31, 2024

	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Wells Fargo Checking	79,418.04
Wells Fargo Savings	10,026.50
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 89,444.54
Other Current Assets	
Uncategorized Asset	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 0.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 89,444.54
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 89,444.54
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	24,796.87
Retained Earnings	6,579.32
Net Income	58,068.35
Total Equity	\$ 89,444.54
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 89,444.54