

CEC Community Assembly Meeting - December 4th, 2017 DRAFT Auction Followup and Budget Meeting

Call to Order at 4:47pm by Michael Allwright

Marsha Peterson and Kristen Fowler Lindsey, 2017 Auction Chairs, presented on the 2017 Chugach Auction.

- Building Community - feedback from lots of parents that they “hung out with parents they had never met before” and had a great time catching up with those they did.
- The venue for next year is booked! We will be using the 49th State Brewery again next year with a date of November 10th, 2018.
- Volunteers remained positive this year and are energized for next year. Kelsey Saari will be chairing the 2018 Auction. Kelsey shadowed Marsha and Kristen this year. Marsha will continue as support for Kelsey and the team next year as well.
- Feedback and goals for next year:
 - A survey will be sent out to gather more widespread feedback
 - Pre + post auction teams are a great idea
 - Drinking and Driving issue will be tackled and solutions presented for next year.
 - New Auction committee will begin meeting in January 2018
 - “Rule of Yes!” worked great. Chugach way implemented with parents, if you have an idea, run with it.
 - Chairs scattered next year for those that need them
 - Classroom projects were a huge success. Learning opportunity: Encourage completion by end of September to relieve volunteer pressure.

Additional money is still coming in from a few unpaid items as well as some additional classroom items offered to the community. Final numbers are forthcoming.

Budget Summary: Michael began taking us through the current numbers in our Budget. By holding Professional development (5211) at half of it’s original budget, completely funding library books (5220), and curriculum coaching (5330) we will be at estimated deficit of \$2750. Jocelyn Pemberton motioned to fund this deficit in the budget from the savings account. Michael Allwright amended the motion to fund the budget from savings in an amount of up to \$5000. Kim Hase seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the vote was unanimous.

Budget Discussion:

Should we look into more business partners for the school with a goal of funding line items such as outdoor school? Thoughts: Yes, great idea. However due to the economic downturn monetary support has been increasingly difficult for local businesses. Still something that should be explored.

Sales put on by the kids were successful in contributing to the cost of outdoor school this year, resulting in an excess of \$2500+ more than expected in Outdoor School Contributions - Other (4700). Perhaps we could return to students putting on sales once a month on half days? We want to avoid burnout but it is a good way for students to learn, participate, and contribute.

While professional development (5211) is being held at half of its original budget this year (\$1250), Clare wanted to note that the line item should stay the same for following years (\$2500).

Should auction be done differently? Big Simple as a month long campaign with minimal volunteer hours yields similar numbers to the Auction's net. Something to explore and discuss. Perhaps include questions relating to this in the Auction feedback survey.

Lego League is currently over budget by more than \$500. Jocelyn Pemberton will follow up with Nina Woods Anderson (Primary Lego League Lead).

Future discussion regarding Mini-courses line item. This may be underfunded.

Another future consideration is that as staff are implementing Lucy Calkins Reading and Writing it has become apparent that there is a need for updated classroom libraries.