



Minutes
PTA Emergency Funding Meeting 3/26/20

March 26, 2020

PTA Emergency Funding Meeting to Address Concerns Amid the Corona Virus

Present

Annalisa Romano, Amy Occholino, April Vann, Ashley Larson, Bob Lang, Charlotte Wells, Courtney (interpreter), Jennifer Edmonds, John Melvin, Kati and Greg Moseley, Meghan Eichelberger, Misty Gremaud, Rebecca Green, Robin Rolfe, Francis Storr, Marge Heffernan, Suzy Wasmuth, Carla Wooten, Aaron Wooten, Christine Vial, Chris McMurray, Yanelly Sotelo, Libby Listowich, Jeremy Simer, Shellie Gillespie, Holly Abrams, Jennifer Beck

- Amy Occholino: Co-President called to order 6:45.
- Jeremy Simer to read proposal that was recommended by the PTA Board on March 24, 2020. And then 15 minutes for debate/questions.
- Then to put up a motion to allocate \$5000 in funds to SEI now. We will also put up a motion to put aside another \$5000 in discretionary funding to give to SEI, without a vote in the future.

Jeremy Simer: reads proposal. See attached Proposal.

Debate (paraphrased by Annalisa Romano)

Ashley: Concerns of putting GROW program funds on the backburner, in a time when growing food, and teaching skills, may be a very strong asset to our community.

Amy: Amy, Kim and Shelley have discussed this. There has already been \$2000 in grant money secured by Shelly. Amy will be applying for another \$5000 grant through Intel which will also support the GROW program. So yes, still funds available for GROW.

Holly Abrams: Will we be able to keep the same timeline?

Amy and Kim Cotter have looked at the different avenues with funding and what we can do at 3 levels of funding (gold, silver, bronze).

Charlotte Wells: Two groups are named - how are we vetting who is allocated funds?

Amy: Our bylaws as a PTA, part of a national group, cannot give money directly to families. Money will be distributed by SEI/SUN School. The PTA can give SEI/SUN School \$5000, to then distribute to James John Families.

Discussion to change the wording on bullet point 3 to directly state the above. In its original writing, it is unclear. Motion to change will be brought up at the end.

Charlotte: How do we prioritize who gets the funding?

Suzy (Parent and also SEI): Money would be put into itemized listing for James John, considered relief fund. SEI is an organization that has done this before, and has a system.

Amy: PTA has never had this situation before, we have no system in place, which is why PTA chose to partner with SEI to make it happen. SEI has stated that given where we are now \$5000 is a good amount.

John Melvin, Principal, James John: Based on what other schools have done. We will work with teachers to assess needs. Teachers will contact every student's family and survey each to assess food, and other needs. Principal, teachers and SEI representative will go through the data and find where the needs are. And then allocate funds.

Charlotte: Will privacy of data, like within schools, also apply to SEI?

Suzy/Amy: The data will be collected, and used by SEI. Though it will not be shown to the PTA. Data will not go to the PTA. The PTA will know that the funds were used to help James John families, but not anyone in particular.

Amy: Motion to Amend section 3 of the proposal.

Ashley: Second the motion

Universally passed

Amy: Motion to Ratify over-all change to the Proposal

Ashley: Second

Universally passed

Christine Vial: Motion to allocate \$5000 in funding to SEI

Jennifer Beck: Second the motion

Universally passed

Christine Vial: Motion to allocate \$5000 in discretionary funding to SEI

Jennifer Beck: Second

Universally passed.

Roll call at end.

End conference call 7:20 PM