Centennial PTA Meeting Minutes Special Session 10.9.20

Agenda Item	<u>Discussion</u>	Action Items
Welcome		
2020/2021 Goals and	Sarah Shomaker Presented	
Initiatives		
	Special Session called today to clarify this year's budget and	
	goals/initiative.	
	Budget was designed in a Minimum/Maximum format. The	
	minimum budget is what we could operate on for the school	
	year if no fundraising happened. The maximum is what we could	
	operate on with fundraising. The monthly subscription	
	fundraising program was designed to raise \$80,000.00 if we hit	
	our maximum goal. We realize this is a lofty goal that we may not reach.	
	Goals we would like to fund with fundraising, also outlined in the	
	September meeting are:	
	Teacher Classroom Budgets raised up to \$500 per	
	Classroom	
	Full Outdoor Classroom set ups per Classroom	
	Standard Overnight Gear	
	Music/Spanish Enrichment Component back into the	
	school	
	Update on The Outdoor Classroom Gear:	
	We have an opportunity to move quickly on this goal. The 28	
	high sided wagons have been purchased but can be returned if	
	we do not want to move forward with this goal. Tarps/Bungie	
	cords can be used for cover and do not need a permit by DPS,	
	unlike tents. The Crazy Creek Chairs we were sourcing out had	
	already been ordered by another school, and they have 500	
	extra. We can buy these from this school at a discounted cost	

(\$15 each) and not have to pay shipping since they are local. The school has agreed to let us pay for the chairs in installments. Right now, based on the monthly subscriptions we have through the end of the year we will have enough money to support the Teacher Classroom Budge Increase to \$500 per classroom and purchase the Outdoor Classroom Gear by the end of the subscription fundraiser.

If we want to move forward with funding these goals right now, our biggest risk is that we will we be paying for the chairs on a payment plan since we do not have all of the money right now from fundraising. In addition, the teachers will not be able to request their full reimbursement for their classroom budgets until late spring when the full monthly subscription money has been received. Historically, this is when the majority of this funding occurs.

The total cost for the outdoor classrooms breaks down to \$20 a child, \$8420 total. This is based on enrollment not just in person learning children.

Sarah stated that the update on the RAZ kids request made in the September meeting is 9 teachers want the program which would be \$1000 total, but this can come out of their individual teacher budgets or PTA could opt to add this to their goals for 2020/2021.

Jen Moore stated that there is some confusion surrounding the budget this year and how and when can money be spent on the goals as fundraising occurs. Jen stated the goals are grouped into one line item in the budget, and the cost of the goals/initiatives have traditionally been presented to PTA and voted on to approve spending. Clarification is needed since we have multiple initiatives in one line item. Should they be prioritized and do we need to vote to start directing funds towards them based on new budget structure?

Julie Eichler clarified that it is how we have traditionally done this and is the most transparent format so that PTA members are clear on what money is being spent on.

Question raised: Where will the chairs be stored? Sarah stated they fit inside the high sided wagons, and can sit outside the classroom during day and move into classroom at night. Carlos is sourcing storage space for when school is not in session. Question raised: Do the teacher know these supplies are coming? Sarah stated Laura made the request for these items and is communicating with teachers that these supplies are hopefully coming. Miss Kate voiced concerned that other teachers have already purchased outdoor items, such as mats and that the chairs may not be needed.

Question asked: If you had a blank slate, would we still want to purchase these items for the outdoor classrooms. Miss Kate stated the chairs are a neat idea, but in her case she purchased mats to use as well.

Statements made that these items can also be used in expedition work and overnight experiences. The chairs are very durable and students can transport their own chair. The wagon would be used to store the chairs and/or transport the chairs or other items when mobilized.

Discussed the prioritization of goals – consensus was that to prioritize Classroom Budgets and Outdoor Classroom Gear at this time.

Questions asked: What is the "tip" when you do the subscription. Sarah and Tom stated you can opt out of it. We do get charged credit card processing fees. Members would like clarification on where the "tip" goes, does it go to MemberHub or does it cover costs that are charged to Centennial. Is the tip a one-time thing or is it added on to the monthly donation each month?

Motion was made by Tom Wigginton to prioritize Increasing Classroom Budgets to \$500 per classroom and Outdoor

Sarah and Tom to update PTA in regular October meeting regarding the "tip" statement. Wording can be edited on fundraising information.

First and Second Motion made. Vote occurred. Attendance during vote was

	Classroom Gear as our top two goals/initiatives and to start funding these now with current funds. Julie Eichler was a second motion. Sarah S. stated please be clear that the chairs for the outdoor classrooms will be paid in installments as fundraising occurs and teachers will not receive full funding of their classroom budgets until full funding in spring. No objections raised to these statements. Vote occurred. Attendance during vote was 28 members, 23 votes yes, 1 vote no, 4 members did not vote. Motion approved.	28 members, 23 votes yes, 1 vote no, 4 members did not vote. Motion approved.
Open Forum	None	
Meeting adjourned at	Meeting adjourned at pm 4:00pm	Thank you everyone!