

Fernwood Fund Board

Meeting Minutes (11/15/2022)



Fernwood Montessori School Fund Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 18, 2022 at 6:30pm
Location: Fernwood Montessori School, Library and Google Meet
Attendees: Brett, Ben, Principal Lowell, Matt, Molly, Eric, David
Absent: Tara, Lorinda
Guests: Aly Capp, Sam Skizycki

Meeting Minutes

1. Standing Agenda

- Minutes from the October meeting were approved.
- Principal Lowell reported that the Green School grant to be used for outdoor green space projects was denied.
- With the latest statement from MPS and adjusting for earmarked projects the fund has approximately \$39K available for new grants and projects.
- Grant request from Ms. Kari for Camp Edwards transportation costs with families paying the balance. The fund does not typically cover limited scope expenses such as transportation but is open to cover other aspects of the event of an equivalent dollar amount, or even slightly more.
- **Action:** Principal Lowell will follow up with Ms. Kari to restructure the grant request to keep within the general guidelines of the fund.
- General updates on the music program: upcoming holiday concert at Bay View High School on December 13th will likely need some parent volunteers, and the music program is targeting some kind of a fundraising event at the spring art fair.

2. Board Operations

- Eric is targeting this week for the annual appeal letter.
- Tom Sorce (parent) is still working on updates to the fund's website and including some content for the music program as well.

3. Landscaping

- Matt reported that there is progress inside the greenhouse, as far as the structural maintenance of the building itself he will bring to the board an order of magnitude estimate in a future meeting.

4. Fundraising

- Bay View Montessori Fund is no longer interested in a joint event out of concern for the logistics as they grow their parent involvement.
- The Fernwood Fund may be interested in still having a trivia night fundraiser that is targeted at Fernwood families only.
- The spring fundraiser will target June 11th as the event date.