

December 3, 2018

Executive Mtg. Notes

Attendees: Matt, Sarah, Nikos, David, Carmel, Heather, Muffie, Ruth

Agenda (in no particular order)

- November mtg minutes
- Staff holiday party planning
- Gift card update (sales, who won?). David made card pockets!!
- Gratitude House
- Holiday Bazaar report
- Patrice mtg report
- Introductions

Holiday Bazaar report:

\$1765 is going into the bank!

Find out from Patrice what TCS needs, have her write a request and write a check.

Ruth's mtg with Patrice:

- This year is like no other, lots of changes (statewide testing, charter rules, teacher training, etc)
- Patrice feels the burden of all of this
- TFT's schedule and agenda is not always helpful to TCS
- Nikos: 1) We are different non-profit orgs. We cannot just share money. 2) If the school has an event in mind, they can ask us and we can do it 3) TFT is not just here for the money. We are here to provide volunteers as well. A few years ago the school lost its insurance and we held the In Bloom Auction and raised over \$100K.
- Carmel: We need TCS to give us specific line items. We trust TCS, we just need to make sure all is recorded clearly. Also, we don't have the money in our community to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for this school. That has to come from corporate sponsors, grants, and enrollment.
- Muffie: I don't care how the money is spent, we just need to record it. We DO want to give all the money to TCS, but we have to have protocol. Our value is in spirit and community. We are not treasurers for the school.
- Ruth: If we are an organization whose purpose is to support another org, then do we need receipts from them? We decided the teachers needed another \$100 for their grants, but Patrice said the School needs that money, not the teachers right now.

Patrice:

- Can give us a list of items TCS needs money for (this may change how we've operated in the past)

- This is like that last little push up the hill
- Staff knows about need to cut positions. Patrice's goal is to make sure TCS is around next year and for many years to come. Our kids NEED this type of school.
- We need to abide by PPS's rules and have enough money to operate
- The holiday bazaar was phenomenal. Thinks we can do this and more if we collaborate.
- Patrice has ideas about fundraisers
- \$138K shortfall (this is after staffing changes)
- Yanokai fundraising model: Funds interns and extracurricular activities and sponsors
*Schedule meeting with Yanokai to get operational advice
- Patrice could write a letter to send out to the greater community asking for help, get donations
- How much money do people spend eating out, buying coffee? Who is your customer base and how do we get them on board? What do people do with their money when they're not at the school? Pub crawl? Parent's night out? Family portraits? (Heather could do), music benefit show (satan's pilgrims, dickel brothers, mariya may), talent show?, Bingo soup?
- Collaborative TCS/TFT newsletter once a month, Facebook, Nextdoor, Instagram
- PPS pays around \$6K for lower school and \$8K for upper school
- Ask Shasta to come back and see that we're doing well and be able to spread the word (HS students invited her to come to Trillium to answer their questions)

- How do we mobilize our community to spend more money and get more involved?
- Ruth says you get the info out by having assemblies
- We met HERE
- We need incentive and accountability
- TFT can help promote January 17th curriculum / open house night

Ruth's ideas:

HS MS dance that invites other schools, TFT organizes

Spring assembly

Latinx fest is maybe an international festival instead?

Lynn Mendoza Kahn is willing to volunteer

Partnership with the Firehouse?

All in agreement to clear the calendar of anything that's obstructing any efforts to fundraise.