

Lionheart Classical Academy Chartered Public School

Finance Committee

October 30, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Chairman Nero called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM

In attendance: Ross Kukish, Caleb White, MacKenzie Nichols, Dave Somero, Annie Seppela, Ashlee Wheel, Jason Nero, (Kim Lavalley and Principal Dobbs on Zoom)

Pledge of Allegiance

No public comment

Chairman Nero called for a motion to approve the September 25, 2024 minutes. Trustee Somero motioned, Caleb White seconded, no discussion. Role Call: Dave-yes, Ross-yes, Caleb-yes, Ashlee-yes, Jason-yes, Kim-yes. All in favor.

Playground is updated with reconfigured fencing out of the floodway, flood zone and shore land protection zone. The town said we no longer need a permit and FEMA is no longer involved with the playground. Ross and Caleb are building the 9" surround to hold the certified wood chips. Belletetes gave us their very best price. Ross and Caleb welcome volunteers to help with the upcoming work.

Discussion was held regarding the unfinished area and requirements with FEMA, more information is needed. We are not currently paying rent for this section. The committee is continuing to work with various individuals and gather data for a fiscally responsible plan. Multiple plans are being worked on for 8-12 grade.

A roofing company came out and looked at the roof. One small section has punctures in the flat area. The estimated cost is approximately \$2040.00 for the work. Caitlin Blundell said we have room in the Capital Reserve fund. Funds will be utilized from a line item established for this type of repair. Trustee Nero will forward the information to the school to coordinate.

Principal Dobbs is looking at options to hold gym offsite. Several options were presented and will be looked into. Ross will follow up. Any possible waivers will be handled with the school.

Caitlin provided updates and indicated the school exceeded expected FRL revenue and PPA. HEFA is due for repayment by November 5 and forms need to be submitted. A request should be submitted indicating we are interested in renewing it again. We will follow up and submit the appropriate paperwork.

Total donations as of 9.30.24

- \$6400 unrestricted
- \$1568 restricted building repairs

The school is challenged with the HVAC, it's either cold or very warm. Chairman Nero's brother has donated his time and resources but utilizing board family members has raised questions with a few individuals. The school will look into other contractors and review estimates. We may use an existing contractor. Caleb will reach out to someone as well.

The school is looking for a solution to install phones in several classrooms. Wiring needs to be addressed.

Crash bars have one more being installed and that will be finished.

Multiple doors have missing pull down shades. It's a safety feature and they need to be installed.

We are still researching the benefits/payroll options. Multiple companies are providing pricing and options. Retirement accounts are also being reviewed. Goal is to have it ready by November 14.

CSP Grant is being reviewed with a focus on curriculum, furniture for expanding grades, science materials and closet to lock materials for labs for K-5. Books are needed and an outside resource can provide support who is working on a Masters program. \$73K+- has been estimated for supplies and resources. Hardware and other items do not have a price. MacKenzie has put a tremendous amount of time into pricing the items out for consideration and provided a very complete list.

- School is meeting with a local IT professional to review and take a look at current school situation, looking at what it takes to look at future growth IT. Caleb is also getting quotes and ideas from his contact.
- Looking at Shipping container to store lawn care equipment, snow blower, etc. Dave Somero approx. \$5000.
- Work-up on Maintenance Equipment.
- Looking at water bottle refilling station, would request two, Ross getting price.
- Inventory System request, keeping track of books, supplies, etc. Leah will look into the cost.

- Library, Mackenzie looking into books and setup. Full work-up.

Goal is to have Grant Items listed, numbers and approved by Dec. 31st to then use January to purchase items and submit receipt.

Ashlee is sending an email thread for the FMC so that the committee can send in their ideas and needs for the Grant spending.

Fundraising:

- 1) \$500 from Station 16
- 2) NH Gaming
- 3) Meeting Nov 12th with Monadnock Country Club
- 4) Ashlee contacting Crotched Mountain for possible golf tournament.
- 5) Christmas Bizarre coming up, Dec 17th
- 6) Annual Fundraiser at Hidden Hills, on April 12th, 7pm -9pm. Discussing dinner for large donors for early access and appreciation.

Cub Club:

- 1) Letter and levels completed by Nov 14th to present at the Board meeting on Nov. 14th.
- 2) Send info to the new ED for review with monthly newsletter review
- 3) Cover letter will be reviewed and added to and shared on the 14th of November.
Share our story, success and the investment is the future for our children.
- 4) How to make recommendations to share the Cub Club.
- 5) Set up a one pager with the QR code to share with parents, family and community.

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm