

**WEEFC Board Meeting**  
**February 8, 2022**  
**9:00 am at Case House**

**Present:**       **Board Members:** Dickie, Covington, Golin, Hanser, McGrath, Taylor, Wang  
                  **Administration:** Carter (Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning)  
                  **School Committee:** Newberg  
                  **PTO President and Vice President:** Trodden and Palmer

**i.       Grant Discussion & Vote**

- Classroom Tower Garden for \$6,2000 for all elementary schools: Joint Proposal between Food Services and Science curriculum in which select science units incorporate healthy eating through indoor planting. Board discussing ways for Land's Sake to partner in this program in future.
- Jack Gantos Writing Presentation for \$3,000 in the Middle School for Fall of 2022-2023. Kimo suggested waiting on this vote and rolling into the operating budget for next year. WEEFC has funded this grant for at least the last 5 years.

Dr. Carter also discussed the possible future grant for modern furniture. WEEFC Board again discussed how school furniture may fall outside our mission statement. It is a bit of a gray area, as WEEFC supports educational enrichment. The question is whether this physical equipment would enhance learning.

A motion to delay the Jack Gantos Grant and to approve Classroom Tower Garden grant was presented and members unanimously approved. (Voted in favor: Dickie, Covington, Golin, Hanser, McGrath, Newberg, Taylor, Wang)

Newberg discussed the recent School Committee E-Sports/ Gaming Club idea. This idea is being led by a faculty member and student and the petition includes about 40 interested students. WEEFC may be asked for funding for computers at home. The club is a possible school-based social outlet and may attract kids who are otherwise not involved in school sports or clubs. WEEFC has helped with similar grants such as Robotics and Disc Golf. WEEFC's line in the sand is we don't pay the staff charges who lead the clubs but help with other line item funding. For example, high-powered computers could have multi-purpose uses for arts/ cinematography.

**ii.       Treasurer's Report**

\$5,500 for Stars

\$5,300 for Principle for a Day

\$18,000 for approved grants before this meeting

Over \$92,000 for December Appeal

\$102,000 in total for fundraising so far

May/ June WEEFC Stars remaining (\$15,000 last year and \$14,000 the previous year) Hoping for \$4-5,000 in 2022

iii. Chair Report

Thank you notes were a success and have been sent: Thank you for the group effort Fang, Ashley, Meredith, Meghan and Jennifer.

The Board's plan is to not have a formal spring fundraising effort and instead anticipate spring/summer WEEFC Stars and to begin focusing on a big fall fundraising event. Board discussed creating a fall fundraising/ planning committee that would include volunteers outside of the Board. Meghan talked to Chris at Rec Center about the possibility of using the Field School fields with tents, etc. Because the property belongs to the Weston Rec, we could serve alcohol at this venue.

iii. Approve Minutes

A Motion to Approve Minutes of the meeting on Jan 4, 2022 was presented and all members unanimously approved. (Voted in favor: Dickie, Golin, Hanser, McGrath, Newberg, Taylor, Wang).

**Next Meeting: March 8, 2022 at 9:00 am at Case House.**

*WEEFC supports innovative and creative grants which enrich the learning experience beyond the regular school budget.*