

**WEEFC Board Meeting
February 9, 2021
9:30am (Zoom)**

Present: **Board Members:** Dickie, Taylor, Bradner, Golin, Hanser, Augustine, Covington
 Administration: Carter (Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning)
 School Committee: Muzila
 PTO Chair: Rassiger

1. Grant Discussion & Vote

The board reviewed and discussed a grant request submitted by Anne Slotnick to fund a choreographer for the high school musical (\$1,500). Dr. Carter explained the challenge the musical will pose as it is slated to be a virtual musical this year rather than an in-person production. It will require virtual preparation and a different level of preparation.

A Motion to approve the grant was presented and members in attendance unanimously approved. Voted: Kate Dickie, Meredith Taylor, Jennifer Bradner, Emiiy Golin, Ashley Hanser, Greg Augustine, Meghan Covington

The board reviewed and discussed a grant request submitted by Chris Memoli to fund the second part of the virtual band, chorus and orchestra concert for the spring (\$3,000). WEEFC approved and funding the first half of the virtual orchestra concert in the fall.

A Motion to approve the grant was presented and members in attendance unanimously approved. Voted: Kate Dickie, Meredith Taylor, Jennifer Bradner, Emiiy Golin, Ashley Hanser, Greg Augustine, Meghan Covington

The board reviewed and discussed a grant request submitted by Yino Wang & Karen Rietze to fund the 4th Grade Virtual Author Visit by Lauren Tarshis – author of the New York Times Bestselling series, I Survived (\$3,000). The board discussed that author visits for 2020/21 have already been approved for 1st, 3rd, and 5th.

A Motion to approve the grant was presented and members in attendance unanimously approved. Voted: Kate Dickie, Meredith Taylor, Jennifer Bradner, Emiiy Golin, Ashley Hanser, Greg Augustine, Meghan Covington

The board reviewed a grant request submitted by Stephanie Mazitschek to fund a virtual origami workshop for 3rd, 4th and 5th grades (\$3,100).

A Motion to approve the grant was presented and members in attendance unanimously approved. Voted: Kate Dickie, Meredith Taylor, Jennifer Bradner, Emiiy Golin, Ashley Hanser, Greg Augustine, Meghan Covington

The board reviewed and discussed a grant request submitted by Yino Wang & Karen Rietze to fund the 2nd grade Virtual Author Visit for Oge Mora – a collage artist and storyteller (\$2,400).

A Motion to approve the grant was presented and members in attendance unanimously approved. Voted: Kate Dickie, Meredith Taylor, Jennifer Bradner, Emiiy Golin, Ashley Hanser, Greg Augustine, Meghan Covington

Committee Discussion: The committee discussed any upcoming grant requests that might be on the horizon to ensure that we would be prepared for large requests throughout the spring. Kate mentioned that we will most likely have a large grant request coming from Mary Lou – AP Biology Teacher. This will be a new grant request for PCR kits allowing kids to experience how to use PCR. It will instruct students on the lab technique and how PCR is being used to detect Covid in present day. This PRC grant would supply kits that would be used in several different biology classes. Estimated amount of the grant is around \$20,000.

2. Treasurer's Report

At present, WEEFC has raised \$110k cumulatively through the year. The board has approved \$164k worth of grants which include the fall air purifier campaign.

3. Chair Report

Kate Dickie updated the Board on the midyear report as presented to the school committee on February 8th. Kate provided a copy of the report to the board prior to the meeting to review. Kate further updated the Board on the current status of the February appeal. We have received \$3,700 from Venmo and \$1,500 from Webtrac. The plan throughout February is to push out weekly emails. Emily Golin noted that our current stats are 30% open rate for constant contact which is within normal range for our communications and solicitations. In our communications, we need to encourage participation throughout the community in amounts of \$35, \$135, \$350, \$3,500. After the February campaign closes, the board will organize a thank you note campaign. Ashley Hanser offered to spearhead this process. In addition, Meredith Taylor has been working with Patty Ferguson to update the WEEFC webpage, creating a cohesive and succinct outline and removing outdated information. Meredith shared the updated changes that had been made.

4. Approve Minutes

A Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on January 5th, 2021 was presented and all members in attendance unanimously approved. Voted: Kate Dickie, Meredith Taylor, Jennifer Bradner, Emiiy Golin, Ashley Hanser, Greg Augustine, Meghan Covington