

**WEEFC Board Meeting
May 3, 2022
9:00 a.m. at Case House**

Present:

Board Members: Dickie, Bradner, Golin, Hanser, Taylor, and Wang

Administration: Carter (Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning)

School Committee: Newberg

PTO: Palmer

I. Grant Discussion and Vote

A. Beyond Map Memorization Grant (Gr 4, Field School) \$1,523. Grant was discussed to support grade 4 social studies curriculum through classroom sets of desk-sized 3-D maps. This is to better support the change in social studies standards and to help students kinesthetically experience topography, levels of elevation and how these elements of geography have impacted westward expansion and locations of population settlement.

B. PTO Creative Arts Grant (Gr K-7) \$7,805. This PTO Creative Arts grant covers 5 separate programs for grades K-7 this spring: Joe and Vida: A Day in Ghana (Gr 1 Woodland and Country); Tanglewood Marionettes: The Dragon King (Gr K-3 Woodland and Country); Made in the Shade, Jazz: America's Music (Gr 4); Ball in the House acapella (Gr 4-5); and Improv Boston -Improv for Everyone: Communications and Creativity (Gr 6-7). These programs align with grade level curriculum through high-quality arts programming.

A Motion to Approve the Beyond Map Memorization grant and the PTO Creative Arts grant was presented, and members in attendance unanimously approved. (Voted in favor: Dickie, Bradner, Golin, Hanser, Newberg, Taylor, and Wang)

II. Treasurer's Report

To date, WEEFC has approximately \$5k remaining for grant allocation. The WEEFC Stars program has raised approximately \$8k to date.

III. WEEFC Star Awards

We have raised approximately \$8k to date from the Teacher Appreciation Week email campaign. The awards received will be emailed to faculty and staff next week during TAW, and we will continue to distribute as additional stars come in.

IV. Chair Report

A. Board Nominations

The Nominating Committee had 5 letters of interest for joining the WEEFC board. Usually, we have 9 people on the board. With Taylor, Covington and Bradner rolling off, this leaves 3 vacancies. Kate Dickie spoke to School Committee about petitioning to expand the board to 11 positions. This will be voted on at the May 12th School Committee meeting. Kate is hopeful to accept all 5 applicants. Vidya Naru is new to Weston, and she has been nominated to fill the tech position. The other 4 nominees are Angela Rostami, Taylor McIntire, Laura Wilson, and Cassie Bordeau, all of whom are already serving on the fall event committee. It was all discussed that it would be great to have a METCO representative.

B. Fall Fundraising Event Planning

There have been 2 planning meetings to date with lots of brainstorming on auction packages and sponsorships. Winspire is a great option for providing some of the auction packages; the benefit is that it can be very low risk if we start the minimum bid at the cost of the package. Winspire has many packages, and we need to decide what will be most appealing to the event audience: travel, sports, special experiences, etc. An auctioneer has been contacted and seems willing. The

planning committee is waiting to confirm. Board members and the planning committee were asked to look for packages that they can spearhead as well as helping secure event sponsorships.

C. Art Gallery Donation

WEEFC has been approached by the owner of the Gallery D'Orsay in Boston. She would like to provide a piece of art of the board's choosing for the fall auction. Ashley Hanser is organizing a board lunch with PTO in Boston during the next month to pick a piece for the auction. Hopefully the partnership will help increase awareness for the gallery and be beneficial for WEEFC's fundraising.

V. Approve Minutes

A Motion to Approve the Minutes of the meeting on April 5, 2022, was presented, and all members in attendance unanimously approved. (Voted in favor: Dickie, Bradner, Golin, Hanser, Newberg, Taylor, & Wang)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at Case House

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