

WEEFC Board Meeting

June 7, 2022

9:00 a.m. at Case House

Present:

2021-22 Board members: Jennifer Bradner, Meghan Covington, Kate Dickie, Emily Golin, Ashley Hanser, Cara McGrath, Meredith Taylor, and Fang Wang.

New Board Members: Cassie Bordeau, Taylor McIntire, Vidya Naru, Angela Rostami, and Laura Wilson.

Administration: Kimo Carter (Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning)

School Committee: Jeff Lucas

PTO: Gail Palmer

I. Grant Discussion and Vote:

- EKG and EEG Lab Grant in AP Psychology for \$2,766.87: This grant requests money to purchase 13 “Heart and Brain Spiker Boxes” from Backyard Brains and the corresponding adapters for the AP Psychology classroom. The Heart and Brain Spiker Box will allow pairs of students to engage in a hands-on lab measuring and analyzing their own EKG and EEGs. This type of self-referencing and hand-on learning is proven to be highly successful for engaging students, and for long-term learning.
- Art Pro Panel proposed by John Gibbons: John does not need the grant anymore.

A Motion to Approve the AP Psychology grant was presented, and all members in attendance unanimously approved. (Voted in favor: Bradner, Dickie, Covington, Golin, Hanser, McGrath, Taylor, and Wang)

II. Treasurer’s Report:

- To date, WEEFC has approximately \$9K remaining if approving the AP Psychology grant discussed today and deducting all expenses.
- The WEEFC STAR award program has raised approximately \$21K for the 2021-2022 school year, from 452 STARs and 110 families.

- Brainstorming on potential to streamline STAR awards and reduce manual effort.
- We won't need another push for STAR awards at the end of the school year.

III. October Event Progress:

- We are in good shape with auction package list.
- Captains need to collect the donation forms from the contacts.
- Ticket sales starts the week of 8/15, discounted price when purchasing early.
- Another ticket sales announcement in the week of 8/30 when school starts.

IV. All Other Business:

High school:

- Discussed the need to engage high school families in WEEFC.
- In the fall, consider adult and student ambassadors to work with high school principal Paul.

V. Approve Minutes:

A Motion to Approve the Minutes of the meeting on May 3, 2022, was presented, and all members in attendance unanimously approved. (Voted in favor: Bradner, Dickie, Covington, Golin, Hanser, McGrath, Taylor, and Wang)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 6, 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.