

Topic: Finance meeting

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Attendees: Cody Schniepp, Tom Johnston, Shannon Froberg, Sandi Overson, Lisa Anderson, Noah Langseth, Ken La Casse, ~~Dustin Reeves~~

- Financials - Apri
  - \$37,000 left unallocated in the budget butl we still have to pay for these things:
    - i. Summer School
    - ii. Admin Staff pay update
    - iii. Investigation by Ms.Matthews
  - If over budget, the authorizer would be the most upset, but the investigation is at their request
- Budgets Updates
  - We did have to issue a new credit card, and Ken La Casse and has custody of the credit card now
  - .5 Math Teacher
    - i. Noah, Mariah and Shannon requested it
    - ii. Not posted yet but it should be posted soon, since we are posting for the other one
    - iii. Same amount of FTE but the .5 would need benefits
      - 1. \$7000 surplus for next year, right now
      - 2. But we don't know what the new hires will cost
    - iv. The question was asked to Shannon, if the teachers who were supposed to have an overload, were told that they would not have have an overload and she said that yes, Mariah and Isaac have agreed to a reduction in their FTE
    - v. Cody will meet with Dustin and get back to the Committee about this
- Fund Raising
  - We added Coke Rewards to the website, but very minimal
  - Funds continue to trickle in and there was \$2400 more last month in the AFC funds
  - No discussion about next year's fundraising yet
- Covid related spending
  - Are we trying to get a Covid Coordinator in? The Covid Liaison meeting is on Thursday and Tom will bring the issue there. Schools are required to maintain their Safe School Plans until June 13, and then it expires. So it doesn't really make a lot of sense right now. It is posted, but no one has applied.
  - Summer School- Do we have ESSER Funds? \$10,000 that is available for the next fiscal year, however, we can pull the money back a month.

- 300 hours that teachers could be paid, 3 hours a day = 100 teacher days at \$30 an hour
- Discussed summer school at Academics Meeting
- 25 days total
- Tom will approach AFC as well because there is \$3000 there
- The plan is to try to make it work within the budget
- MS: 49 students at risk of repeating and there are 65 Fs overall
- HS: 44 students at risk of repeating and there are 45 Fs overall
- 35 HS students are failing Core Classes in HS and these are students who have just one F and a lot of students have multiple Fs.
- Summer School would take place for 3 weeks in June (we can use the ESSER money) and 3 weeks in July (and we may take a budget hit next year)
- What can the ESSER funds be used for? Dustin is checking it out for sure, but maybe we can use it for summer school and/or Covid catch-up
- Summer School would be in person and we would like them to be in school because that provides the best support for the student
- We would still strive to keep mask mandates, small classes and social distancing as much as possible
- Transportation will still be a problem
- Summer School students have to be reported to the State
- Do we get extra funding for summer school? Unsure, because we are not a Title 1 school. Cody will discuss with Dustin
- Summer School is on the Workshop Agenda for the BOD meeting
- Are we comfortable with the amount of money (\$10,000 ESRA and \$5000 from next year's budget) spent on this? Possibly the \$3000 from AFC, but Tom will discuss this with AFC next week. We could spend down the general fund and then save the ESSER funds to use next year.
- Will students come? Could we survey those with Fs and see if they are interested or at least notify them of their options.
- We worry we will be too late if we don't act soon, at the May BOD meeting
- How many are at risk of dropping into the F range? Lots...
- What does the curriculum look like? Do we have to buy it? We are not buying curriculum, but students will complete the pieces they are missing to be able to pass. It may be 1 assignment or a combination of standards, or alternative assessments, not the entire curriculum. Hopefully, as the summer goes on, the numbers will decrease as students pass their classes.
- Solar Panels - Community Garden option.
  - Cody Will bring it to the BOD next month. The Community Garden requires a \$100,000 investment and there is a 8 year payback period, so the investment might not be worth it, if we are moving.
  - But we can buy into a solar community farm and we would save about \$6000 a year. We would buy the energy from the farm, instead of Xcel It still comes through Xcel, but through a different path. It is a 25 year commitment, but as long as we are still in the area, it moves with us. There is no investment fee.
- Salary for temporary Co- Interim Directors/Administrative Staff
  - Joell gets overtime for her overtime

- Dustin said that we can give a stipend
- The Co-interims have AD, Director and Covid jobs
- Everyone who is doing something extra should get paid more. For example Michelle is doing graduation, Ken asked for overtime but was denied, someone was doing Covid, Joell is doing additional work, but the Co-interims did not volunteer for their positions, so supposedly that is the difference as to why they get should paid.
- Take John's salary for the 6 weeks and divide it by 2 so that would be about \$6400 for the rest of this fiscal year
- Summer school will mostly be their job as well, if they choose to teach classes, then they could get paid for teaching classes. But they feel that supervising Summer School falls under their job description.
- There will be some overtime authorized for other administrative staff for summer school and other Director-related issues. Some of this might roll over until next year's budget.