

November 9, 2012

PTO Fall Grants Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Attendees: Scott Dunahee, Britta Hanson, Mike McLain, Beth O'Callaghan, Jason Speich, Amy Thomas and John Wallace

A meeting of the grants subcommittee was called to order. It was clarified that the PTO Grants Committee has \$7,400 to allocate for the fall grant cycle. This represents the amount budgeted income exceeded budgeted expenses at the start of the 2012-2013 PTO fiscal year. The spring grants will be funded with additional monies from fundraisers and fall parking. The total amount requested this cycle was \$16,994.

There was general reporting from each Principal regarding the discussions they had with their leadership teams about the current grant requests. Each principal identified and prioritized the grant requests that were of greatest importance to their school.

The committee then discussed each proposal with particular attention to the following items:

- What specific need (academic, enrichment, etc.) does the grant request fulfill,
- What other ways could that need be met, and
- How the proposal fits into 2011-12 survey results regarding PTO priorities.

The committee took one of three actions for each proposal:

- 1) Forward for consideration by the full PTO Board,
- 2) Refer for further review, or
- 3) Not fund in this grant cycle.

Each proposal was assigned a member of the Grants Committee to do individual follow-up after the meeting.

In general, the committee noted high technology needs at Franklin and Randall. These are reflected in the number and amount of the requests for the fall grant cycle. It was noted that previous MMSD technology funding has gone towards upgrades and repairs to existing technology, and future funding for new technology is rapidly shrinking. It was also noted that the district is moving towards the use of Apple iPads, as opposed to laptops, netbooks, or desktop computer systems. Additionally, each principal spoke to how new technologies (i.e. presentation stations, iPads) are assisting teachers meet their academic/curricular goals. John Wallace recognized the guidance and leadership of Michelle Reis Olson with regards to new technology initiatives.

A full list of fall grant proposals may be found on the PTO website for review. A summary spreadsheet is also available online.

A spreadsheet of the final recommendations of the Grants Committee has been prepared and will be forwarded to the full PTO Board for consideration and approval at the regular meeting on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Beth O'Callaghan, Secretary