

Meriwether Lewis Elementary School
PTO Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2015

Participants: Holly Stancil, Laurel Geis, Peggy Williams, Sarah McLean, Deb Parmelee, Mike Irani, Jerilyn Teahan, Joanne Rome, Helen Boyd, Brandi Robertson, Dana Quist, Sarah Kelsey, Richard Monroe, Carleen Kupcis, Mindy Goodall (old board and new slate all present)

May minutes approved.

Discussion of funding priorities and proposal A and proposal B.

Laurel: explanation of feedback she received on different priorities.

- Nurse beds: it seems like something County should pay for as a basic necessity. But PTO is there to fill in where school or County cannot. And this is something that benefits all the students. Irani - Building services may order them for us so this may be moot. So we could decide tonight whether to approve, and if it becomes moot we could roll funds into playground funds.
- Nurse emergency cart: no negative feedback on this. Seems like a good idea.
- Digital fabrication supplies: shouldn't this just go into our annual budget instead of MEP process? Discussion of how the budget already has \$250 for next year, so maybe they should spend that first and then file an ER later in the year if GRT teacher needs more.

- Mobile shelving: no feedback on this. Brief discussion of benefit of mobile shelving and how it opens up the space for multiple uses.
- Autism resource charge station: all positive comments.
- Staff shirts: should be part of the discussion for next year's budget.
- Lego Kit: got positive feedback on this.
- Wall mount tables: some concerns about safety, appearance. But it creates more work space and white tables. Still no confirmation on fire code issue. Irani - not concerned about display or space; only concerned about whether it can actually be done - brackets installed, etc. Concern is logistics and structure more than utility.
- Reading loft - we still don't have too much information on these lofts, just got a few pictures from Mrs. Oehler. Decision not to include in this year's vote. Being tabled; needs further development.
- Picnic tables for K-2: don't have specific \$ amount. Playground proposal includes an outdoor learning space so we may want to hold this money for that. Not enough information on this for this year - carryover for next year.
- Proposal A minus \$250 for digital fabrication supplies was supported in straw poll.
- Discussion of whether to Vote to adopt proposal A, minus digital fabrication, with understanding that if County funds the nurse beds, that money will roll into playground fund, and if wall mount tables end up not be feasible (fire code), that money would also roll into playground fund.

- Nurse beds: everyone except Joanne votes in favor of nurse beds.
- Nurse carts: unanimous
- Mobile shelving: unanimous
- Lego kit: unanimous
- Wall mount: Laurel, Sarah and Dana opposed, but got six votes so it passed.
- Anything over 21,485 will roll into playground fund: motion approved unanimous.
- Sunset clause on playground fund discussed.
- Motion to take \$53.37 extra to cover summer library hours - passed unanimously.