

MAY 4, 2015 BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

- Go through this years budget & then open up for what should we add to the budget that is not on the budget currently; then go through and talk about each one and put in #s and THEN approve the budget...
- Questions from Parents: Why do I right a check for the envelope at the beginning of the year – then write another check for the jog A thon....???
 - If we took the envelope away would parent donate a larger amount to the jog-a-thon? Or would it back fire?
- From a fundraising stand point it is suggested to NOT go to a one time giving opportunity – the more times you ask and the more opportunities you give parents to give the more we will recieve.
- As we look at expenses:
 - 5th grade celebration – they never have gone negative and have never spent \$ out of the general fund. Always has come from the random fundraising.
 - Green team was new and added budget
 - Teacher Stipend – can this be combined with “party budget” and maybe a set amount per student? Do we increase thebudget? We need to address a new teacher stipend.
 - 4th grade trip – we funded \$3500
 - Idea of line item: lets create a line item for the excess of funds – technology, RFF, what it is we don’t know?
- New Line Items and Budgets needed:
 - Author visit to go under assemblies – is 2k a good use for author visit? Should assembly budget be increased? 2 assemblies + an author visit proposed.
 - Request from Green Team to stay at \$250 and add an addition \$100 for DI
 - Request for sock hop to be added as a line item: DJ, Custodian Fee, previous years almost \$900. Suggestion to add the sock hop as a “family event” or title it more generally.
 - Request to add a line item for general field trips – all grades could benefit from it. \$ amount from fields trips average 11k per year.