

JRES PTO General Meeting Minutes Jan 29, 2008

A meeting was held to discuss grants in order to expedite any recommended grants that were approved. Kerry Beauclair presented the following grants and recommendations for the grant committee:

Grants Recommended for Funding

1. Pat Fulmer and Kara Hendrickson requested \$77.45 for materials including the script and music of a character education play performed by 50 students and enjoyed by the whole school as an audience. Book fair funds could be appropriately utilized to fund this grant.
2. Susan Brewer has requested \$275.00 to purchase five multimedia speakers to add to media carts for those teachers without laptops to allow them to show video clips or anything with sound from their computer. Funding would come out of budgeted funds.
3. Joe Demers has requested a set of six Nintendo DS handheld devices to use in centers for reinforcing math skills and reading fluency plus supporting software at a cost of \$1123.31. A similar project has been successfully conducted at Trailside. The committee is recommending funding this request. The committee is also recommending that any materials, curriculum, etc. purchased with PTO funds be clearly labeled "Property of JRES." Funding would come out of budgeted funds.
4. Michelle Wallace has requested \$1200.00 for all students to experience a full day Jr. Engineering hands on classroom program in the Spring. This program has been well received by students and teachers in previous years. It is typically conducted every other year. Funding would come out of budgeted funds.

All of these four grants were recommended for funding by the grant committee. A vote was taken and all four grants will be funded. The Fulmer/Hendrickson grant will be funded from Book Fair funds. All grants passed unanimously.

Grants Recommended to Be Denied

Derrick Spitzer, Dennis Herrington, and Mary Morgan have requested \$700.00 for expendable reward and incentive supplies (certificates, medals, trophies, etc.) for enhancing the music curriculum for all 5th graders. Funding would come out of budgeted funds. The committee suggested other avenues such as teacher supply budgets, downloading certificates from the internet, and less expensive incentives.

Book Fair funds: $\$1561.00 - \$77.45 = \$1483.72$ (balance)

Budgeted funds: $\$2747.72 - \$2675.76 = \$71.96$ (balance)

A discussion was held and it was agreed that this grant would not be funded.

The next grant committee meeting will be held in April.

In other business, Carol Boissonnault brings in an author once a year. Rather than requesting a \$500.00 grant each year it was suggested that we make this a line item budgeted item (contingent upon the Book Fair making at least \$500.00). A motion carried to make this a budgeted line item.

Paige Wakefield will be attending a PTO/PTA sponsored spelling bee meeting. This year Park City Academy and the Colby School will be participating along with McPolin, Trailside, and Parley's Park. We discussed ways of expediting the elimination rounds to select finalists for the competition. We recognize the full agendas our teaching faculty have and do not wish to further unnecessarily burden them. Paige will report back with her findings.

Meeting adjourned.