

CEC Meeting Minutes

8/21/23

Attendance

Board Members Present:

Joey Caternichio

Elizabeth Serrano

Erika Green

Juliana Shields

Leslie Boyd Shroyer

Joel Akers

Not present:

Joe Blaeuer

Celeste Long

Community Members Present:

Becky Hills

Background of CEC- discussed by Joey

- CEC supportive, facilitative to goals of the Chugach Community
- Welcome ideas
- Board meetings open to anyone at school
- Consider board meeting and CAM meeting combined? With suggestion of 30 minutes on budget (CEC) followed by CAM with philosophical discussion or CAM topic
- Budget/Expenditure should:
 - allow for zero balance
 - raise funds and approve spending
 - budget is fluid (add A, add B)

Parent coordinator liaison role and goals- discussed by Leslie

- Facilitate communication with teachers and family groups
- One idea is to redistribute the work load
- Consider combined meeting with CEC/PC

Develop ideas for CAM Meeting

- Review of budget
- Philosophy
- Introduction to Chugach- philosophy, curriculum
- Future agenda Items- Leslie will send out some topics that need to be covered- ie February needs 10 min on science share
 - Include agenda items for each fundraiser
 - Family mentorship

Meeting Scheduling

- Continue CAM Mtgs on Wednesdays?
- First mtg- 1-2 weeks after Kindy's start (8/24)
- September 13th- CAM Community Welcoming

BIG SIMPLE

- Kick off first week of September
- Sandwich boards
- Booth at school
- Example—Look at Denali Montessori Website—levels of giving, impact giving

- Example—Camp K- structured giving (less than cost of camp, cost of camp, donate to help others)
- Important to tie into curriculum

Auction/fundraiser software called “Better World” allows for impact giving - discussed by Becky

- Less costly than Maestro and includes more giving options
- Has meeting with software company later this week, will await their discussion
- requires switching to Stripe from Square, comparable costs - probably ok to do both as the costs are imbedded in sales price (ie no additional fees)

Funding

- End of year funding request (2022- 2023)- Lorelei lighting system purchased out of pocket
- Had funding left over from last year
- In future, must have board approval prior to spending
- Consider additional fundraising opportunities
- Website
- Square website linked to Chugach?
- CEC/CAM Website Revamping??
 - auction link
 - Programs
 - Curriculum
 - similar to Denali Montessori

Auction

- Need new chair
- Venue— November 17 tentative
- Theme in honor of 50th anniversary? Decades, 70's?
- Need meeting ASAP to get ideas, intel and formalize and form committee— invite previous chairs/volunteers, alumni- Becky will send invite and try and reserve conference room
- Need big committee with clearly delineated tasks
- Becky has spreadsheet for tasks

Future goals

- Review Chugach philosophy - update handbook and develop a 1-2 sentence Philosophy Statement in addition to the well outlined bullet points of the philosophy currently in the Handbook. Review at next CEC meeting. ?Needs committee from larger community/CAM.

CEC Meeting schedule

- Mondays 8:30 first or second week of each month TBD
- Next was scheduled for Sept 4th at time of meeting (while typing up these notes I see that is Labor Day—will email board to adjust date)

NEXT CEC MEETING TBD- Best if week prior to CAM Meeting

NEXT CAM MEETING WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 13 TIME TBD