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Chugach Educational Corporation (CEC) Board Meeting
October 4, 2019
Chugach Optional Elementary School

→CEC Meeting called to order @ 11:30 am in the Art Room

→Attendance

Members present:

Loren Hildebrandt, President
Mandy Casurella, VP
Susan Hayner, Secretary
Amey Armachain, Treasurer
Joe Miller, Treasurer (non-voting)
Maggie Miller, Member At Large
Liz Provencio (voting member) PC Coordinators
Guest teacher(s)/parent(s): Amy Brabec, Susan, Kate

Amey motions to change the check signatories from Jocelyn and Michael to add Joe Miller and Loren Hildebrandt, and to changed Registered Agents with the State of Alaska. Liz seconds, all approve.

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--planning fundraising efforts to cover the increased expenses of the 2019 Outdoor School are underway. Goal is to reimburse the amount forward funded by parent ~\$5,000 that the event went over budget this school year.

--students in grades 5/6 will brainstorm with teachers to create and sell goods eg stickers, bags.

--Auction donations?

--spirit wear profit?

--LifeTouch profits?

Determining Outdoor School funding needs for future years

--revive prior fundraising efforts of Bake Sales, etc?

--increase the per person amount from \$25 to \$50 for all years with funds carrying forward?

--add Outdoor school as a line item in Auction. Forward Fund.

--take sack lunches to help reduce the cost?

--Spirit wear profits?

--Consider different locations for events to keep costs down

Joe and Amey will draft letter to school about school finances, current fundraising and uses, and the need to fundraise throughout the year for other items beyond Big Simple. 5/6 teachers will draft letter to parents about deficit and ideas to fundraise, etc.

Historically, Outdoor School costs \$7,500 every two years. 5/6 class attends Outdoor School for three days and two nights. For the past few years, we have been going to Birchwood (all food is prepared and served), life guard on lake is paid for, staff team building included, and a portion of the price is subsidized by the CEC from general funds (these are not from Big Simple funds). The year, the total cost of the experience was \$13,235.70, a hefty \$5,735.70 over what was budgeted as an expense. With the parent

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contributions, carryover from prior year the event was still over budget by \$4,800. A generous parent, to remain anonymous, forward funding the shortfall to cover the additional costs that exceeded the CEC budget and to keep it from being cancelled. This year was significantly more expensive, as there were more attendees (the cost of the camp increased by 5% due to the size of the group). The price collected from students was \$50. The total cost per person is \$123.

Financial report/budget, Treasurer, Amey.

- Big Simple has raised \$22,987 as of 10/3/2019.
- Ice Rink has raised \$3910. Will forward fund 2020/2021 year with excess funds. Will sign contract for 2019/2020 year.
- Use of anticipated LifeTouch funds. Unknown % of profit will go back to the school. Will know more soon.
- Feasibility and desirability of changes to playground surface. At this time, with considerable budget shortfalls, will table this discussion, though it is important.

Spirit Wear Update. New Spirit Wear for sale!

Community Assembly Meeting Planning for 2019-2020 year

- CEC November 1, 9:30-11:00 am
- CAM November 11, combined efforts with MATH night
- CEC December 13, 11:30 am - 1:00pm
- CAM December 12
- CEC January 10, 9:30 am - 11:00 pm
- CAM January 13

→Meeting adjourned 1:00 pm.