

**PTO Budget Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, August 26th**  
**6:30pm @ Zoom Meeting**

1. Call meeting to order. Lindsay called to order. Deepak took attendance.
2. 2020/2021 Friends of Sauganash PTO Budget Report – Heather VanZant
3. Heather presenting a high level budget summary.
4. Fall Fund Drive: Will be asking for \$100/family.
  - a. Question from Violeta on changing to a Spring Drive. Response was fall is better so we know where we stand in Spring.
  - b. Pledge option in MKT and parents can opt to give a monthly amount. There is a fundraising feature on MKT which is like GiveSmart with same fees.
  - c. Instead of saying it's a fund drive, change the theme to be more specific to the needs that it's funding.
5. Questions on income? None
6. Expenses:
  - a. \$155K in expenses
  - b. Largest expense is teacher aides \$100K
  - c. Question on the money for teacher aides. Question from Robert on role of aides. 2 out of the 3 is for Kindergarten for the largest classroom size. School has aides that work for the school. They wouldn't be fully used unless we go to a hybrid model. Teachers will see where to best use the aides on an hourly schedule. Budget for \$100K for 5 aides. Three are coming back from previous school year and school is not going to hire more under current circumstances. Aides are paid hourly. CPS pays for 6 adults per kindergarten class.
  - d. Additional questions on expenses? None
  - e. Budget looks strong going into a tough year.
  - f. Spring benefit net was \$84K and our goal was \$65K.
  - g. Not getting as strong of interest income.
  - h. We're coming in below budget and that's mainly due to only having 3 teacher aides.
  - i. Teacher stipend came in below budget as well.
7. Question on surplus: We're at \$270K. Looking at the balance sheet and showing how much surplus we have and explaining it. We didn't need to spend surplus in 2019/2020 school year.
8. Sivan Galinsky can volunteer her services for event planning. She'd like to know what has been done in the past. Heather will be in touch with her.
9. Parents and Teachers are encouraged to bring their ideas to the PTO table for discussion and approval.
10. Budget put to a vote. All voted yes in favor of budget as presented by Heather VanZant.

Attendance and vote cas for budget:

Lindsay Stavrakas	Yes
Deepak Bapu	Yes
Caroline Giamalva	Yes
Heather Van Zant	Yes
Katrina Ramos	Yes
Anna Barnes	n/a - left
Christine Munns	Yes
Christina Tassone	Yes
Dina Maticiuc	Yes
Jason Nagy	Yes
Jeannie Gillespie	Yes
Joanne Davidson	Yes
Julia Bliss	Yes
Maria Sopena	Yes
Peter Oyegun	Yes
Robert Scznesiak	Yes
Sean Kennedy	Yes
Sivan Galinsky	n/a - left
Teri Court	Yes
Violeta Balan	Yes