

**WEEFC Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 21, 2021**  
**9:00 am at Case House**

**Present:**       **Board Members:** Dickie, Covington, Golin, Hanser, Taylor, Wang  
                  **Administration:** Carter (Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning)  
                  **School Committee:** Newburg  
                  **PTO Vice President:** Palmer

**i. Grant Discussion & Vote**

1. Lake Sake Program grant across all elementary schools in the amount of \$3,500. \$3,500 was approved in the spring for this fall and Part 2 is being proposed for the spring. Looking to make the Land Sake more robust/ different each year.
2. Turtle Headstarting grant proposed for the Biology curriculum at high school level in the amount of \$1,000. We didn't have one this last year but have had similar approved grants in the past. 3. Online virtual Visual Aurthor (Rob Buyea) Visit for 5th graders grant proposal for \$1,500. Buyea is a 5th grade favorite and due to his popularity is more accessible via Zoom and Zoom is sometimes better received.

A motion to approve all three grants was presented and members unanimously approved. (Voted in favor: Dickie, Covington, Golin, Hanser, Newburg, Taylor, Wang)

Dr. Carter also discussed the following potential future grants: Preschool grants (TBD if certain activities can be held outside) and a desire for upgraded classroom furniture which is conducive to better types of learning. WPS seems to be a bit behind. WPS is in the process of determining the importance and how best to fund it. WPS is considering proposing this request to the School Committee, using school operating budget money and/or potentially WEEFC funds.

- a. WEEFC Board discussed how school furniture may fall outside our mission statement. It is a bit of a grey area, as WEEFC supports educational enrichment. The question is whether this physical equipment would enhance learning.

**ii. Chair Report**

Discussion around kick-off fundraiser, Principal for a Day, spearheaded by Ashley Hanser and Meredith Taylor. Communication is already out and in motion ahead of Back to School Night virtual events. WEEFC has been working hand-n-hand with PTO this fall to help clarify the roles each organization plays within the community. Many thanks to Gale and Nancy for their collaboration.

**iii. Summer Budget Meeting**

Goal is to front-load the grants this year in an effort to better plan WEEFC budgeting. Kimo reached out to teachers over the summer and encouraged them to purpose their grants early in the school year.

**iv. Fall Fundraising Plan**

Weston Golf Club is booked for March 26th and fingers crossed we can be in person this year. Need to start thinking about other creative solutions. Idea proposed to have the WEEFC fundraiser next fall (early October) while people are excited about the school year and it will also fill reserves for school year grants.

**v. Grant Update**

Update on Disk Golf: The course around the middle and high school campus is almost complete for use for PE MS and HS classes, in addition to a HS Disk Golf Club.

**vi. Approve Minutes**

A Motion to Approve Minutes of the meeting on June 8, 2021 was presented and all members unanimously approved. (Voted in favor: Dickie, Covington, Golin, Hanser, Wang).

**Next Meeting: October 19, 2021 at 9:00 am at Case House.**

*WEEFC supports innovative and creative grants which enrich the learning experience beyond the regular school budget.*