

School Development Committee Minutes Wednesday, March 7, 2018 5:00 p.m. DaVinci Academy

Mission

DaVinci Academy of Arts and Science will awaken a passion for learning through an enriched and individualized approach to education. Students, parents and teachers will work together to ensure positive character development and build a strong foundation for higher education.

Vision

DaVinci Academy of Arts and Science will be known and respected for providing a dynamic educational experience in which students become lifelong learners with a sense of responsibility to society.

Pillars

Arts and Science Focus
Enriched Learning Experience
Differentiated Instruction
Character Development

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call: Mark Guy, Megan Steinbruckner, Melanie Persellin, Katharine Borg, Lorena Bayless, Brandy Doyle, Crystal Higgins
- 3. Discussion Items
 - A. Heggie's Fundraiser Earned the school approximately \$17,000. Last year's total was approximately \$12,000. While there was discussion earlier of rolling the Heggie's fundraiser over to the PTO, there is not a particular need for that amount of funding for the PTO. Therefore, the committee decided to keep the Heggie's fundraiser under the School Development Committee umbrella. Crystal and Katharine will plan to work together on it next year. Timing will move up in the calendar to October rather than January/February
 - B. PTO's read-a-thon earned approximately \$8000. The PTO will keep about \$7000 for their own activities this year, and \$1000 was donated to the DaVinci Academy library for new book purchases. PTO plans to repeat the fundraiser again in February next year.
 - C. Donor party Crystal will contact the caterer that handled the staff party to inquire about possible dates for the party. Will aim for either a Friday or Saturday evening in early or mid-May. Invitation list should include donors as well as past and current board members. Threshold for donors will depend on how long the donor lists are over the past year. Katharine will take a look and get back to the committee with more information.
 - D. The PTO carnival is scheduled for Friday June 1 from 3-7pm. The committee noted it would be good to alert Ms. Kresh about this date and time so that there are no conflicts in terms of space usage with DaVinci Den should it be offered that day.

- E. The committee has not had a chance to gather quotes on outdoor learning environments yet. The committee does have a survey of DaVinci Academy teachers which provides a list of "must haves" for the space as well as other priorities for potential contractor quotes. The committee will aim to gather at least three quotes by the end of April. The committee will invite Holly Fischer to the April monthly meeting to gather her input about location, size, and key features to consider for conversations with contractors.
- F. Golf tournament Contract with Joel is ready for signature and the deposit is in with the golf course. We have until May 25 to drop down to only one course, if needed. The double course allows for a maximum of 240 golfers, but the golf task force is aiming for at least 200. There is a cap of 420 people on dinner (to be held in the Grand Ballroom). There has been a price increase of 20% across sponsorship levels and a \$25 price increase for individual golfers. The task force is formalizing donor letters. Mid-April will kick off \$ for DaVinci (Apr 16-May 18). Megan is working with Ms. Lach to determine what sort of kick-off event with teachers would be best.
- 4. Adjournment at 6:00pm
- 5. Next Meeting: 4/4/18 @ 5:00pm