

Arts & Technology Education Fund Committee
May 10, 2018 Minutes

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Those in attendance: Hana Barker, Beverly Barrett, Kirk Marshall, Carrie Meikle, Jan Mounsey, Jeff Porzio, Angie Taranto, and Evelyn Thoren.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

The minutes from May 22, 2017 were reviewed. Angie made a motion to approve; Jeff seconded the motion. All approved.

Kirk said that there was about \$45K in the fund. We have received \$625 in donations to honor teachers since January. Evelyn made announcements about ATEF and grant applications at Town Meeting and School Committee. We have collected about \$3K from mailings and 4th of July.

The nine grant applications were discussed. The first grant by Stephanie Ahearn would be considered pending questions that Evelyn will ask Linda Hirsh in regards to whether this should be in the budget or if it was requested before.

The second grant Jaclyn Demary raised the questions of whether anything like this has been planned by school department or are part of Wellness Program. Evelyn will follow up.

The third grant by Allison Lacasse & Sean Wright raised the question if clinicians have been part of the music program in the past. Hana said that the McCarthy PTO does have enrichment money available but they were not approached for funding.

The fourth grant by Marian Smith was denied because it was a request for a chromebook. Evelyn suggested that either technology director or special education department could provide it.

The fifth grant by Erica Barrett will be considered pending a few questions that Evelyn will follow up with special education director.

The sixth grant by Stacy Trager was denied because it is a request for an iPad. Evelyn will update special education director and see if there are extra iPads available.

The seventh grant by Lauren Cochran was incomplete. Kirk will contact Mrs Cochran and ask for completion of sections 2,3 7\$ and additional support materials. If these can be provided in a timely fashion, she will be invited for interview.

The eighth grant by Erin Lally was denied because it was a request for Mac. Evelyn will pass along request to special ed director. Beverly suggested that a chromebook could be used.

The ninth grant by Mary Ellen Forty was discussed, and Mary Ellen will be invited for an interview.

It was decided that in the interest of efficiency and time that interviews be set up with grants 1, 2, 3, 5, 7(if completed) and 9. Grants 4, 6, and 8 will be notified that ATEF will be unable to fund their requests.

The next ATEF meeting will be Wednesday, May 23 at 6 pm. It will begin with a short meeting to get updates on answers to follow up questions then interviews begin at 6:30 pm.

Kirk announced that he is looking for someone to take over as ATEF Chair. He would like to continue on the committee but is unable to remain as chair due to work obligations.

Angie announced that he would like someone to take over notification of teacher donations. Hana said that she would do it.

Jeff made a motion to adjourn; Hana seconded. All approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.