

SOUTH RANGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO/BOOSTER CLUB

MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 2, 2017

SPECIAL MEETING ABOUT EXPENSE REQUEST

Attendance: Jen Laitala, Amy Isaacson, Val Dobson, Chelsea Myers, Lisa Pyykkonen, Nora Halonen, Dawn Verran, Mande Lehto, Kim Harris

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm by President Isaacson
2. Special Expenditure Approval for AmeriCorps Worker
 1. Mrs. Harris is asking the Booster Club for money to pay for AmeriCorps member Christina Hubert. AmeriCorps is a program through BHK where a worker comes to the school and works with students on literacy. It is paid partly through grants and \$7500 by the school. This summer, the district decided against it because of money constraints and no one stood out. Christina decided in September to do AmeriCorps for a third year. She has done two years at SRE and was one of the most exceptional AmeriCorps worker the school has ever had. Superintendent Keteri has said that there is nowhere in the budget at this point to pay for it. Mrs. Harris has a plan to pay for it partly using internal accounts such as gym rentals and popcorn and having the Booster Club pay \$3000.
 2. There is around \$7000 in the accounts after the September meeting. There is \$4300 possible remaining in teacher reimbursement. Expecting a conservative \$5000 from the fundraiser would have the end of the year around \$8000 without any other expenses.
 3. Discussion
 1. Pros: Christina would help fill in the gaps in the day and be an extra person, such as with the after school program. She is good in a mentoring role and good with forming relationships with students. The after school program would be able to expand and offer more tutoring. Staff members present vouched she is really great.
 2. Cons: Christina wouldn't work on literacy with every student and the focus of the Club is to benefit as many students as possible. If the Booster Club pays for staffing once, it be looked at again. It's a lot of money.
4. Secret Written Vote
 1. 1 yay, 8 nays.
3. Meeting was adjourned at 6:32