

Meeting Date : Tues, April 23, 2024 Meeting Location: Lineweaver Library / Zoom option

Members present	Teachers: Karen Fields, Parents: Callie Jackson (virtual) & Paul Bell (virtual) Classified: Bianca Correno Mendoza Community: Janine Malkin Principal: Emily Walls
Members absent	Joshua Polacheck, Russ Halliday, & Lourdes De Leon
Audience present:	Christine Georgelos, Marcos Bermudez, & Heather Matchett

- I. Called to order at 3:18 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes from meeting on February 27, 2024

<b>ITEM TITLE</b>	<b>Prior Minutes</b>
<b>DISCUSSION NOTES</b>	Janine moves to approve minutes with a minor typo correction. Paul seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.
<b>ACTION ITEMS:</b> Minutes from 2/27/24 approved.	

**III. Principal’s Report**

<b>ITEM TITLE</b>	<b>Lineweaver Events/Newsorthy/Staff Updates</b>
	<p>Mrs. Walls gives report – a very busy time of year. Enrollment as of now for next year is 80% confirmed for current students. We anticipate that our enrollment should be stable for next year – about 520-530 students. Kinder is the wild card – don’t know how many we will have. We have 39 kinders registered at this point. We have been allocated four teachers for kinder, but we are not sure if we will need that.</p> <p>Regarding staffing – Dominic Strong, our new monitor, is doing well. We had hired a new EX ED aide, but she left within a couple weeks. We have been fortunate as we have a contracted aides coming to help. We just finished state testing, we are working on makeup testing. We had 100% of 5<sup>th</sup> graders complete the science assessment, and most did the writing. For AASA, we had about 30 kids that missed the scheduled testing, but we are getting makeups done and should meet the 95% requirement for testing easily. We don’t know if an “A” designation is a sure thing going into the ‘24-’25 school year, since we need to show growth in a kid / kid method and a targeted growth measure which is a little unsure at this point. We shall see. We don’t believe the letter grade defines us, but we do know it is important.</p> <p>We have super Sports Day tomorrow, Kinder Karnival on Tues. 5/21, lots of OMA performances, 5<sup>th</sup> grade promotion on 5/23, and lots of other end-of-year stuff. Lineweaver will have Summer School – we will have five classes, and it will be coordinated by Shalom Rockwell. Although 20 students have been invited to attend summer school, at this point we have Kinder = 7; 1<sup>st</sup> = 5; 2<sup>nd</sup> = 10; 3<sup>rd</sup> = 8; 4<sup>th</sup> = 4. Teacher teams invited students to participate, and we are waiting on invitations to be returned or we will go to the back-up names. We do not have GATE summer school. We are targeting kids that have academic needs that could be helped by additional practice. Summer Cub Club will be going on as well.</p>

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**IV. Discussion/Information Items**

<b>ITEM TITLE</b>	<b>New Lineweaver school council members and proposed meeting schedule for '24-'25 school year</b>
<b>DISCUSSION NOTES</b>	Karen Fields proposed that the Lineweaver School Council plan to meet on Mondays at 3:15 p.m. for the '24 – '25 school year. There will be two new teachers on the council, a new classified staff member, and one or two parents. Voting will take in the next couple weeks by each constituent group, and the new members will be elected. We will send out new member names and a proposed meeting schedule for the upcoming school year so our members can plan. The Zoom meeting link will be continued for next year so that members can participate digitally, if desired.
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<b>ITEM TITLE</b>	<b>Proposed Capital Expenditures for undesignated tax credit monies</b>
<b>DISCUSSION :</b>	<p>Mrs. Walls shared about the use of tax credit dollars at Lineweaver: This year, we had \$123K in undesignated tax credit dollars (in July) to use for Lineweaver students. We were allowed more leeway with the use of tax credit dollars for capital purchases, so we purchased laptops, walkie-talkie radios, and a new laminator with undesignated funds. For more conventional uses of these funds, we also paid for a tutoring club and prepared our extracurricular club lines to pay for coaches and expenditures for them. These funds paid for a writing club coach (\$1K), a gardening club and coaches (\$3K), Lawyers for Literacy club and coach (\$1K), drama club (\$500), and school-wide after-school learning club(\$22K). We also paid for enrichment instructors (\$44K). Although we have after school basketball, cross-country track, and track and field programs with related coaching expenses, these are paid for from the TUSD Interscholastic funds and do not come out of our tax credit dollars. Mrs. Walls did mention that there is an inequity issue with this funding source – currently interscholastic coaches are paid at a rate of \$15/hour whereas other extracurricular coaches/sponsors are paid at “added duty” a rate of \$25/hour for certified or the existing hourly rate for classified. The unions are looking into this discrepancy and may be advocating for an increase for these rates. The same situation exists for interscholastic funding for Student Council and Yearbooks – they are paid at the lower rate through Student Activities.</p> <p>After looking at our clubs/programs, assuming they will roll over into next year, we have 14 sports / clubs before and after school. Some are funded through OMA / Fine Arts tax credit donations. These clubs do not impact our undesignated funds at this point. We would</p>

however like to have the funding established for our existing clubs/coaches moving into the next school year to make launching the clubs in the new school year quick and seamless.

At this point, we have an undesignated tax credit balance of about \$82K. We are always accepting tax credit dollar donations, and we are hoping to accrue another \$25K in donations to meet our annual goal (of \$50K). However, with the funds already deposited, Mrs. Walls would like to fund the current listed programs for the next school year. The funding needs for these programs are as follows to maintain funding at the current levels: Writing Club / Gardening Club / Lawyers for Literacy : \$3K needed; Learning Club : up to \$16K needed; Enrichment instructors: up to \$44K needed; Drama Club: \$500 needed; Sports : \$1,500 needed. The total being requested to start the school year would be \$65,000. This request still leaves us about \$20K undesignated funds for other possible program funding or for some other need that may come up.

Other clubs may be proposed for next year. Mrs. Rachakonda has expressed interest in a Robotics Club. Mrs. Walls also reports that the district is no longer funding the Teacher Technology Liaison (TTL) position out of Deseg dollars. This position provides technology support to teachers and students and provides much-needed tech support for maintaining and trouble-shooting approximately 600 student and 30 teacher computers. Ms. Matchett has expressed interest in a computer club after school. Part of the brainstorm of this is due to the district no longer funding a tech support position. Deseg dollars are no longer being used for teacher-tech liaison position – teachers helping with tech issues. We need this. We have lots of needs with our technology on a regular basis. Tax credits needs to fund things that work directly with kids. Administration awaits word from district regarding alternatives to funding.

This proposed funding will continue current programs, but these are a couple examples of what the council may decide to fund as new programs moving into the next school year at meetings next year.

## V. Action Items

ITEM TITLE	<b>Vote on proposed Expenditures for undesignated tax credit fund for '24 – '25 school year</b>
DISCUSSION NOTES	<p>Karen Fields proposes that we designate \$65K from undesignated tax credit funds into the following allocations:</p> <p>After school clubs (Writing, Gardening, Lawyers for Literacy, Drama and Sports)* = \$5,000            Learning club = \$16,000            Enrichment Instructors = \$44,000</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$ 65,000</p> <p>*Writing, Gardening, Lawyers each \$1000, Drama \$500, and Sports \$1500</p> <p>Janine seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous vote to designate funds as described.</p>
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ACTION ITEM	Passes unanimously

## **VI.** Call to the audience

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<b>DISCUSSION NOTES</b>	Heather Matchett – The Teacher Technology Liaison (TTL) handles a lot. Equipment distribution, cleaning it and troubleshooting, software and educational programs/software, problems with computers, training for kids and staff members. They have clubs for kids – Minecraft. We could create a student tech team. Support for teachers and testing. Lineweaver’s needs are extensive with such a large student population and with aging technology. We need this to get computers prepped and out to teachers and students in a timely fashion. The Tech department will be quickly overwhelmed by the needs of the district without a TTL to help. We need a lot of user support. We will be looking into creative solutions for funding the position. Josue, our district technology field tech assigned to our region, cannot do it all.

## **VI.** Agenda for next meeting

ITEM TITLE	Karen Fields will send out the council the proposed meeting dates for '24-'25, and the newly elected council members names after the elections take place in the next few weeks.
<b>DISCUSSION NOTES</b>	

## **VII.** The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.