

Meeting Notes 12/05/11 - Feedback School Wide Auction

Nancy provided some history:

- 8 years ago the trip cost was \$1,000, fundraising began in 7th grade, typically it raised \$500, per child. Many small little fundraisers
- The next year the class raffled off a car in 7th grade - \$100 tickets, each family decided to sell tickets and came together as a class to do this.
- Other classes did raffles, had to sell 4 tickets @ \$200
- For our current 8th grade class the price is \$2295. This class chooses to pay extra to go two additional days one day in Boston and one day in NY the two additional days will be paid by the parents.
- Classes wanted to start fundraising earlier and earlier for the payment of the 8th grade trip.
- There were some thoughts that the tuition would go up by \$500.00. Nancy spoke with other schools and there are fundraisers that shave the cost of the trip – but still the entire class may not be able to go.

2011 auction:

- 50% of folks purchased their own tickets
- other 50% either purchased one and sold one or sold both
 - Perhaps there is a consideration – do we still go on the trip?

Open Feedback:

Q - Do we know if the majority of families liked or disliked this year's raffle? How many complaints were there out of our families? 4 written concerns, 2 parents came to the board. There was a survey earlier in the year and there were a total of 8 concerns.

- Parent Input: Parent has students in 1 & 3 grade, the concern is the \$ 400 per year, it does add up. The fee for the trip each year will go up so when the individual finally gets to 8th grade what guarantees the cost of the trip is covered? *This would need to be planned in advanced, that the amount of tickets and revenue generated would cover the current trip costs.*
- If there was an overage amount of money for a class what happens to that money? *That would go toward something else with that class.*
- Parent: Parent has students in K, 4, 6th – she did sell both of her tickets, her concern is if we don't continue this the other classes will get upset. *Her feeling was that the timing was bad with all of the other financial commitments for the school at this time (the auction).*
- Parent – Perhaps the timing or the requirement to sell the tickets could be broken up, have a smaller raffle in the fall and larger one in the spring to break things up for the families but still result in the same amount of \$.
- Parent – 3rd and 1st grade parent, what happens if her child does not want to attend when in 8th grade? The rules state there are no refunds. If it was discipline issue there would be no refunded. This would need to be considered on a case by case basis.

- Parent shared the following input heard from school families: It should be up to each family to pay for their child themselves when it comes their time in 8th to get to the trip. *The goal is to help the entire class the spirit is to help the class community so all can participate and not be left out. It's part of the Christian spirit to help the other families to give something back.*
- Parent – 1st grader – could we use a special event incorporated into SummerFest to raise funds? Could we consider that we start charging a small entrance fee or have a big headliner on a Saturday night and charge an entrance fee to that concert? *A note was made currently if the fundraiser raises funds beyond the current budget then that allocation of money can be considered by the board.*
- Parent input – Is there a way to slowly increase the raffle based on grade of the student, so 7 and 8th grade pays more or sells more tickets, Kindergarten starts lower or smaller?
- Parent input – Consider tuition increase, multi-family the first child would be more money (covering the fee for the trip) additional children would be would be less.
- Parent provided a note – Each year you need to think of the number of students and the amount of the tickets to ensure the cost of the trip is covered, or define how any short fall would be made up.
- Cory sold 31 extra tickets.
- Parent – are there fundraisers that could be leveraged for those parents that have the time to contribute to those fundraisers? Maybe a mix of raffle and fundraiser?