



Elementary Partners in Funding Meeting June 10, 2019

Parkview Elementary School

Introductions

Liz Isaly and Lindsay Knight are co-chairs of Columbia Elementary School's Parent Association, and they facilitated the meeting.

School-by-school update (each PTA shared where they are in joining the pilot group)

- Representatives from Columbia, Roosevelt, Parkview, Northern Heights and Carl Cozier expressed they are "in" and ready.
- Sunnyland and Silver Beach are in (but representatives were not in attendance)
- Lowell and Geneva are still learning more, but not officially participating in the pilot.

After rich conversation about timing and next steps, the group agreed on the following points to share with all elementary PTAs:

Draft Thoughts So Far from the Group

- The 10% given will be based on last year's total income. By using last year's numbers, this allows for better planning for all involved.
- There will be two turn in dates: Oct. 31 and Feb. 1. It's ideal if a group can submit their contribution in full at the first turn in date as it allows money to get back out to support students more quickly.
- The free and reduced meal numbers for each school are available by Oct. 31. With those numbers in hand and the contributions to the fund, the checks will be then disbursed to each school by Nov. 15. (The Foundation can support this project as a pass through.)
- It's important that before a school raises any money in the fall, there is consistent messaging to help all families become familiar with the project. The Foundation and the district will work with a communications sub-committee from the pilot project to create a "tool kit." The tool kit will include a video that is easily shared on social media, email and messaging templates and more to all families. This group is also being charged with naming the project. Currently EEP is being used as a shorthand, which stands for Elementary Equity Project.
- Each organization should look at their bylaws to ensure there is a line included about supporting students at the school and throughout the district. (This can be done at a parent group meeting with a vote.)
- It was asked that all parent groups submit their official tax records from this school year by July 31. We will make this information available in a shared folder so if a parent or group seeks the information, it is easily accessible.
- We are hoping to meet this summer. The hope is that by September, the entire tool kit will be available for schools to use.