

Open Classroom Parent Meeting Notes 11.15.17

LEAP Update: Adam spoke about LEAP. Adam is hoping we can vote again to give funds to the General Fund, as Middle School is still struggling and will get these funds again this year with our vote. Last year, Middle School received \$22,000 from the General Fund. \$9,000 is also designated for each program.

Middle School has increased their pledge 30% each year over the past few years. A question was asked whether Adam should be impartial to each program or whether he should be representing more of the interest of Open Classroom.

One Middle School parent explained the personal perspective of wanting to give to the Middle School because they are struggling, and Open Classroom currently has a surplus of funds.

It was asked what language is used on the pledge form about giving to the General Fund. Adam says this year the pledge form will fully disclose that if people give to the General Fund, the funds will go to the Middle School.

People shared their perspectives. People are concerned about Middle School's situation and want to help, but also want Open Classroom to be able to be able to retain its own funds for its own needs, and don't want Middle School to begin depending on funds from the other programs every year. People are curious about what plan Middle School has to start providing an action plan for how it will begin to support itself. Some participants said that they thought that Middle School was supposed to get emergency funds for only 1 year. Adam pointed out that there might have been misunderstanding of that detail. Also, progress is being made by the Middle School, in terms of becoming more independent, such as increasing their pledge, for example.

A vote was taken on whether people are willing to give the money from the General Fund to the Middle School this year. Most people were willing, and the vote passed.

Upcoming Events:

Ice Skating Field Trip in Santa Rosa Tuesday January 23rd. Kindergarteners will attend a full day that day.

Teddy Bear Tea Fundraiser is Tuesday December 19th.

Community Outreach needed for the Golf Course: Larry asked participants to urge their representatives:

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as well as the school board members, to let them know that our first priority is to map out safe biking and walking routes to schools. Please let them know that the

School Board should take the lead, hold a public hearing, and make a statement to the county.

Parent Ed

Parents split up into their classrooms and had parent ed with each teacher.