



PROSPECT HEIGHTS DISTRICT 23 FINANCE COMMITTEE INFORMATION ITEM

Date: November 30, 2020

Subject: Discussion of 2020-21 Extended Day Program and Recommendation of Fees for the 2021-22 School Year

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BACKGROUND:

Each December, the Board of Education reviews the current fees charged for the Extended Day Program (EDP) and considers whether to maintain the current fee structure, increase fees or decrease fees for the following year. This communication is intended to provide an update on the status of EDP and provide a recommendation for the 2021-22 program fees.

The last fee increase was in 2018-19 and was the first in many years. EDP Director, Kris Lebrecht, and the Business Office have continued to ensure that a financially stable, quality program remains a priority. They have worked to maintain the offerings and opportunities of the Program while providing a safe and harmonious environment for our students.

Needless to say, the Coronavirus forced us to prematurely close the program for the last few months of the 2019-20 school year. Unfortunately, the start of the 2020-21 year has continued to be challenging as we have worked to navigate staffing and programmatic needs during the intermittent building closures and hybrid learning. Kris has done a commendable job working within her budget to purchase games and supplies that can be used by students on an individual basis and ensuring that her program meets the needs of our in-person learners while adhering to the CDC and IDPH guidelines.

As we look towards the 2021-22 school year, Kris continues to look for more innovative ways to improve the program in a cost-neutral way. She is currently looking into in-school field trips and speaker/presentation opportunities for the 2021-22 school year and remaining optimistic that the program's operations will begin to normalize.

RECOMMENDATION

Fees were adjusted in the early fall, in an effort to accommodate families wanting to take advantage of the hybrid model of instruction. Based on the continued uncertainty of in-person instruction for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year and the potential for programmatic changes in 2021-22, the Business Office and Director of EDP recommend no change in fees for the 2021-22 school year for the Extended Day Program.