

January 20, 2021

Memorandum to Ocean Cliff Elementary PAC

Re: Motion to Change the Wording from “Promissory Note” to “Allocation of Funding” for the Inclusive Playground Project

On September 20, 2019 Ocean Cliff Elementary PAC voted to set aside \$5,000 in a promissory note for improvements to the Ocean Cliff Elementary Playground to increase inclusivity and accessibility. On March 6, 2020 a subsequent vote increased the promissory note from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

It has come to the PAC’s attention that the words “Promissory Note” were used in error out of legal context, and we would like to put forth a motion to change the wording from ‘Promissory Note’ to ‘Allocation of Funding’

The statements following describe this in more context, as well include the related funding implications for the current school year.

Due to the closure of in person schooling from March 30, 2020 to June 26, 2020 as part of the COVID19 pandemic restrictions, PAC fundraising was suspended for the 2019/2020 school year at March 30, 2020, significantly impacting fundraising revenue. PAC fundraising for the 2020/2021 school year continues to be impacted by COVID19 restrictions. The reduced opportunities for fundraising income have necessitated PAC to direct available funds towards basic operating expenses. As a result, PAC is not currently able to allocate funds for the full amount of the original commitment discussed in September 2019 and March 6, 2020.

PAC is supportive of the Inclusive Playground initiative and will work towards fulfilling the expressed commitment. PAC has currently set aside \$2700 as the initial installment, from gaming funds. PAC will review fundraising revenues over the course of the current school year. After ensuring that basic PAC operating expenses in addition to any necessary special projects have been covered, PAC will use its best efforts to increase the amounts allocated for the inclusive playground project. PAC will provide updates regarding the funds available as is reasonable and at the conclusion of the 2020/2021 school year.

The Inclusive Playground project is pending further instruction from the School District regarding the procedure to follow for a playground renovation. The District does not currently have a procedure in place for a playground renovation, (only for a new build), and is in the process of establishing the framework that we will need to move forward. Once this is approved by the District, we will have a specific project scope, and will then be able to apply for grants and embark on fundraising initiatives.

With the support of the PAC, Rebecca Kiesewetter will spearhead this project and fundraising campaigns with a committee in place.

We are excited to work together on this great community project!

Motion 1: To change the wording from 'Promissory Note' to 'Allocation of Funding'

First: _____ Seconded: _____

Votes For:

Votes Against:

Motion 2: To accept this Memorandum regarding PACS funding commitment to the Inclusive Playground Project.

First: _____ Seconded: _____

Votes For:

Votes Against: