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RE: PACK Annual Report

Dear RMSEL Parent Community,

Thank you for another amazing year school year and your generous financial contributions to our 2014-2015 fundraising campaign organized by the Parent Action Crew for Kids (PACK). Once again, due to your families’ contributions and the leadership of the PACK Executive Board, we exceeded our annual fundraising target.

During the 2014-2015 school year, PACK generated $117,086.02 of income; this achievement exceeded the team’s budget target by 16.7% percent. The overall income includes $9,736.12 of deferred revenue from the previous school year to allow the team to begin planning and executing events for the 2015-2016 school year.

Associated with this revenue is a total of $42,266.33 in expenditures. In previous annual reports, expenditures are directly associated with PACK events and school-wide supplemental grants for teaching staff. This year with the addition of “Pizza Friday,” a PACK sponsored and organized event, an increase of $19,821.41 is reflected in the annual expenditures. Based on the addition of revenue/expense associated with “Pizza Friday,” the overall annual expenditures reflect a 121.5% increase in expenses.

This year PACK continued to award supplemental grants for teaching staff during the school year. These grants funded the purchase of ukuleles for music instruction, school telescope for science and crew travel, professional trainings, garden resources, additional books, and many other awards that provide teachers access to additional funding to support instruction in their classrooms.

In addition to grants, PACK funded the replacement of our worn out Adventure Whitewater Rafts. This expense included the replacement of all rafts and rigging to outfit each new raft for safe travel. Multiple RMSEL crews experience rafting as an integral part of their expedition work or team building within their crews. This expense totaled $13,257.17. Along with raft replacement, the paddle raise during the auction was allocated to support an additional $10,000 of resources for the adventure program. With this additional funding the Adventure Team purchased an Adventure trailer, bicycle roof rack (15 bike capacity), tents, stoves, kitchen equipment, and sleeping bag liners. Annual fundraising ensures that all students have access to safe and functional equipment when crews travel into the backcountry.

The remaining profit of $60,562.52 is allocated to capital improvement to take place over the summer months. Of the remaining profit, an allocation of $17,000 was directly tied to the completion of the Auxiliary RMSEL Field. The new field is a welcome addition that

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will be used on a daily basis to support RMSEL Fitness classes and afterschool athletic programs. All remaining profit will be utilized for classroom and school improvement projects. We are in the process of overhauling classroom sinks, cabinets, displays, storage, and lighting in the classrooms. In addition to classroom improvement we will be purchasing new exterior school furniture and resurfacing the blacktop on the playground and basketball court. PACK’s remaining profit will accompany $150,000 of school based budget to complete these much needed campus-wide improvements.

In closure, I would like to thank all members of PACK, the Executive Board, and all parent volunteers for your investment in our school. I look forward to PACK’s continued success with a new Executive Board for the 2015-2016 school year.

Sincerely,

Chad Burns
Executive Director