

Treasurer's Report (School Year 2021 ~ 2022)

The Fernbank community had an amazing 21-22 school year! We were finally back in the school building and back to opportunities to connect. The Fernbank Foundation was grateful for the opportunity to serve the students and teachers of Fernbank. Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers and generous donors for your support!

Our goal and mission as the parent-led Fernbank Foundation is to provide the talent, tools, and capital improvements that enrich the educational development and overall well-being of Fernbank Elementary School students.

During the FY22 school year, we received donations from across our community, through our Auction event, and from the annual Fund the Fern campaign. Those contributions included \$4,450 from community investors and \$223,797 in family and community donations.

The Board of Directors worked closely with school leadership and reviewed family input to ensure our efforts were creating the most impact for our teachers and children.

- The Foundation's largest expense continued to be support of the building and capital improvements including second air purifiers for all classrooms, maintenance across the property, new soccer goals, and the installation of shade sails on the playground, a result of our FY20 fundraising goals. These capital improvements and COVID mitigations totaled \$43,500.
- Direct classroom support and student support totaled \$18,660. Stipends were given to all classroom teachers and approved for classroom expenses only. Additional support of Specials, including the refurbishment of art supplies, totaled \$8,761.
- Curriculum and instructional support grew this year. Online tool subscriptions, including ClassTag and Flocabulary, were \$4,625. All Scholastic News magazines were purchased mid-year for a total of \$3,092.
- Additional talent provided by the Foundation included two floating reading and math coaches totaling \$29,045.
- Other expenses, totaling approximately \$6,683 were related to administration, such as tax preparation and Paypal transaction fees. Fundraising expenses, including the Auction event, totaled \$26,912.

Financial Summary for FY22:

Funds raised: \$228,247

Expenses: \$141,278

Excess Net Operating income was used to replenish reserves and pulled forward for approved projects, including final payment of the shade sail, establishing an outdoor classroom, as well as current-year projects. Those expenses will be reflected in the coming year.

For the '22-'23 school year, we are focused on the greatest needs of the school.

- First, due to significant reductions in county funding, the school needs additional qualified and talented personnel in the building.
- Our school continues to require capital improvements, including completing an outdoor classroom, blacktop and back field enhancements, playground maintenance, professional security enhancements, and fencing repairs.
- There is an ongoing need for instructional tools and classroom support, including online tools and subscriptions, Scholastic magazines for all grades, agendas for all students, and stipends for direct classroom support

We can't wait to see what we all can do together this year!

And finally, a thank you to our 2021-22 Foundation Board:

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