Notes 11/20/2025

In Attendance: Nuria, Maile, Leila, Leah, Alyssa, Jennie

Discussion of 6 years of past P&L and Balance Sheets and Grant Requests Currently before us:

- 2020 funds that were in equities were brought over to the bank account
- We're trying to decide what our budget and financial strategy is: how much of our balance we're open to spending - e.g. 5% of our funds, with the idea that our balance is growing by 5%.
- We want to be sensitive to the lack of confidence that's grown in the School Board meetings around the use of funds.
    - Extended discussion of lack of confidence and community perception of School budget feels like a major barrier to both fundraising for the Fndn and the very notion of granting. E.g why does the Fndn need to backfill the field trip budget when $800K was placed into reserves last year, when the fieldtrip budget was cut.
- Vote to approve all of the grants requested
    - Will request more specificity from Willow on budget
    - We still need to see quotes and numbers on the sound system

Question from Leah about what we should be planning to do for 8th grade graduation?

- Potentially match the district on this.

We have not received specifics on the cost or specs of the sound system that we'd agreed to help purchase (e.g. split costs with the District, up to a $20K cap). In light of the significant additional funding asks, Fndn Bd Members expressed desire for a more economical PA and concern that a "Cadillac" wired system was being considered.

- Leah followed up with a suggestion from community members with experience in sound design, that they'd be interested in helping to fund and build a sound kit. A PA that could be set up outside for Track and Field day, Graduation and the many other outdoor events would seem to make a lot of sense.

Year end fundraising:

- No mailers
- One page "Impact Report"
- Short video
- Link to Zeffe
    - Talk up the Annual Coffee subscription