

Findley PTO 2014-15 Budget Details

EXPENSES

Academic Programs

Inquiry-Based Learning Materials and Supplies – Inquiry-Based Learning refers to Findley's candidacy* for the Primary Years Programme. Findley is pursuing authorization as an IB World School. These are schools that share a common philosophy—a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that Findley Elementary believes is important for our students.

This line item replaces **Educational Program Support** from 2013-14 (\$8.5K), when funds supported 1 inquiry-based learning unit for each grade. The 2014-15 school year will include 2 inquiry-based learning units. This cost will decrease greatly after the school purchases initial resources for a total of 6 inquiry-based learning units.

*Only schools authorized by the IB Organization can offer any of its three academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), or the Diploma Programme (and in addition the IB Career-related Certificate). Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorization will be granted.

For further information about the IB and its programmes, visit <http://www.ibo.org>

Art Literacy – A volunteer-staffed elementary and middle school art education program. The program consists of volunteers who go into classrooms to give a visual presentation on an artist which is followed by a hands-on art project with the students. Typically during the year, there are six different lessons presented. Volunteers are trained for every lesson they teach by a site based coordinator at each school. The program's curriculum at present is based on more than 100 artists, including European masters, renowned American artists, cultural arts, some living and local artists.

Cultural Night – An evening of games, music, crafts, and food celebrating a specific country or culture, based on the cultural unit in Art Literacy for the year

Field Trip Transportation – PTO covers most of the expense of buses for off-site field trips for each grade.

Passport Club – Volunteer-run geography program for grades two through five. Kids bring home laminated study maps and that month's map each month. This program occurs during the school day and is optional.

Science Fair - A school-wide evening event where students present their science projects. Parent reviewers interview each participant, and exhibitors from the community share examples of real-world science applications. The PTO pays for a guest speaker/performer to kick-off the science fair season as well as supplies associated with the event.

Biz Town – 5th grade. A curriculum that combines in-class learning with a day-long visit to this fully-interactive simulated town facility. The program helps students connect the dots between what they learn in school and the real world. Through daily lessons, hands-on activities, and active participation in this simulated community designed to support differentiated learning styles, students develop a strong understanding of the relationship between what they learn in school and their successful participation in a worldwide economy.

All School Read Aloud (One School, One Book) – A program designed to create a shared reading experience within a single elementary school community. A chapter book is chosen, every family in the elementary school receives a copy, and every family reads that book at home over the course of a single month. Activities at school coordinate, promote, and enrich the shared reading experience.

Community Development

Beaverton Clothes Closet - The Clothes Closet is operated by volunteers from the School District's parent groups and Beaverton community to provide free clothing for students in grades K-12 from families with limited income. Findley PTO donates \$500 each year to the clothes closet. In addition, socks are donated from Sock Hop (or Fall Festival) and any left-over lost and found items are donated to Clothes Closet.

Field Day – A day devoted to cooperative games and active play for each grade level. Takes place in the spring. PTO provides funds for prizes and treats.

Landscaping – PTO provides funds for some equipment and plantings around the school, in addition to treats for the volunteers that attend work parties.

Party/Event Fund (Class Parties) – PTO covers some of the expenses for grade-level theme parties each year for the Holiday Party (December), Valentine's Day Party (February) and End-of-Year Party.

Running Club (Findley Flyers) -- A running club that encourages kids to get exercise by tracking their mileage & running with their friends at lunch recess (currently Tues) or before school (Thurs 8AM). All children are enrolled in this program, although participation is optional. Children earn toe token awards as they reach certain mileage intervals and a medal when they run a marathon!

***NEW**Findley Fall Festival** – An annual community event with food, music, and fun. Funds are provided this year to purchase new decorations, since this event has been a Sock Hop in the past.

***NEW**Movie Night and Popcorn** – PTO sponsored events held several times throughout the school year on a Friday night. A G or PG film is shown and snacks are available for purchase. Teachers can use the popcorn machine as a class incentive and popcorn is supplied by the PTO.

Teacher Support

Classroom Support – Each teacher is provided \$300 to purchase items needed for the classroom.

Staff Appreciation – PTO covers the cost of 1-2 catered lunches for the staff during conferences each year. This fund also supports supplies for various potluck brunches and luncheons supported by PTO parents.

Classroom Subscriptions – Each grade chooses 1-2 subscriptions to Time for Kids, National Geographic Kids, or Scholastic News to be used in the classroom.

Recess and PE – PE teachers receive a separate fund (in place of the classroom support) to purchase equipment as needed.

Custodial Support – The money is used by the custodian to buy tools and supplies as needed for upkeep of the school.

***NEW** Teacher Development** – This money will be used to send teachers to courses, workshops and other development opportunities.

***NEW**Educational Grant Support** – This is a return of the fund used by teachers during the 2012-13 school year to purchase classroom and grade-level items not typically covered in the classroom support funds. See meeting minutes from 2012-13 school year for examples.

Technology and Infrastructure

Technology – This fund will support whatever is needed after school district bond and grant awards are known. Awards will take place over the summer. If the bond passes, computers for a computer lab should be covered. Examples of submitted grant proposals include laptops for every student in 4th and 5th grade (\$1000/laptop, or >\$250,000) and 15 iPads per class for 2nd grade (\$20-35,000). Findley currently has 103 iPads shared across all grade levels and even if all grants are awarded (which is very unlikely), there is a request from the teachers for more iPads to share across the lower grades.

Technology Maintenance – Provides funds to replace printers, ELMOs (overhead projection units) and other items as they break. This line item was \$1500 in 2013-14 and was spent very quickly!

NEW Workroom support – This line item is the result of a request from many parent volunteers to lease an additional copier for the school.

***NEW** 2014-15 Special Needs**

Lego Engineering—Come learn about this new program at the May meeting.

Language Classroom Setup – The next phase of Findley's Primary Years Programme candidacy will include Spanish instruction for all students. The district funds certified teaching staff. PTO funds will be used to prepare the classroom for Spanish instruction.

STEM Supply Chain Lego Kit—Funds will be used to purchase Legos for a 3rd grade program to teach students supply chain concepts. This program may extend to other grades. More details will be provided at the May meeting.

PTO Administration

Funds for items such as office, meeting and welcome event supplies, HelpCounter subscription, accounting software, tax preparation, bank fees and speaker fees as needed

INCOME

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Dragon Dash - Findley PTO's primary method of fundraising for the school year. Children have the opportunity to run laps at a designated time and get sponsors to donate to the school.

Company Matching – Money donated through companies as a result of parent Dragon Dash donations. This line item is **in addition to** Dragon Dash donations but is critical to meeting overall budget goals. See <http://www.findleypto.com/fundraising/company-matching-funds/> for details. Many companies match donations at 100%--note that Intel matches only 50% of employee donations.

SCRIP/ESCRIP/gift SCRIP – ESCRIP is an online service which registers your credit cards and then participating stores donate a percentage of your purchase to Findley whenever you use your credit card. Gift SCRIP is an annual event when parents can fill out a form and give any dollar amount as a gift for specific Findley teachers and staff. The gifts are then combined across the school and SCRIP gift cards are purchased for the recipients. Each SCRIP purchase returns a certain percentage of the card value to Findley PTO.

Restaurant Nights – Community events scheduled throughout the year at various local restaurants. A portion of the income during the event is donated to Findley PTO.

School Supplies – A parent volunteer works with the teachers to create supply lists for each grade and then parents can pre-order complete supply kits each spring for the next school year. A percentage of the purchases is returned to the PTO.

PASS-THROUGH

These events are not intended to be income or expenses, but the events are sponsored by PTO and any income supports PTO expenses.