

CECSAC November 28, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Office Update

Currently working on winter brochure.

Utilized the 'cheaper option' for cover and paper.

Expected to be in mailboxes around December 16th, earlier than in prior years.

Next brochure – expected to be out in March timeframe, earlier than in the past.

Adult Bus

Jen presented and spoke of prior experience in South Portland and Old Orchard Beach.

Her experience - 15 passenger van works better than larger.

In other communities, Jen has observed that children traveled on the bus, but it had been made clear that in Cape Elizabeth, this will not be allowed. (What if the town bought it, and not CECS, a school department entity?)

Cost of bus: \$50K, with \$500-\$100 per year in maintenance

Funding options – maybe we fundraise 50%, get the remainder from budget, can the name of a donor be placed on the side of the bus, if done tastefully? Russell to investigate

Mission Statement

Russell provided Mission Statements from Falmouth, Yarmouth, Freeport, Scarborough, and South Portland, as well as what he believed to be ours. Courtney volunteered to 'wordsmith it', and to provide a suggestion for ours.

Sports Survey

Michael provided the survey currently in use for youth baseball and soccer.

Suggestion is to use it for basketball and other youth sport.

Survey would be conducted once per season for each sport, and the results shared directly with the coach. This sharing of the results is a somewhat new concept (only done once before, in 2010).

The survey will be in place for upcoming youth Basketball program,

Scholarship Program

Jordan Trust gives a certain amount of money each year, which funds the scholarship program.

This amount is up to \$20K.

To qualify, a candidate must fill out a form, provide income data, and CECS director makes a decision, based upon the information.

However, the decision making process does not take into account the number of children, or desired programs. Instead, a somewhat arbitrary number is determined by the CECS director. The amount awarded may or not be fully 'spent'.

Questions - Are there abusers? Is there a better way to do it?

Maybe on a sign-up by signup basis (i.e. each program/student registration requested).

Or, at the beginning of the year, applicants indicate exactly how much they will need (how many children and for which programs).

Our suggestion – add to the application form a preliminary estimate as to how much the family will need for the year.