



Here is the monthly board update for November, 2014.

Expansion

We have done a significant amount of work as part of the ASD school matching process. We have met with SCS and ASD officials to discuss how best to move forward together in the process, met with teachers and principals of both proposed schools, spoken to multiple community leaders in the Frayser area, and participated in various events and gatherings for parents and community members. The ASD will receive recommendations from the Academic Advisory Committee and communicate the school match in 30 days.

Grants and Donors

We have been meeting with multiple groups and organizations to seek funding for our growth as an organization. We have also received funds from individuals to support the work we do every day.

Parents

We continue to seek ways to support our families in some everyday ways. We sold more than 100 ponchos at \$1 to parents to encourage them to send their children to school when it is raining (we are thankful for donors who paid the difference between the cost and the \$1 selling price). We are also working with a vendor to try to reduce the costs of uniforms. We reduced them once this year and are hoping to be able to reduce them again for next year.

Community Partnerships

We have continued to support and build relationships within the community. We are partnering with Peer Power to provide students small group tutoring during school hours for our Lester Prep Scholars and we are working with the Grizzly Foundation to start an afterschool tutoring program in the Lester Community Center. We also met with Big Brothers Big Sisters and they will start an afterschool mentoring program for our students beginning in January in our school.

Academic Results

We are taking the MAP assessment next week. This critical measure of academic achievement will be completed by December 10th and provide a good measure of our growth.

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