

Proposal: Increase spending for this fiscal year by \$33,500.

PTO Financials

We ended last year with \$162,000 in the bank. This was \$8,000 better than forecasted when we approved this year's budget last May. The just completed auction raised \$8,000 more than was planned for in the budget. If everything else in the budget goes as planned, with the proposed additional spending of \$33,500, we will still end the year with \$140,500 in cash, compared to \$158,000 in our approved budget.

Chrome books & cart: \$26,000

Clifford lags other schools in the number of technology devices available to students. We have 6 chrome book carts at the school. The middle school could use at least two more carts, for Language Arts and Math.

Middle School Math Technology: \$2,500

Our new 7/8th grade math teacher, Steven Huff, has requested help in funding technology to use in the classroom. He would like 8 tablets, a new projector and a couple of dongles to use in his classroom. The students would collaborate on problems using the tablets while all their work will be projected on two screens. Steven is a tech savvy and enthusiastic new teacher to Clifford; funding this project would allow him to bring innovative teaching to our kids.

PE equipment for Middle School: \$1,000

Our new MS PE teacher, Lena Mughannam, has identified numerous items that she would like funded. These items include a ball cart, digital clock, portable speaker system, jump ropes, Frisbees and batons.

Copier for Middle School: \$1,500

The middle school does not have a copier in their staff room. Having a copier that would support all of their copying needs would allow them to be more productive and help boost morale as well. The PTO would reimburse the school the monthly lease costs which are anticipated to be about \$200. This commitment would roll over to future years, about \$2,500 a year for 3 years.

Healthy Cities: \$2,500

Healthy Cities is now supporting 40 Clifford students with more to be signed up as soon as tutors can be found. Healthy Cities has requested \$7,500 in funding to support the program at Clifford. The PTO has committed to \$2,500, we had hoped to get a grant like last year for \$2,500 which didn't happen and it was hoped that the school would fund the remaining but that is not possible this year. We will still try to find alternative funding but if we do not find any other sources of funding we would up the commitment to Healthy Cities to \$5,000 from \$2,500. Healthy Cities calculates the costs to support one student are \$500 per year.