

Camp Scholarships Brain Storming Session - 06.13.2021- 5:01pm

In attendance: Miriam Murray, Stephanie Nelen, Martha Clarvoe, Christine McBrearty, Alicia Chase, Ryan Miosek, Georgia Meeter, Stephanie Ocequerra
Guest Cindy Falk

Discussion concerning Camp Scholarships was previously decided to be a \$750 scholarship for each student. This decision needs to be removed since families need more help than this and few families have signed up.

History of 2021 Camp offerings

Gym is not having the usual camp programs and our families would normally get scholarships to Gym. Cindy shared that we need to share our funds or we won't get additional grants. We need to spend what we have. Some people have shared with B.Church not to work with AN because they have plenty of money. Families need full time camps to assist parent to go to work
BC isn't going to be doing the tutoring next year unless there is covid help.

Camp opportunities were shared with Angel Network families first. Reading Camp only allows 5 children and each has 2 or 3 AN families. Some families are signing up for multiple camps. Alicia has been stepping in and helping with camp information for S.Nelen since she was busy with some family & personal matter. Stephanie Nelen is surprised and disappointed that more didn't take advantage. Reading, Coding, Robotics, and Kids Corner Camps have plenty of students signed up.

Miriam spoke with Cindy Falk to learn details about what has been going on at the church tutoring. Back ground from Cindy - Baptist church applied for a \$10,000 grant for tutoring. We have picked up some of the tutoring costs and they still have some money left from this grant. Costs are cleaning, electricity, lighting, tutoring materials, tutoring, etc. Tutoring at church is called the Kids Corner Camp.

Hartwick's are closed down but students will be coming to Baptist Church, only 4 families (2 families with 2 kids, 1 family with 1 child) from Hartwick signed up. Not hamlet persons. Most Hartwick families are staying home.

CCS - 2 instructors needed so all moved to church, so all moved to Baptist Church.

Families are encouraged to fill out a request from AN to meet their other needs for camp.

1. Question from Ryan: How are we evaluating need?

Answer from group: Free and Reduced Lunch qualifies families, along with with food stamps, and what services are they receiving.

2. How does a family prove they need assistance beyond the \$750.

Answer from group: Our intake form only asks if you have lost employment, we don't know if families are working. Christine McBrearty & Stephanie Nelen suggested copy of their taxes.

3. What about extenuating circumstances?

Answer from group: Georgia Meeter and Miriam Murray will be making phone calls to all families who are requesting large assistance. They will report to Stephanie Nelen by Tuesday, June 15. Stephanie Nelen believes all requesting families are in need and should get financial help and one family is making their first request.

There was agreement that families should pay something for their child to attend camp. Families will be called to learn why some families need more financial help than others. Families get many emails from us and counselors, and all had early warning of these offerings. A form will be created prior to calling and this form will be filled out during the phone call to families.

There was general consensus that our operating budget needs to be defined with specific amounts allocated for camps, appliances, internet, repairs, mattresses, etc. Miriam Murray stated that our goal for this year is for an operating budget!

Monies for graduating students should be discussed next year way before graduation. Assistance for supplies, text books, scholarships, and grants for living expenses could certainly be a real need for CSC students.