Monthly Report to the Stargate Governing Board

Committee Name:	Election
Members:	Lisa Griffin, Brad Pippert, Yaning Liu, Tien Tong, Meryl Faulkner (Board Liaison)
Report Date:	8/9/23
Meeting Dates:	No meetings since May

Summary:

Major Accomplishments / Work Completed or In Progress:

Fall 2023 SAC Election

- Anticipated four open seats: two parent seats and two staff seats
- Planning to meet next week to review timeline and work plan
- Email to Stacy Tempas 8/8 about possible communication to families to ensure IC emails are current and include separate emails for each parent/guardian who wishes to vote

Simply Voting expenditure request:

- Option 1: Because we bought an annual plan on 9/12/2022, if we get the election completely set-up before 9/12, it will be free for up to 2196 electors; for reference, last spring we had 2163 electors.
 - If there are more electors than we have paid for, we would have to pay the difference. That cost would probably be minimal (less than \$100).
 - It is our understanding that if we finalize the election by 9/12, it can still fall within our current plan, regardless if the election has actually taken place. This option would be our preference if this is the case, due to the cost savings. However, if for some reason this doesn't work, we would like to request a "contingency approval" for Option 2.
- Option 2: If we want to buy an annual plan again, the cost will be around \$1650 for the year. This is our best estimate if the number of electors remains relatively the same as previous years. If the number of electors is more than past years, the additional cost would probably be minimal (less than \$100).
- Option 3: If we want to pay just for the fall/spring election, we estimate an expenditure of approximately \$1000. If we anticipate two elections in the year, the annual plan is a cheaper option.
- Committee Recommendations: we would like to try to cover the fall election under our current annual plan. If this option is possible, we would like to request a contingency approval for up to \$100, if the elector count has increased for this year. Alternatively, at this time, if the fall election cannot be covered under our current plan, we would also like to request a contingency approval for up to \$1750 for an annual plan, which would cover fall and spring elections as well as a possible elector count increase.

Questions for the Board:

- Is the number of Electors for this school year anticipated to remain relatively the same as previous years? (Considerations: higher number of students/family enrollments, etc.)
- Is there any reason to believe there may not be a Spring election?

 The school calendar lists Election dates as September 15, 2023 - September 29, 2023; have these dates been verified/finalized by the Board?
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