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Request for Gift Acceptance

October 23, 2024

The School Department requires specific authorization for acceptance of gifts.

Motion: School Committee Accepts the donations listed below for school department use:

Donor	Amount	Recipient/Purpose	Account Number/Name
Lawrence School PTO	\$3,498.00	Lawrence School/Lexia Subscription Renewal	3300SEF5/Lawrence School Gift Account
Brookline High School PTO	\$8,600.00	Brookline High School/Senior Essay Workshop	3300SEF9/Brookline High School Gift Account
Shoshanna Clark	\$500.00	Brookline High School/Queer Student Union	3300SEF9/Brookline High School Gift Account
Anne Marie Carlson	\$25.00	Brookline High School/Queer Student Union	3300SEF9/Brookline High School Gift Account
Lesley Thompson	\$200.00	Brookline High School/Outstanding Speaker Series	3300SEF9/Brookline High School Gift Account
Anonymous Donor	\$125,000.00	Food Services Department/To support the Public Schools of Brookline's Zero Waste Initiative	3105SEL1/Food Services Gift-Zero Waste



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Here is a brief description of the PTO College Essay workshop we hold each fall at BHS.

Since 2003, the Brookline High School PTO has partnered with members of the high school English department to advertise, plan, and offer a free college essay workshop to members of the senior class. Two workshop coordinators collaborate with PTO leaders to solicit the partnership of parent and community volunteers alongside paid faculty members, usually from the English department, who lead sessions with students.

Seniors are organized into groups based on where they are in their college essay process and then spend a Saturday morning in late September or early October receiving instruction and feedback on their essays. Each year, the event galvanizes the senior class and gives participants the opportunity to make progress on a critical component of their college applications at no charge.

Anthony Meyer
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The Brookline Queer Student Union (QSU) is an LGBTQ+ affinity space that is open throughout most of the school day as a work, social, and reading space for students. Students are able to find affinity with each other or the largely queer faculty that helps to keep the room open. The QSU is also an open space used by the Queer Action Club, GSA, and other school organizations for events. Starting in the 2023-2024 school year the space will also host OUTstanding speaker series, student workshops, and more as part of a recent Brookline Innovation Fund grant.

The funds raised for the OUTstanding speaker series make it possible to bring LGBTQ+ speakers to BHS throughout the school year. These events are open to all students and staff.



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Sasha Palmer, Food Services Director
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Dear Ms. Palmer:

As per our recent correspondence, I am writing to inform you that an anonymous donor whom I represent plans to recommend a charitable gift of \$125,000 from her Donor Advised Fund to the Public Schools of Brookline Food Services Department to support the Public Schools of Brookline's ("PSB") Zero Waste Initiative. These funds are to be allocated at the discretion of the Food Services Director.

These funds are being awarded with the understanding that this is a pilot effort to dramatically reduce waste within the Public Schools of Brookline. These private funds are time limited and future support is not guaranteed beyond school year 2024-2025.

It is the donor's understanding that through this Initiative, Food Services staff will continue to work collaboratively with the waste reduction staff at the Brookline Department of Public Works on waste reduction initiatives.

The donor also anticipates that the PSB Climate & Sustainability Task Force's recommendations to the School Committee on implementing the PSB Sustainability Policy passed by the School Committee in 2022 will integrate many of the pilot efforts undertaken with these funds.

The Donor looks forward to tracking the progress on PSB zero waste activities.

As I understand it, you will be seeking approval for this gift from the

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Brookline School Committee at an upcoming meeting. Please let me know if any of the School Committee members have any additional questions or if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,



Gioia C. Perugini
Director of Philanthropic Services

cc: Susan K. Givens, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent of Administration and Finance, Public Schools of Brookline

The Public Schools of Brookline

Sustainability Budget 2024-2025

10/17/2024

1 Year Budget Plan

Budget Code: 3105SEL1

Description	Budget
Sustainability Salary + Benefits	\$66,375.89
Zero Waste Support Materials and Other Supplies	\$26,169.11
Equipment Update and Modification	\$32,455.00
Total	\$125,000.00