

Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 31, 2022: 1pm
Trustees of Public Funds

Meeting Start Time: 1pm

Attendance: Laura Miner, Tanner Romano, Courtney Satz, Bill Moore

The TOPF met to review two different funding requests—the first being a request submitted by Doug Lazarus for \$300 on behalf of the Brandon Downtown Alliance for display of a Thomas Davenport portrait in the Brandon Town Hall.

Bill Moore joined the call to provide some context regarding the painting and the group of donors that have also contributed to the cause. While the TOPF agreed the portrait would make a great addition to the Town Hall, there were questions about the expense and the funding dispersed directly to Doug Lazarus as opposed to a separate entity such as the Town Hall or the DBA. A motion was made to contact Mr. Lazarus about the possibility of the funding request coming from one of the aforementioned groups.

The second funding request reviewed was for \$10,000 submitted by Michelle Fitzsimmons on behalf of Neshobe Elementary School for replacement playground equipment. The group reviewed the application and discussed two previous funding requests made to the Neshobe PTO Playground Committee in 2018 and 2019 for the k-6 replacement playground structure. The TOPF funded prior requests to the PTO, as the PTO does not rely on taxpayer dollars, one of the primary stipulations of the fund. Additionally, at the time of both donations, there was a separate group within the PTO dedicated to the planning and construction of the new playground. A motion was made to tentatively approve the application and pledge up to \$10,000 to the preschool playground equipment under the caveat the request be resubmitted under the PTO along with a detailed plan and estimates from the vendors.

Meeting adjourned, 1:27pm.