

Sawin Meeting at Pine Hill 30JAN2025 Minutes

Attendees:

Sawin Trustees: Scott Embree, David Welch, Kari Toney

Pine Hill: Allison Gullingsrud (Principal)

Agenda:

- Sawin Academy History
- review 2024 Sawin gift utilization
- discuss Sawin grant application package

The meeting began at 8am

Scott provided a brief Sawin history

We discussed that Sawin gifts are focused on direct, tangible things that advance learning for as many students as possible (ie outdoor classroom), and that year-over-year gifting follows a general cadence of about \$10k, but is not fixed to this amount.

Allison shared that she is very familiar with the DSEF grant package and does not anticipate issues with our repurposed version. She felt winter time would be the best opportunity for Pine Hill educators to develop grant ideas (rather than near the beginning or end of the school year). We will revisit timing idea after Allison has a chance to discuss internally (anticipated to be within a couple of weeks).

A few ideas for grants included playground updates, revitalizing the small 3-sided space adjacent to Allison's office (it was the veggie garden), updating the Auditorium sound system (does Mudge fund extend to PH?), resident artists, musical instruments.

Finally, we briefly reviewed the 2024 gift utilization, as previously reported:

- benches for the outdoor classroom
- Instrumental rental scholarships for students
- Bus costs for Grade 2 Vernal Pool field trips
- Additional risers for the Grade 5 chorus (Auditorium)
- Additional library books to expand and enhance our collection

The meeting was adjourned at 9am

Sincerely,  
Scott

Approved 21 MAY 2025  
