

## Resolution 07011803 GRS Fundraising and Development Policies

### **FUND RAISING PARAMETERS**

All proposed fund raising activities at the Great River School (GRS) shall be approved in advance by the GRS Development Director. All monies raised in the name of Great River School (GRS) by students and adults will go into the general fund unless prior arrangements have been made for proceeds to support a specific program or activity.

To be acceptable, a fund raising activity must, as determined by the GRS Development Director:

1. Have a clearly defined purpose consistent with the mission, vision and core values of GRS.
2. Not conflict with another fund raising event planned by students or adults in the name of GRS.
3. Not cause GRS to incur excessive costs for planning or executing the event or activity.
4. Place no restrictions on the GRS program or curriculum.
5. Not imply endorsement by GRS of any business or product.
6. Not be in conflict with any provisions of the GRS student handbook, staff handbook or state statutes.

### **GIFTS AND DONATIONS**

All proposed gifts or donations other than money shall be approved in advance by the Great River School (GRS) Development Director. To be acceptable, a gift or donation must, as determined by the GRS Development Director:

1. Have a purpose consistent with the mission, vision and core values of GRS.
2. Not add to GRS faculty and staff load.
3. Not cause GRS to incur excessive costs of maintenance or installation.
4. Place no restrictions on the GRS program or curriculum.
5. Not imply endorsement by GRS of any business or product.
6. Not be in conflict with any provisions of the GRS student handbook, staff handbook or state statutes.

Once accepted, gifts and donations shall become the property of GRS.

A gift given by or procured by a board member must meet all the requirements of this policy and will be analyzed under the GRS Conflict of Interest and Director Code of Conduct resolutions.

### **GRANTS**

1. Grants to GRS shall be coordinated through the GRS Development Director.
2. Programs funded by grants shall be evaluated annually.
3. To encourage cooperation and coordination between foundations and GRS, faculty and staff shall notify and seek approval of the GRS Development Director before seeking or accepting grants awarded to individuals involved with school-oriented programs.

## **PROPOSAL FOR PARTNERSHIPS AND SPONSORSHIPS**

Great River School (GRS) invites local businesses to join with the school as a partner or a sponsor in preparing students for life through Montessori education. These relationships reaffirm the connection of our school to the community as a whole and, specifically, to an individual organization or business and meaningful work. They also increase the awareness of the partner or sponsor about educational issues, and enhance the community's quality of life and the educational experience of our students. The financial support and/or collaboration of a partner or a sponsor will enable GRS to continue to deliver the finest education possible to students in grades 7 through 12.

For the purposes of this document, a partnership is defined as a long-term relationship lasting more than one year. A sponsorship is set up around a single event or purpose which has a definite beginning and ending.

### **Assumptions**

- Partnerships help students connect their academic learning, directly or indirectly, to the world of work.
- The partnership or sponsorship will meet the criteria specified for donations or gifts, as listed in the GRS Gifts and Donations Policy and determined by the GRS Development Director.

### **Partnerships and Sponsorships Initiation**

Both parties must begin the relationship with an open discussion about the roles of both parties. The outcome of that discussion should be a clear definition of their mutual:

- Values and needs
- Short and long term goals, including how the partnership or sponsorship will improve the academic, social and/or physical well being of GRS students
- Decision making responsibilities
- Benefits to the partner or sponsor

### **Agreements**

Any agreement is dependent on the partnership's or sponsorship's alignment with the GRS mission and vision. The agreement must clearly:

- Define how both parties (the partner or sponsor, and GRS) will benefit
- Outline financial and volunteer support for the school
- Outline the roles for both parties

### **Incentives**

For all sponsors and business partners, Great River School will

- Provide a laminated sponsorship appreciation notice that can be displayed at the place of business
- Display the business/organization name at public events
- Provide other incentives depending on the level of support

Offered by Tom Carrigan

Seconded by Michael Flood

Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2007 by unanimous GRS Board vote.