The SELS PTC has established a Grant Program to provide access to funds that directly support the enhancement of SELS student learning and teacher enrichment.

HISTORY
A primary function of the PTC is to raise and distribute funding to enrich SELS students education; grant funding supports items that are generally outside the parameter of the SELS board, school budget, and alternative funding sources. This includes (but not limited to):
- Classroom Support
- Performing / Visual Arts
- Extracurricular Activities
- Individual Student Scholarships
- SELS Community Development
- SELS Campus Improvement
- Teacher Enrichment

PROGRAM POLICY
The PTC will distribute grants via three granting cycles per school year, each with a cap of 33% from the overarching Grant Account. Submission deadlines will be communicated at the beginning of each school year, if designated funds per grant cycle are not requested / distributed, they will roll into the next grant period.

CATEGORIES
There are two main categories and four subcategories for the Grant Program:
1. Responsive Grant Program
   - Scholarships (designated for students experiencing financial hardship that limits participation in community programs and activities)
   - Crews (supports classroom activities)
   - School (supports school infrastructure and all-school enrichment)
   - Clubs (supports clubs and other extracurricular activities)
2. Teacher Enrichment (supports educator enrichment and self education; preference given to full time, long term educators)

PROCESS
1. Complete the Funding Request form (with attachments as needed). The application is located on the PTC portion of the SELS website and can be submitted to ptc@truckeecharterschool.org
2. Submit by the following deadlines:
   a. October 3rd (reviewed at October 25th PTC meeting)
   b. January 9th (reviewed at January 31st PTC meeting)
   c. May 1st (reviewed at May 23rd PTC meeting)
3. Once the Funding Request form has been submitted, it will be reviewed at the following fund review meeting. If you like, you are invited to present about your request (5 minute cap).
4. The application will be reviewed and approval status will be sent within two weeks following the meeting. The school Director will also review to ensure there are no conflicts of interest. Final approval is at the discretion of the PTC executive committee.
5. The approved grant must be spent by the end of the school year (unless otherwise noted). Grant funds do not carry over into the next school year. May applications will be for summer funding OR fall semester (if noted). Proof of monies spent needs to be provided to the PTC within 3 months of receiving funds. If the grant is not implemented and completed during the school year, any monies received for uncompleted grants must be refunded to the PTC to be used for future grants.

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