**Granville Education Foundation**

**Grant Committee – Winter 2021 Grant Cycle Summary**

Using an accelerated timeline, abbreviated electronic application and $5,000 limit, by the Feb 11th deadline we received 8 proposals. The Grant Committee Review team met to review proposals on Feb 17th. In total, GEF is funding $14,937.38 in grants this cycle.

**Proposals Recommended for Full Funding ($12,437.38)**

* Tread Lightly! (GIS, Julie Wilcox) $1,470 requested
  + Recommend to provide **$1,470** to cover the cost of three folding treadmills, each with a desk. The committee appreciated the creative approaches used to keep students focused and engaged in learning, as well as keeping them moving!
* The Walking Classroom (GIS, Lauren French, Stephanie Cousino, Nancy Rapp) $3,977.16 requested
  + Recommend to provide **$3,977.16** to purchase 30 Walking Classroom portable devices. The committee appreciated finding an innovative way to keep students active, inside and out, while listening to interesting podcasts in a variety of subjects. We also really valued the large number of GIS students who could potentially benefit from use of The Walking Classroom.
* Microscopes for the Land Lab (GIS, Rebecca Evans) $2,975 requested
  + Recommend to provide **$2,975** to fund the purchase of 25 portable microscopes. The committee was compelled by your need for students to have access to important and functioning classroom equipment. We highly valued the intent to promote usage of the Land Lab and consider portable microscopes as an innovative way to do so.
* Coding with Bee-Bots (GES, Lindy Wicks) $2,975.35
  + Recommend to provide **$2,975.35** to purchase 24 Bee-Bot robots and supporting alphabet and word mats. The committee appreciated that kindergarten students require a hands-on approach to connect coding with observable action and outcomes. Bee-Bots appear to be a fun and innovative way to teach coding and develop problem solving skills among our youngest students.
* Turing Tumble: Coding, Computers, Marbles & More! (GES, Lisa Stankunas) $1,039.87
  + Recommend to provide **$1,039.87** for the purchase of 14 Turing Tumble kits to learn to code and solve logic puzzles. The committee appreciated the well-written proposal, innovative approach and cost-effective method to develop coding skills. We also liked to see the intent to expand the use of the kits to other GES students over time.