**Elmdale School Parent Advisory Council**

**Thurs. Feb. 18/16**

In attendance: Colin, Marge, Laurena, Melissa, Janet, Tess, Joshelyn, Jason, Sacha, Anita.

Regrets: Anne, Jolene.

Welcome. Minutes from Jan. 14/16 approved.

**Elmdale Report:**

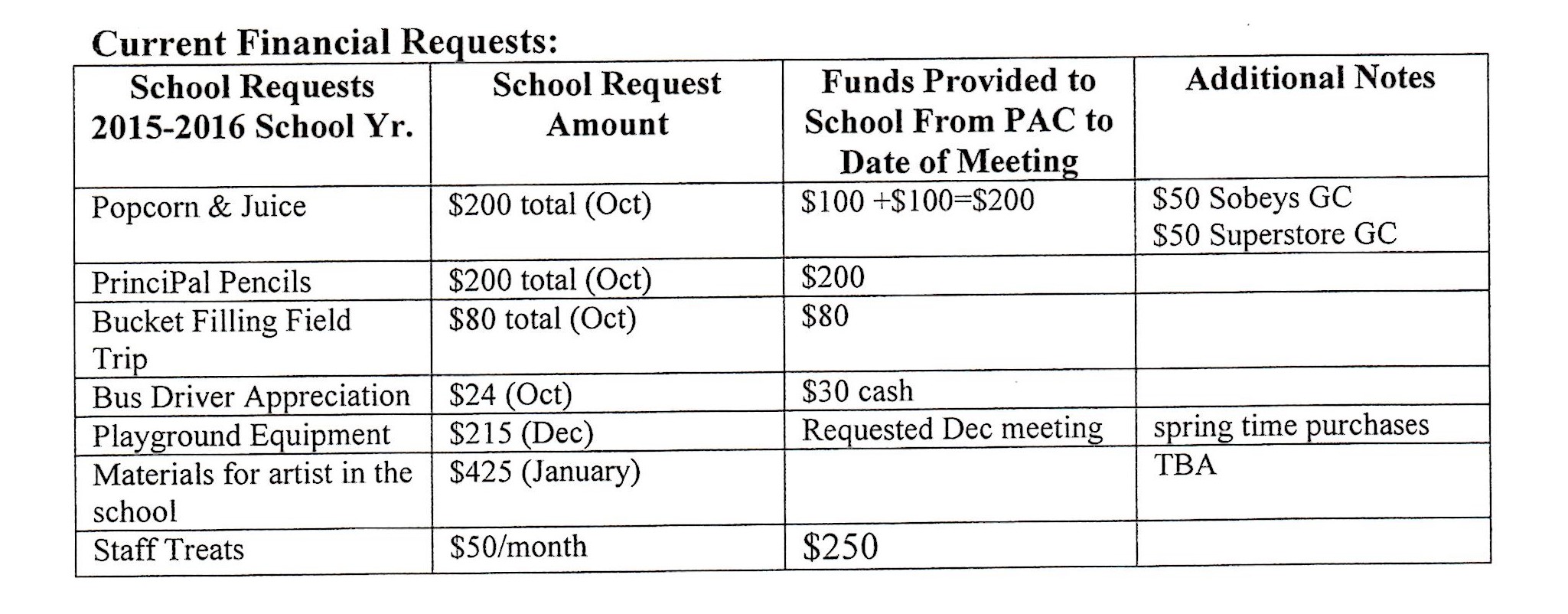
* February is I Love to Read Month! To celebrate, a book fair will take place from Feb. 22-25 in the library.
* A Family Celebration of Learning will take place on Feb. 25 from 2:15 – 3:15 at the school.
* Feb. 26 – PD Day – No classes
* Mar. 11 – Admin Day – No classes
* Mar. 18 – 2nd Report cards issued – Grades 1-4
* Mar. 21-24 – Elmdale Extravaganza Week! (see below for details)
* Mon. Mar. 21 – Dress up as your favorite superhero
* Tues. Mar. 22 – Pancake Breakfast and PJ day (Pancake Breakfast donated by Lions Club and Sobeys) **THANK YOU!**
* Wed. Mar. 23 – Crazy Hair Day
* Thurs. Mar. 24 – Dress up like a Green Slip day
* Fri. Mar. 25- Good Friday – No Classes
* Mar. 28-Apr. 1- Spring Break – No Classes

**Building and Grounds:**

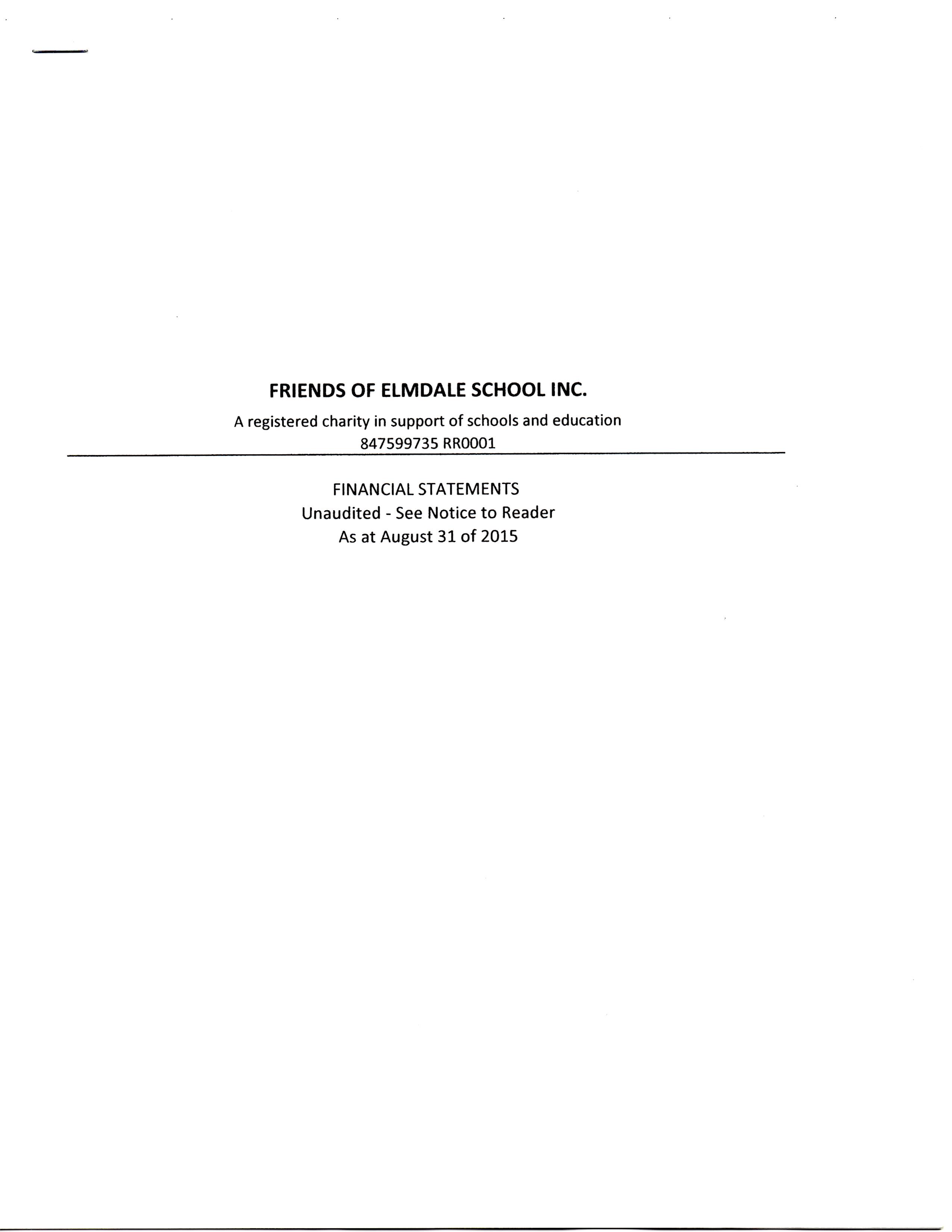
* Request has been made for fence repair along sidewalk.
* Principal Colin Campbell will submit a grant application for HSD Innovation Grant before Spring Break. The grant is for universally designing the physical environment in the classroom to meet the needs for all students. ($10,000)

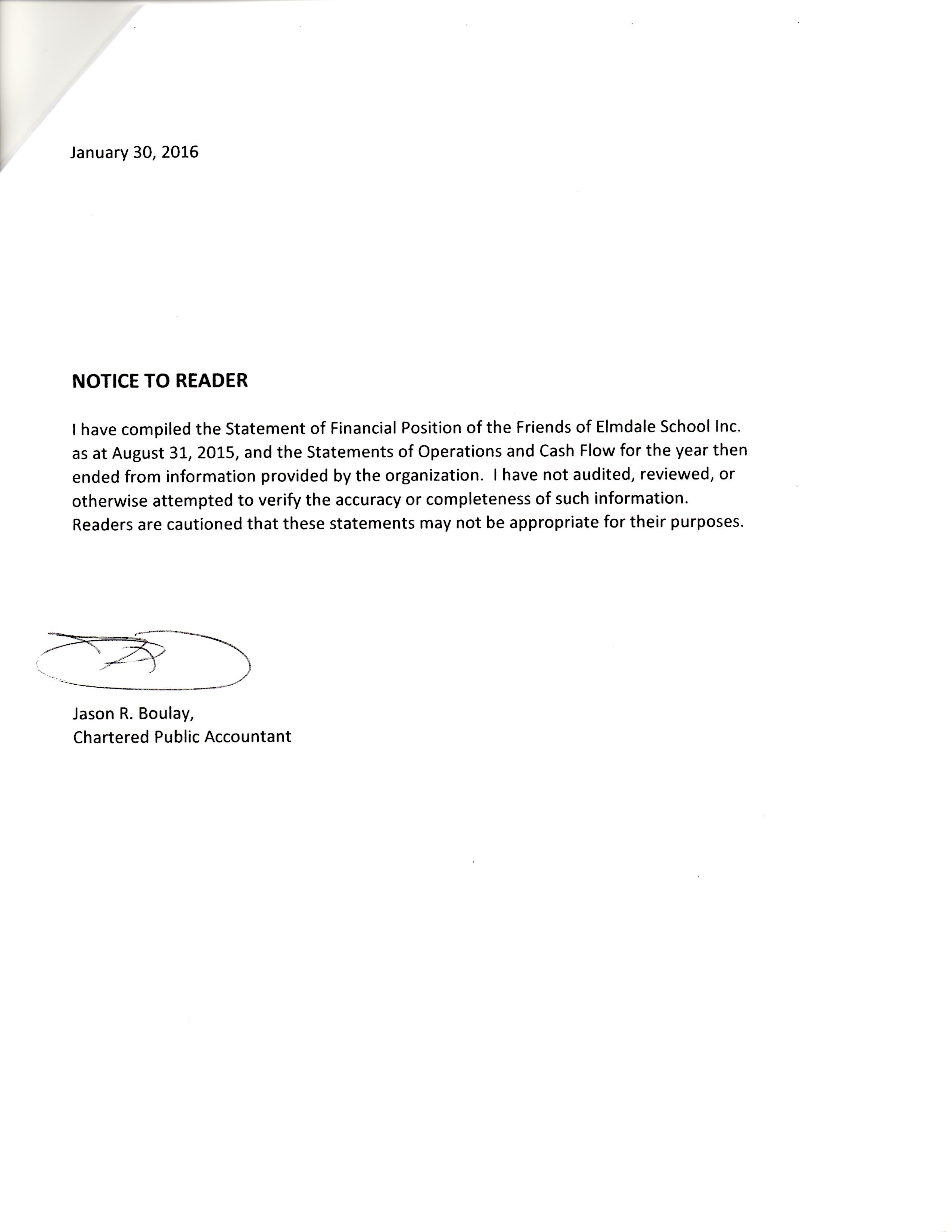
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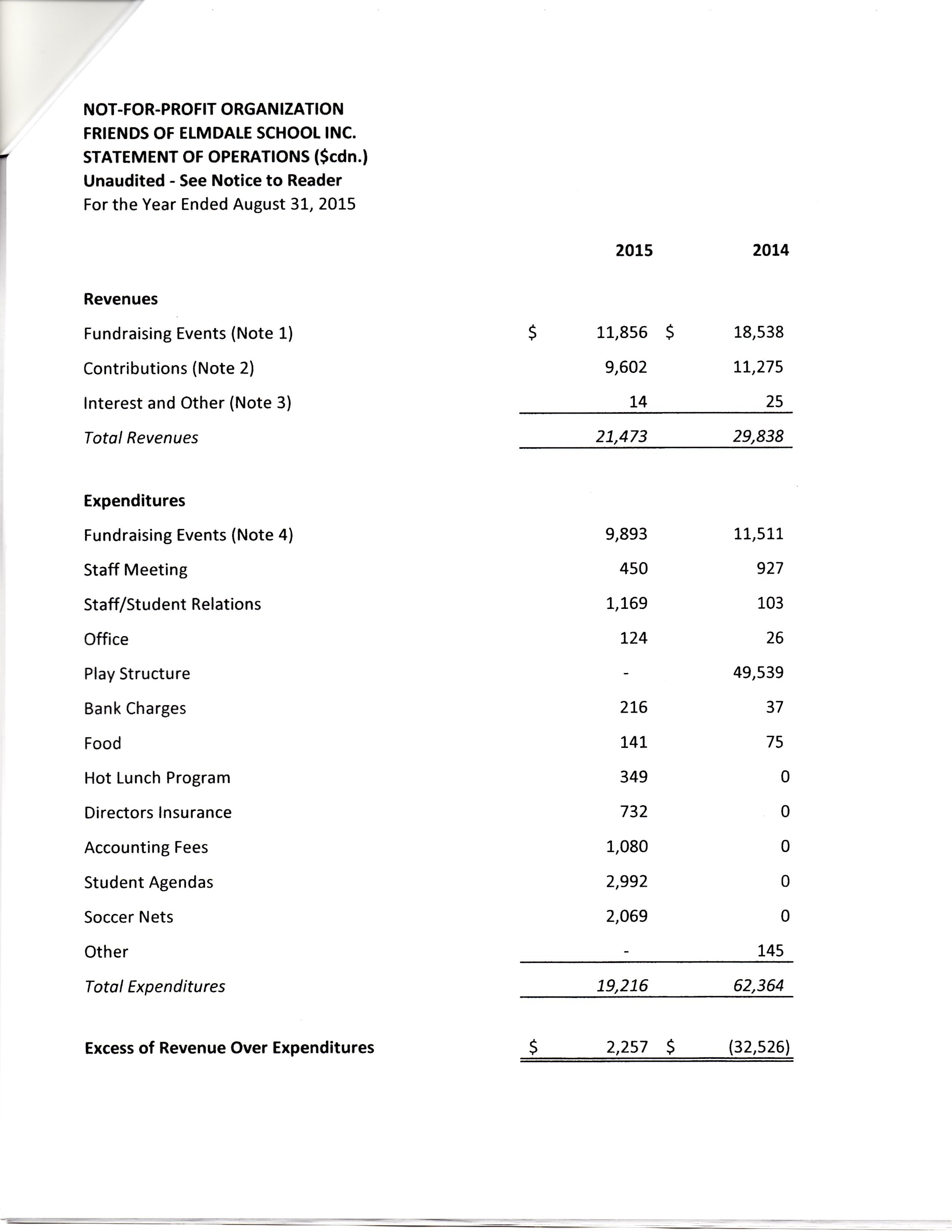
* Accent furniture presentation made to teachers.
* Elmdale Media Team – A group of four students working with the principal on the new eNewsletter. The e-newsletter contains features that lets the principal know how many people have read the letter and which links they've clicked on.
* Student Agendas – The PAC will look into sponsorship options for the 2016-2017 school year. Total cost = approx $2620.

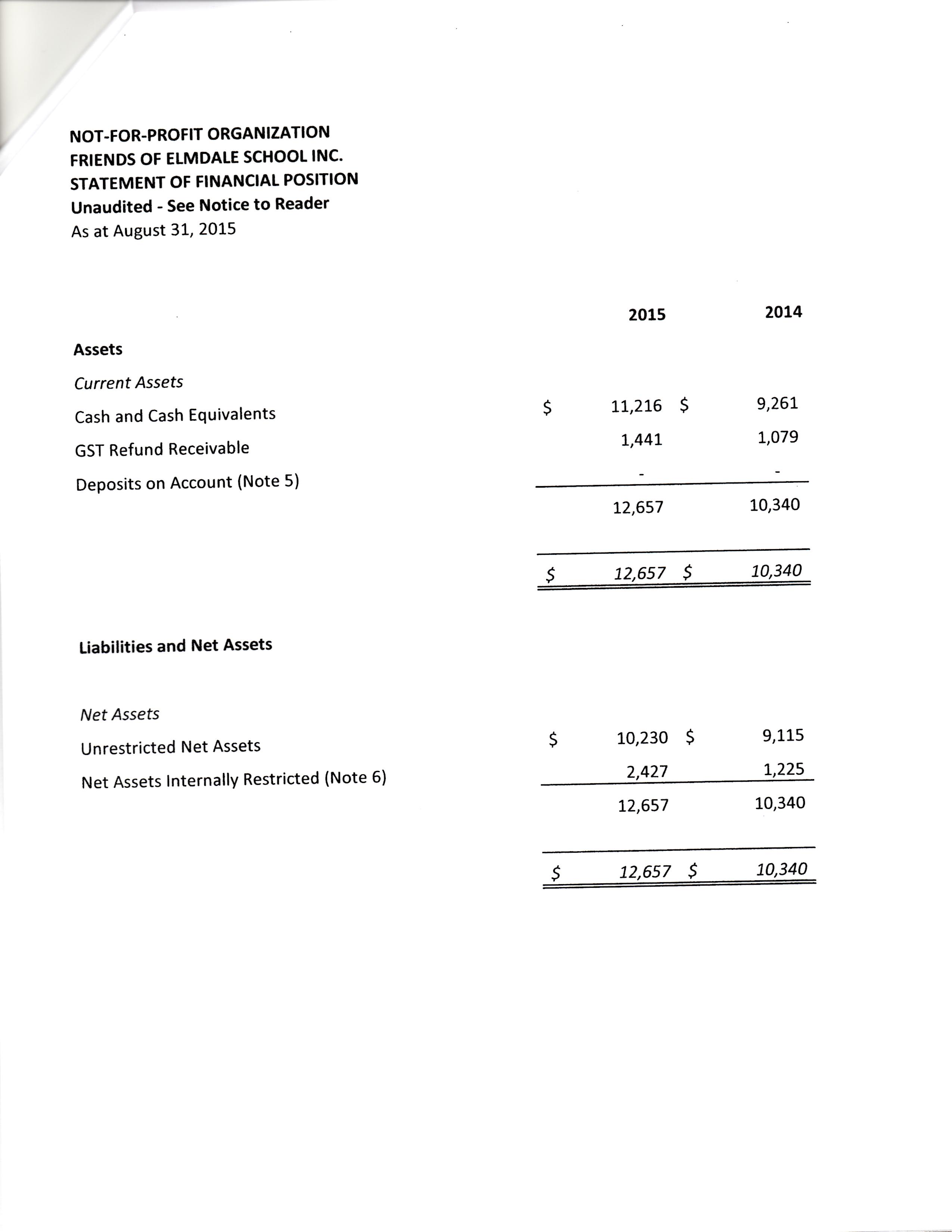


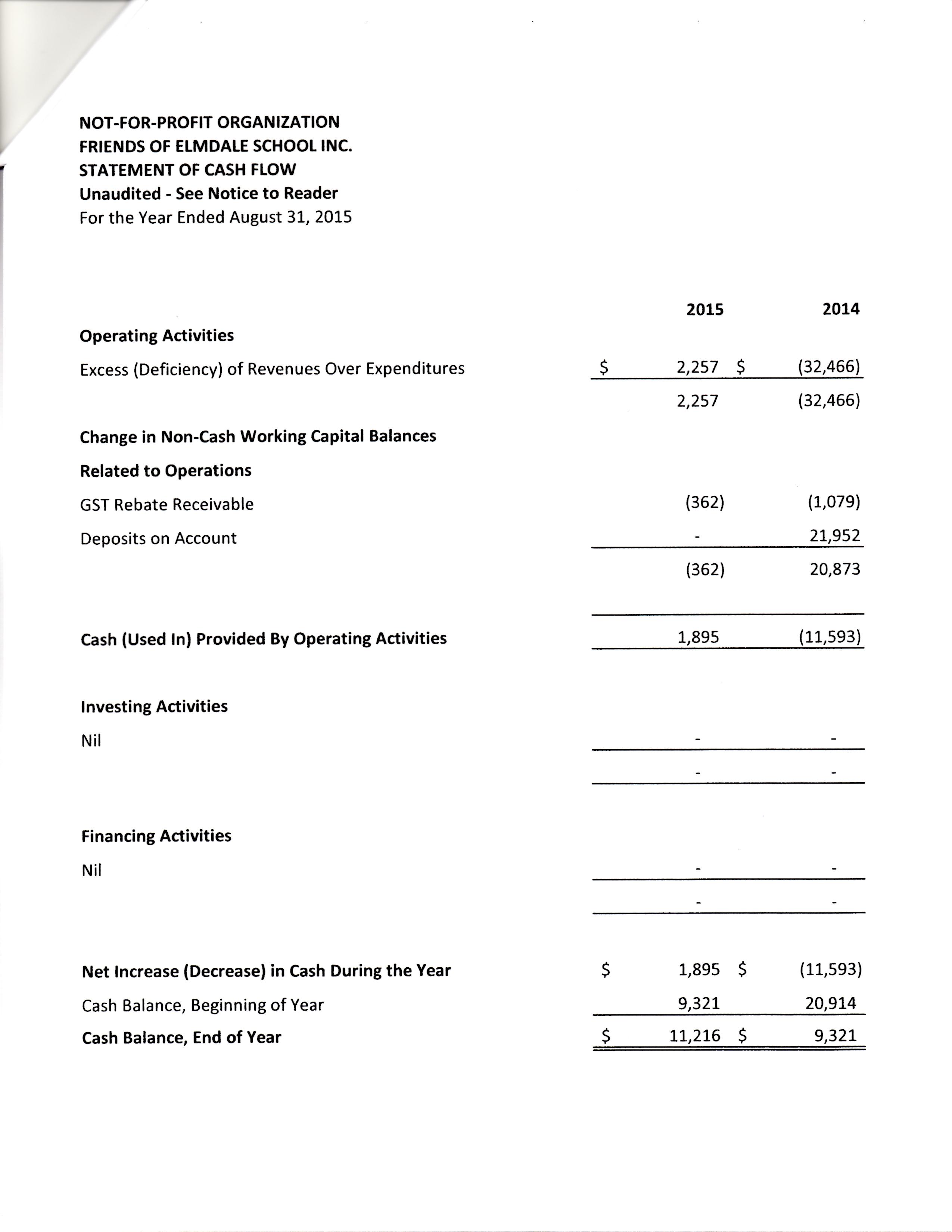
**Financial Statements:**

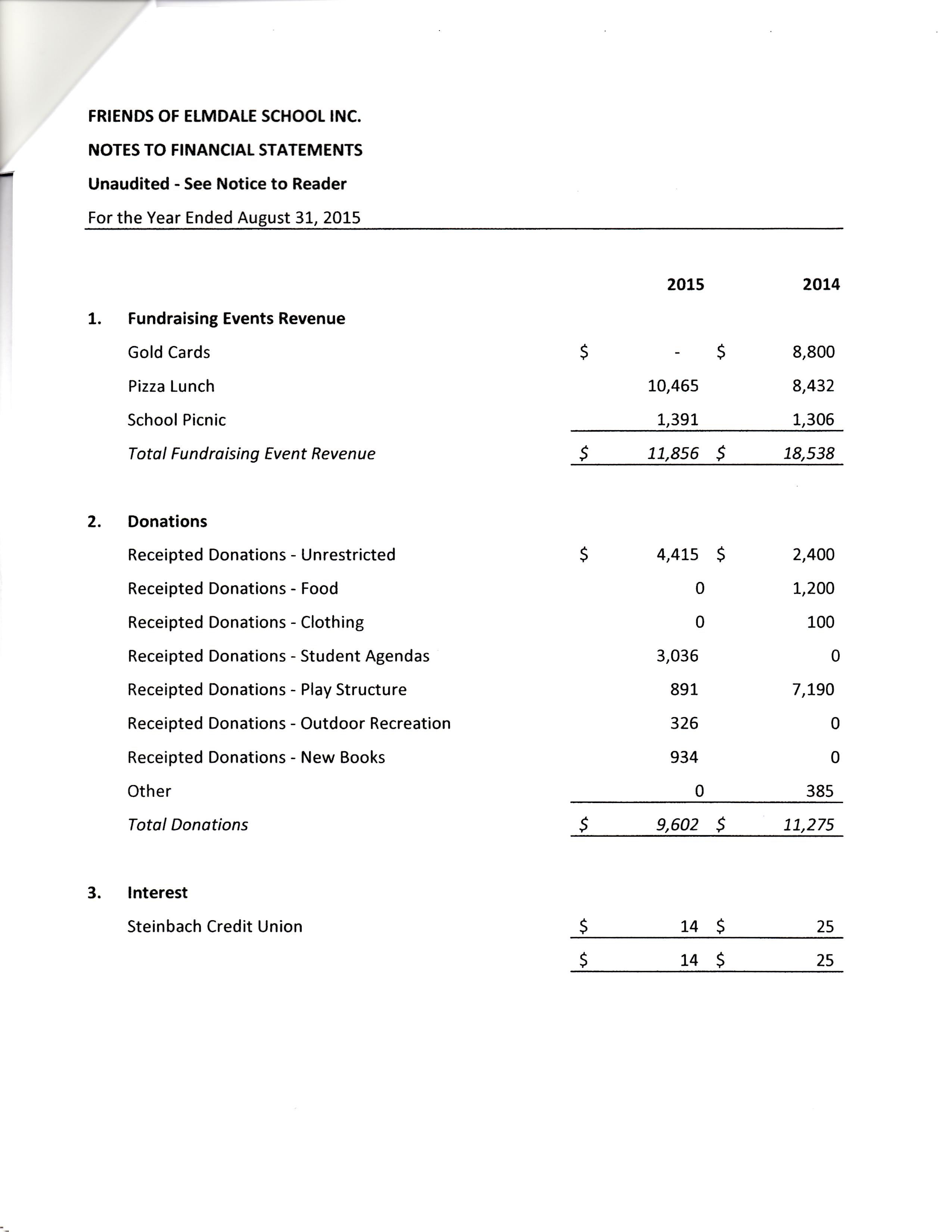


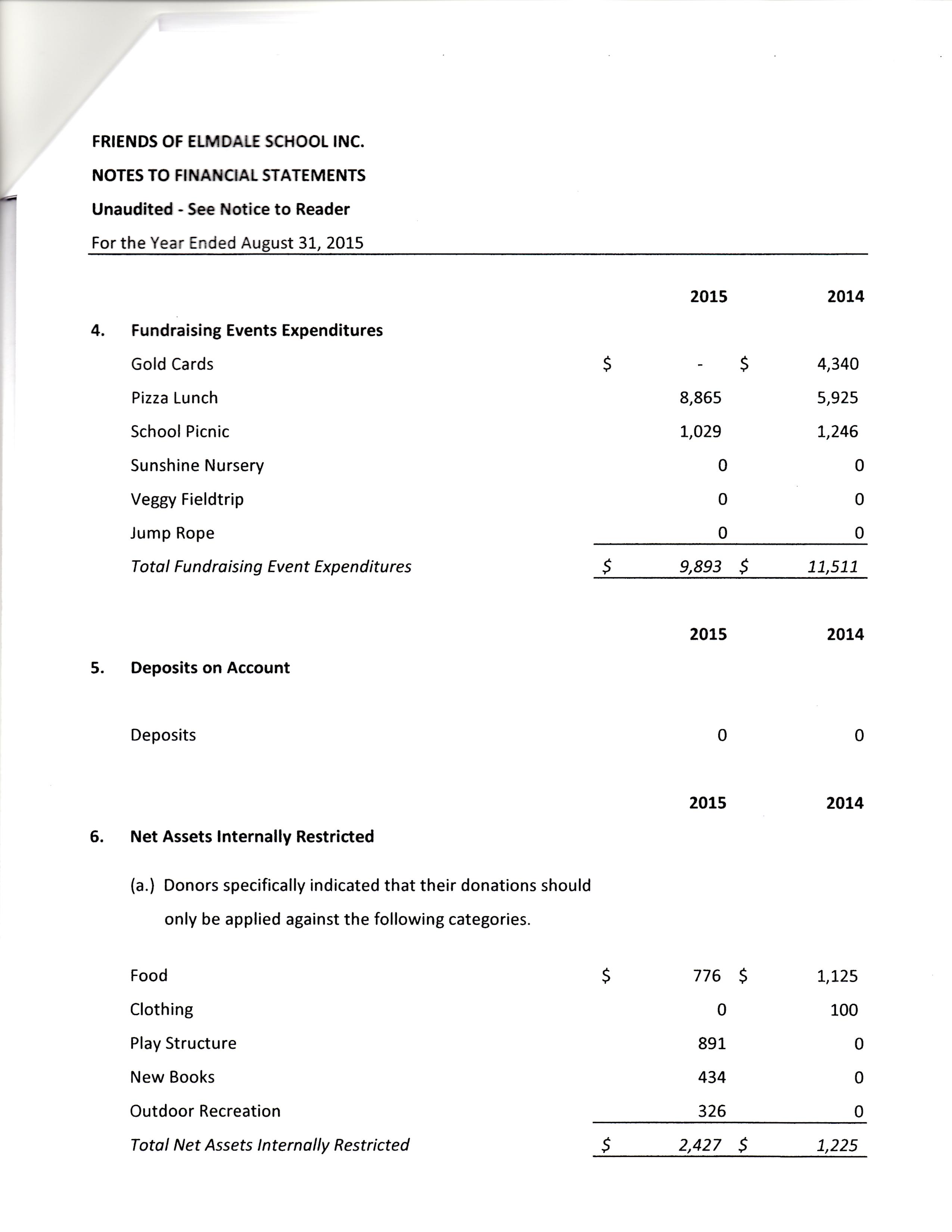


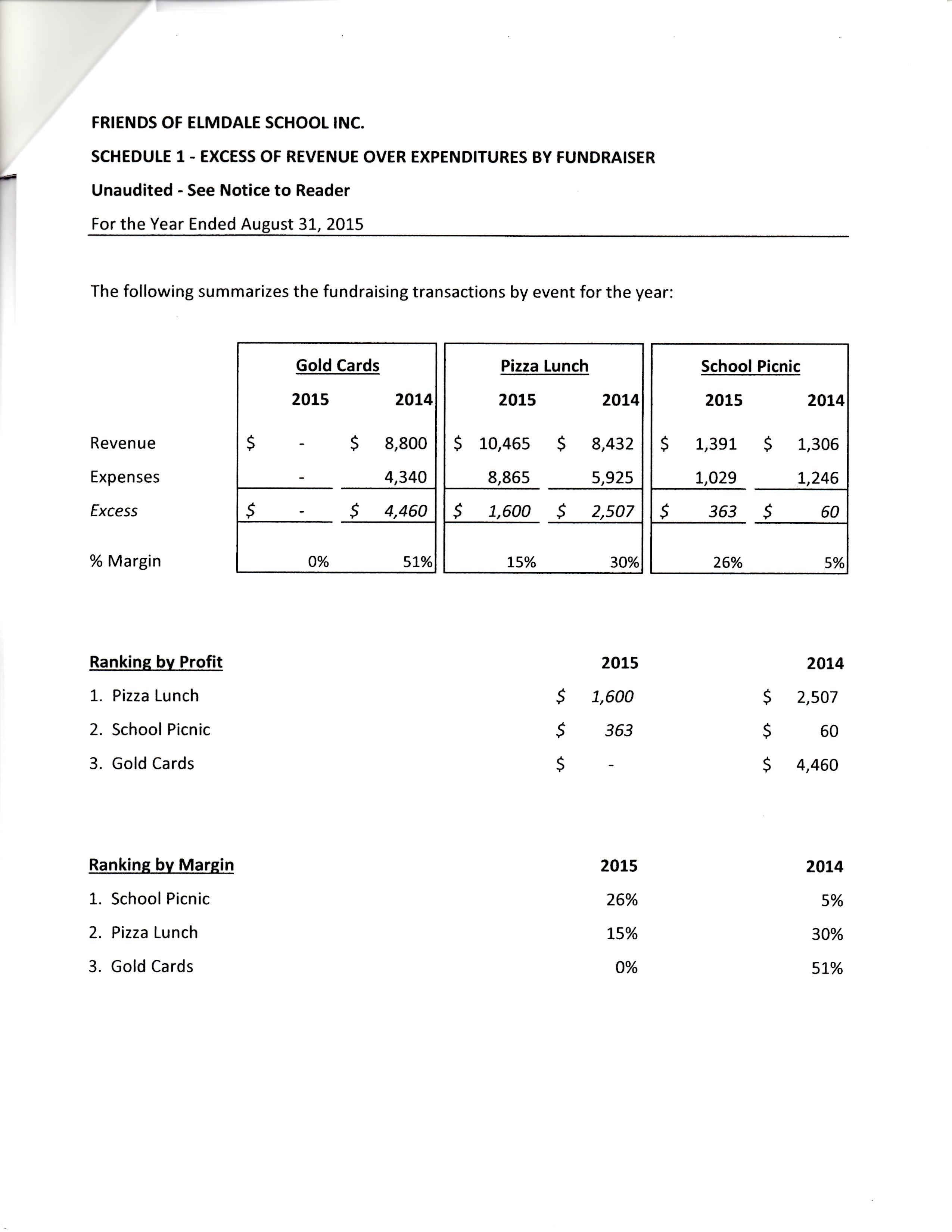












* Motion was passed to approve financial statements for 2015 year.

**Friends of Elmdale School:**

* Papers for dissolution of Friends of Elmdale School Inc. were signed by Sacha and given to the lawyer.
* Legal and accounting fees need to be wrapped up.

**Phase 2 of Play Structure:**

* 3 options with proposals were given to the PAC by PlayQuest.
* The PAC liked options 2 and 3 best along with a stand alone piece "Comet II"
* 3D drawings will be brought to the school and placed in a visible location to allow the students to see these options and vote on which one they like the best.
* A tentative time frame has been set for a Fall 2017 installation, providing all funds are in place.
* The PAC decided to go with PlayQuest Recreation as the supplier.

**Fundraising:**

* A Sunshine Nursery/Chinos Bistro fundraiser will be taking place from Mar. 7-18/16.
* Gift cards will be sold by students to raise funds for Phase 2 of the play structure.
* Delivery date of gift cards will be first week of April. (After Spring Break)

**PAC Positions:**

* Chair – Sacha Barkman asked to resign from this position a.s.a.p., so Laurena O' Connor has stepped in effective Feb. 18/16 as the new PAC Chair.
* Vice Chair – Since Laurena has stepped into the role of Chair, her position of Vice Chair became open, so Tess Doerksen has now stepped in to fill the role of Vice Chair.
* Secretary – Melissa Friesen will be leaving Elmdale School as of June 2016. **The position of PAC Secretary urgently needs to be filled.**
* Volunteer Coordinator and Pizza Lunch – Janet Mehling will resume these roles.
* Fundraising Coordinator – The PAC decided that fundraising would be a team effort. No one person is assigned to this role.

**Newsletter Item:**

The Elmdale Parent Advisory Council is a dedicated group of parents and guardians who meet **once per month** to discuss:

* Fundraising
* Upcoming events
* Improvements to school and classrooms
* Learning
* Finances.

**The students of Elmdale School need strong advocates who can help to make the school a better learning experience.**

**Please consider joining the PAC for our next meeting on Tues. Mar. 8/16.**