

STEELE ELEMENTARY PTA MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2015

- **Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review**
- **Approval of Jan. minutes**
- **Recognitions**
 - Kim Kobernusz, for always being so pleasant; Cynthia Pogue, for helping to retrieve a child's toy from the dumpster; Kim Lindgren and Sara Allen who have joined the Home Tour committee!
- **Steele Update and Q/A**
 - K/1 finishing fiction unit; 2/3 finishing Dig It/fossil unit and reflex math; 4/5 finishing survivor unit, took trip to the N&S museum, working on PSAs about endangered species; Drama K/1 performance Bugs, 2/3 TBD what next performance will be, 4/5 each class doing a different Shakespeare play; PE Jump rope for Heart; Art K/1 fabric and textiles, 2/3 dinosaurs and eggs, 4/5 animal adaptation, art show on May 7
- **Guests: MY Denver Card and Wash Park Rec Center Presentation**
 - MY Denver card provides free access to kids 5-18 to all Denver rec centers; parents can fill out application for the card online but parents/guardian must come to center to sign waiver for child; must renew card every year; if child received card before Nov. 1, 2014 need to get a new one b/c on new online system;
 - Wash Park rec center introduced new activities coordinator Kelsey Craigo who runs programming and oversees activities; open to suggestions on programming; make sure parents knew about WIT program which allows kids 13+ to use weight room (3 hour orientation required); parents please give the rec center MY Denver activities a try – free, no reservations, every day after school and all summer long!
- **President Update**
 - Academic Committee Co-Chair Yvette Wikstrom introduced. Yvette and Tanya (other co-chair) looking forward to providing updates on progress of the academic committee this spring.
- **VP of Fundraising Update; Fundraising and Event Committee Update**
 - Stallion Fund end date is 2/13. Fund surpassed goal!
- **Treasurer Update; Finance Committee Update**
- **VP of Volunteers Update; Family Programs and School Activities Committee Update**
 - Probably moving to new volunteer sign up program; consider taking on one of the many 15/16 Opportunities: After School Enrichment Coordinator; PTA president, VP Fundraising, Family Programs Chair; Stallion Fund Chair; Communication Chair, Technology Chair

- **Garden Committee Update**
 - Setting up grow lights in classrooms this week to start seeding. 4/25 is the garden cleanup day. Anticipating six people on garden committee (to date) after two step down this spring.
- **Membership Committee Update**
 - CO PTA Legislative Conference, 2/26, location is Denver Capitol Building; PTA has money to send Steele parents or teachers who want to attend. If interested take a [look at information](#) and contact Ann Shiveley (SteeleSecretary@gmail.com) to register before 2/25.
- **Announcements and Other Business**
 - Dreamtime Art Project: Josh Ayers and George Roesch taking the lead to try to secure \$8500 in funding for art project proposed by Mrs. Unger for 2/3 grade for this spring. J/G requested \$2500 from PTA and committed to raising the balance of \$6000 from 2/3 Steele families (and other grades welcome to contribute) by 2/28/15. PTA members agreed to provide \$2500 if \$3000 of the \$6000 is secured in real funds and remaining \$3000 of the \$6000 is pledged from other sources by 2/28/15.
 - SE Schools Meeting @ DSST Byers, 2/11, 6 – 7:30 p.m.
 - Steele is scheduled to receive new theater curtains from DPS this summer!
 - Denver City Council District 6 Candidates will be guests at our April PTA meeting (city council elections are May 5)
- **Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 10, 2015**