

**PTA Board Meeting
February 9, 2021
Steele Elementary School**

MINUTES

1. President Welcome

- a. Motion to approve January Minutes - Approved.

2. Funding Request

- a. Continuation line item was eliminated from the budget. Would like to add it back in.
 - i. Nisha motioned to add a line item for the 5th grade continuation (\$2,000). Jaime seconded.
 - 1. Motion passed.

3. Reports of Officers

- a. VP Volunteers - Update from Jenine
 - i. A lot of volunteers came forward for recess monitoring.
 - ii. Volunteers needed:
 - 1. Kiss & Drop Volunteers needed for Monday and Friday
 - 2. Garden Committee
 - 3. Cookbook Committee
 - 4. PTA website volunteer needed.
 - 5. Family Programs volunteer needed.
- b. Jamie and Nisha meeting with a potential auction chair. (November 2021)
- c. Fundraising update - Banners are up! And next year will be a fun fundraising year!

- d. Shawnda - Get your reimbursements in. And don't forget to sign up for King Supers and Amazon Smile. - FREE money. (This reminder will be added to the Stallion)

4. CMAS Update - Marti

- a. Testing consists of 3- 90 minute tests, 4- 65 minute tests. Testing all morning, then released at 11. 5th has an additional 3rd week of testing. There are 14 accommodation groups needed for literacy and 13 for math.
- b. Remote learners - may not take CMAS remotely. Need to come into the building or opt out of testing. A new cohort of remote learners will be formed.
- c. Timeline options: State said CMAS can be extended to May, but DPS deadline is April 30th. Able to begin March 22. Normally testing is the last three weeks of April.
- d. Challenge of what to do if a student tests positive for COVID during testing.
- e. Ali - Legislation about not having CMAS this year. Everyone needs to opt out, in order for CMAS to not happen. Need support to take a pause in testing.
- f. Questions
 - i. No support from district
 - ii. Impact? Normally, testing affects our school rating. Participation also affects rating. Unknown for this year, as of now.
 - iii. Measures?
 1. Gaps/learning deficits
 2. GT program placement.
 3. Comparative data for this year versus years prior.
 4. Apart from CMAS, Steele is continually assessing students and gathering data.
 5. How do we handle manpower if testing happens?
 - a. Asynchronous days are an option.

- iv. Meeting on Thursday, Feb 11th to discuss CMAS with representatives.
- 5. CSC Update- Maile
 - a. Discussion on Community Engagement ideas
 - b. Room Parent Coordinator to help engage families
- 6. Principal Update
 - a. Budget Presentation
 - i. Budget Cycle - Steele projected as 485 students. Adjusted in the fall, as needed.
 - ii. Celebrations - FULLY funded for next year!!
 - 1. Extra money from stimulus funding. (\$63K)
 - 2. PTA \$175K
 - 3. \$85K carry forward from this year's budget to cover staffing needs.
 - iii. Challenges - Teachers' salary increase (\$1,600). "Overstaffed" to include second educators and specials.
 - iv. How are funds used:
 - 1. Stimulus (mill and bond levies) funding: Intervention teacher and para.
 - 2. PTA funds: Drama, GT program and one para.
 - 3. Carry Forward: to fund addition full - time staff overages to ensure staffing for the 2021/22 school year.
- 7. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.