

PTA Meeting
October 13, 2020
Steele Elementary School

Meeting started at 6pm.

1. President Welcome
 - a. Jaime welcomed all to the meeting.
 - b. Nisha - Approval September's minutes. Approved by all.
2. Principal Update
 - a. Some of the kids are back in the building. And it has been very joyful. Students are clearly happy to be back! Everyone will return next Wednesday, October 21st.
 - i. Safety precautions
 1. Health Screener - Reminder to complete daily prior to bringing kids to school. Save the link on your phone to make it more convenient.
 2. Keep kids home if they show any symptoms. Otherwise, if they are sent home sick from school, they must stay home until they are 24 hours clear of symptoms.
 3. Follow the kiss n drop guidelines. No parking in the front of school. Wait for an adult to help get kids out of the car. Wait for the car in front of you to move. No jutting out into the bike lane, to pull around cars.
 4. Drop-off guidelines - Families must stay behind the yellow lines at the school.
 5. Late arrivals must go to the front door and ring the doorbell to be admitted.
 6. Use discretion while traveling. Keep safety in mind.
 - b. Financial Update
 - i. October Count
 1. Last year's count was 489 students. This year's Unofficial October count is 463 -\$132,616 (for next year's budget)

2. School is submitting screenshots of students' work, from Seesaw, the district to help provide evidence of students' enrollment.
- ii. Good news is that the district is honoring the projected student count, versus the most recent September count. With the extra funding, Marti hired two additional paras.
- iii. Budget for 2021-2022.
 1. The district will send the budget in January, staffing changes need to be made by February for next year. Marti wants this to be on our radar since budgeting will be harder this year and State funding is cutting back.
- iv. Students who weren't planning to return at the time of the October count, are coming back. This means a further deficit in the school's budget. Come September, our budget will be adjusted to reflect a more current count.
- v. School received \$175,000 from the PTA. This has funded specials, second educators, Gifted & Talented position and Senior Teacher leads.
- vi. Note: any mill levy on ballot will help our school's budget.

3. Reports of Officers

a. President

- i. Why Fundraise?
 1. All of the money that we raise this year is applied to next year's budget. This is our opportunity to help for next year.
 2. Because the PTA donates the \$175,000 to Steele has many of the extras that most other schools do not have.
 3. Without these additional PTA funds that are raised from the community, we lose those extras and risk losing current teachers and/or staff.
- ii. Direct Give Campaign - will run through October.
 1. Raised \$55K, with 20% participation.
 - a. Hoping for 100% participation with a "significant to you" donation.

b. Financial Update

- i. Shawnda asked for a donation from COuntry Club Towers. Management gave us a \$2,500 check! Will continue to ask other neighboring buildings.
 - c. Sponsorship Update
 - i. New matrix with more detail - Will be added to the PTA website
 - ii. Jill is looking to renew banners.
 - 1. Alameda is prime real estate. Great opportunity for local businesses.
 - d. Volunteer Update
 - i. Jenine - We have a skeleton crew for volunteers this year.
 - 1. There are volunteer opportunities with sponsorships, the garden, and the cookbook.
 - e. Communications Update
 - i. Room Parent communication - be sure that you are receiving room parent emails. Lots of information is shared that way. If not, please contact them directly to make sure you are on the email list. Room parent contact information is listed on the Steele website.
- 4. CSC Update
 - a. Reviewed UIP goals, which are decided using data from CMAS testing.
 - i. Why the CMAS? - This test is state-mandated. Luckily, Steele doesn't "teach to the test".
- 5. New Fundraising Idea-Theresa Nuber/Sarah Chapman
 - a. Theresa and Sarah presented the idea for a Community Cookbook.
 - i. Please submit recipes to be included.
 - ii. The goal is to have the book ready for purchase for the holidays. Sell 1,000 books @ \$25.
 - iii. Questions/inquiries: please email steelecookbook@gmail.com
- 6. Other
 - a. Ali Sweeney asked everyone to look at the Facebook page, "Steele Elevating Education" for information on ballot measures that affect our school and funding.

Meeting closed at 7:15 pm.