

# STEELE ELEMENTARY

## PTA MEETING MINUTES



Tuesday, January 10, 2017  
6:00-7:30 pm

- **Welcome & Introductions** (President Sarah Chapman) 10 mins
  - Round Robin: Everyone give their name, kids' names, grade, teacher
  - Approval of minutes
    - Minutes Approved
  
- **Steele Update and Q/A** 20 mins
  - Principal Greeley Update
    - Students are adjusting well to 1st day back
    - Several classrooms are piloting "personal success factors". More to come from your child's teachers
    - Working with CSC on unified improvement fund discussions
    - Performance framework needs to be discussed at next month's PTA
  - Teacher Updates (please see your child's teacher updates for more details)
    - Kindergarten- working on understanding key details in text and writing small stories. In math, measuring with cubes and craft sticks
    - 1st grade- understanding narrators and characters adventures. Will work in art class to illustrate their adventures. Working on 2 digit addition and subtraction. In Science, understanding properties of matter
    - 2nd grade- Solving problems with technology and inventions. Measuring in feet, inches, and yards. Understanding personal finance
    - 3rd grade- studying different cultures. Wrapping up unit on measurement. Discussing SE United States
    - 4th grade- Simple machines, understanding main ideas and inferring. Writing an opinion piece. Understanding how the earth is changing. Taking numbers apart
    - 5th grade- 1 digit division and story problems, including standard algorithms. Reviewing previous math concepts and identifying gaps
    - Intervention/ESL- assessment cycle
    - Music- K/1/2 working on essence of rhythm
    - PE- Circus Unit and Gymnastics; K-2 working on local motor skills 3-5 balance with stilts
    - Art- 4/5 photo exhibit 1/12 at 5:30. Working on mixed media and critiquing themselves and each other; 3rd grade- composition rules of 3rd and

communicating ideas; 2nd grade-fabric collages/weaving; 1st grade working with classroom teachers to illustrate characters for their writing; K- cutting skills and telling a story through art

- Drama- 4/28 Shakespeare Festival. Each child will know one play very well

- **New Business**

- Budget Update (Patti Welch) 45 mins
  - CO Gives day raised almost \$16K
- Committee Lead Updates
  - Home Tour (Maureen/Danielle)
    - Still working on large sponsorships. Small sponsorships will receive a save the date next week. 7 homes are currently being evaluated. Kick-off meeting Tuesday the 17th at Maureen's home
  - Science Fair (Jocasta)
    - Science fair begins 1/11 at 8:30 am. Winners will be announced that day and the top 2 in each grade are eligible to move on to the DPS district fair
- Next Steps from PTA Parent Survey
  - Slavens Community Outreach representative will attend next EB meeting. We expect to have an update on steps to implement this by next Fall in the next EB meeting. Food for Thought was a mentioned organization
- Parent Education (Sarah)
  - Currently looking for someone to take the lead on this. We will look to utilize best practices from other schools that already have this in place. Expect an update at the next GM
- New Computers (Sarah)
  - Per Kevin the computers have been delivered and are being set up this week. They should be distributed to students in the next couple of weeks.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 7th, 2017**

**Adjourn - Social Gathering**