

**PTA General Meeting
September 10, 2019
6-7:30pm
Steele Elementary Office**

MEETING MINUTES

EB Members Present: Kim Kobernusz, Crissy Lucado, Mary Beth Thacker, Nisha Ashley, Pattie Welch, Marti Rosenberg

Additional community members and teachers present: roughly 45 others present

1. General meeting agenda items:
 - a. Introductions / business needs:
 - i. Voted Marni Welch into the Executive Board as VP of Fundraising
 - b. Principal update: Marti Rosenberg
 - i. Who's new at Steele
 1. Emily Zabroski: K/1 intervention and SLT coach for K/1
 2. Melissa Hughes: Kindergarten teacher
 3. Eliza Spear: 1st grade teacher
 4. Brittany Bloom: 0.8 GT teacher / Mon-Thursday
 - a. Lane Miller becomes full-time drama with this hire
 5. Introduced several new 2nd Educators / Para-professionals
 6. Jessica Yanez: front-office support staff
 - ii. GaGa Ball
 1. Working on a resolution for the dust both short-term and long-term solution:
 - a. Short term: more mulch, wet-down as often as possible
 - b. Long term: more options on the table, but still TBD
 - iii. Volunteering:
 1. Could use help during Recess and Lunch duty
 2. Also could use help during the kiss and drop lanes in the morning and on the playground
 - c. CSC update: Ali Sweeney
 - i. Collaborative School Committee
 - ii. Guide budget, staffing, advisory role to the school
 - iii. Discussed role of the CSC mainly at this meeting

- d. Ellis Elementary partnership: Ali Sweeney / Johanna Woodrow
 - i. School that is 3.5 miles from here but very different community – different challenges than we face
 - ii. School feeds into Merrill so many of the kids will be together during Middle School
 - iii. Share resources, expanded perspectives
 - iv. Find ways to engage with the kids through this partnership
 - v. Student engagement:
 - 1. Pen-pal program that some classrooms are participating in
 - 2. Shared community events: Steele Carnival, Ellis International Day
 - 3. Moving from a PTO to a PTA // so we can share our resources and our information to help them through this guidelines

- e. S.C.A.T. update: Mary Thomas / Michelle Duke
 - i. Steele Community Action Team
 - ii. Revamped Kids of Steele program / re-rolling it out
 - iii. Committed to:
 - 1. Instilling passion for community service
 - 2. Educate on diverse needs within our community
 - 3. Provide leadership opportunities for our students
 - 4. Mobilize the Steele community into action
 - iv. Will meet monthly Oct-Dec
 - v. Kids design a logo for the program
 - vi. Opportunities to get involved:
 - 1. Core team members:
 - a. Monthly Wednesday afternoon meetings to volunteer and plan for future activities
 - b. Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 11
 - c. Time: 3:15-4:30
 - 2. SCAT Ambassador (Grades 2-5)
 - a. Provide SCAT updates at the beginning of class (monthly)
 - b. Share other community service announcements with classmates
 - c. Drive excitement & engagement within the Steele Community
 - 3. Ad hoc volunteering
 - vii. Our ask:
 - 1. Get involved!!
 - a. Fill out registration form and return by Sept. 20
 - 2. Share ideas and provide feedback:
 - a. Steele.scat@gmail.com

- f. Budget presentation/approval: Mary Beth Thacker
 - i. Kim presented the budget overview
 - ii. Net revenue: 2018-2019 school year // raised roughly \$240,000
 - 1. Home tour: \$45,436 / 18%
 - 2. Stallion fund/fall fundraiser: \$178,904 / 75%
 - 3. Steele dines out: \$2,470 / 1%
 - 4. Carnival, bike-a-thon: \$2,775 / 1%
 - 5. Year-round sponsors/director of ads: \$4,713 / 1%
 - 6. Other (grocery cards, Amazon, smile, etc.): \$5,505 / 2%
 - iii. Budget expenses for 2019-2020 school year
 - 1. Philanthropy: \$4,500
 - 2. 2nd educators: \$175,000
 - 3. Stipends: \$17,100
 - 4. Communications: \$1,400
 - 5. Family programs: \$11,850
 - 6. PTA operations: \$4,380
 - iv. Summary:
 - 1. Available funds: \$335,159
 - 2. Budgeted expenses: \$214,230
 - 3. Reserve: \$40,000
 - 4. Remaining cash: \$80,929
 - v. Budget approval:
 - 1. Kim Kobernusz made a motion to approve the budget proposed, Mary Beth Thacker 2nd the motion. All were in favor.
 - vi. Questions:
 - 1. Is the \$175,000 consistent year to year? No – was \$150,000. Several years ago was \$125,000.
 - 2. Air conditioning need was brought up by several people. This is high on Marti's list of things she's investigating. Consider setting aside \$80,000 in reserve for Air Conditioning.
 - 3. Funding request for health aide: Marti will look at her budget once that comes in 1-2 weeks to see if she can fund this or if we need the help of PTA funds.
- g. Reports of officers
 - i. Fundraising and events: Kim Kobernusz / Crissy Lucado
 - 1. Fall fundraiser: Dedra Haynie
 - a. Auction alone raised about \$125,00
 - b. Theme: Clue
 - c. Location: Parkside Mansion
 - d. When: Nov. 9th / 6pm-11pm
 - e. After party: Blackbird
 - f. Will be using Handbid again for all sales

- g. Auction:
 - i. Live auction: unique experiences, sports/concert packages, vacations, vacation homes
 - ii. Silent auction: tours/tickets, products/services, tours, memberships, etc.
 - iii. Teacher experiences: experiences donated by teachers for the students
 - iv. Steele exclusives: parties thrown by Steele families for Steele families

- 2. Carnival: Sean Jourdan
 - a. Sunday, the 15th
 - b. Bike-a-thon at 10am around Wash Park
 - c. Carnival starts at 11am
 - d. Can drive for S.C.A.T

- 3. Steele Dads Night:
 - a. Third Thursday of every month – next event will be at Blackbird

- 4. Stallion Fund: Kim McGuire
 - a. 501c3 arm of the PTA:
 - i. Paddle raise at the Auction // tax deductible
 - ii. Colorado Gives Day: Dec. 10th // direct giving campaign
 - iii. Corporate matching gifts

- 5. Shout-out to Garden committee: April and Sarah

- 6. Sponsorships: thank you to Melissa and Casey

- ii. Volunteers: Nisha Ashley
 - 1. Reach out to chairs and coordinate volunteer needs
 - 2. Update all needs and sign-ups on My School Anywhere
 - 3. Really need help with the Carnival right now
 - 4. Garden could use some help as well

- iii. Communications: Katie Goodale
 - 1. My School Anywhere:
 - a. Merged with My Membership Toolbox
 - b. Everything will migrate over to the new tool
 - 2. Ways to stay informed:
 - a. Website
 - b. Public FB page

- c. Private FB group
 - d. Stallion Press
 - 3. Directory:
 - a. Will come out around Thanksgiving
 - b. One copy per family
- iv. President: Kim Kobernusz / Crissy Lucado
 - 1. Get involved!!! Want as many people as possible to get involved and help in whatever way works best for you.
- h. Bike lane update: Amy Kenreich
 - i. Parent at Lincoln Elementary
 - ii. Mayors Bike Advisory committee / volunteer position
 - iii. Hand-out was passed around
 - 1. See handout for all details
 - iv. Protected bike lane on Marion is going to happen
 - v. There is continuous discussion around how to make it safe for our student and school // Steele families have a large voice
 - vi. Another public meeting will take place. Exact date/time is TBD.
 - vii. One misconception from may meeting was that the city was favoring one recommendation over another, which was not true
 - viii. What's important to do right now is submit your comments to the city via link provided on the handout
- i. Next meeting: Thursday, Oct. 10th (not Tuesday due to holiday)