

PTA General Meeting

March 12, 2019

Steele Elementary

Minutes

By Substitute: Kim Kobernusz

Started at 6:05 with 15 members in attendance

Meeting started with Kim Kobernusz making a motion to approve the February minutes and Greg Meehan 2nd the motion. All approved.

Principal Cindy started with putting a few items on our radar:

1. Presentation of Learning will start and she would like to hear feedback both positive and negative.
2. Traffic issues continue to be a problem in front of school for both drop off and pick up. Please, don't park or wait in the median in front of school and don't park and leave car in front of school where it is drop off or pick up only. Many complaints and unsafe practices are happening and police may be handing out tickets.
3. BUDGET: Next year:
 - a. Steele will have a Gifted and Talented coordinator to provide support for GT students as well as classroom teachers 4 days a week.
 - b. Lane Miller will be a FULL TIME Drama teacher.
 - c. We will have 13 paraprofessionals. Kindergarten and 1st grade will have one in every class. 2nd and 3rd grade will have a para or a Boettcher Resident in each class. After talking to all 4/5 teachers we are in support of sharing 3 paraprofessionals to float between classes and have the para's be used in each class for Math and Language Arts. We may have opportunities to have more help from student teachers or residents from D.U., but we will examine the best interests of our students to see what our needs are.
 - d. We will have two fulltime licensed Special Education teachers vs. 1.5 this year.
 - e. Yolanda in our office is moving on to open a Baking Business with her sister.
 - f. School nurse will be here Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays and will train office staff to cover Monday and Fridays.
 - g. School Budget = \$2,672,561 - 81% is salaries for principal, teachers, psychologist, librarian, nurse and office support - 11% is non licensed staff/ para's, Boettcher Residents – 8% is curriculum resources, math journals, technology, instructional and general supplies, copies, substitute teachers, books subscription renewal
4. Bond Update: Library will be getting painted, Auditorium will have new sound, Fencing will be put in over spring break and new hydration stations on each floor.

Mary Beth Thacker Treasurer report: Summary of accounts along with \$303,000 in our accounts to date.

Nisha Ashley V.P. of Volunteers – We need 2 House Captains, Student Greeters, House Monitors and ticket Sales people for our home Tour. Visit My School Anywhere and sign up.

Maureen Savage V.P. of Fundraising – Home Tour update: We want \$30 grand in sponsorship and we currently have \$15K. We have skeletal crew working and can always use more help. We have one Top Tier position still available to sell. We have lists of people we need to call to get renewals from last year sponsors. We have people out knocking on doors for new sponsors and can always use more help. Do you know someone in business that may want to sponsor our Home Tour? A personal ask always helps. Maybe your hairdresser etcetera. Encourage any Steele Family Businesses that may need a hand to help getting involved. Need them by April 12th. Huge push for ticket sales for Home Tour by kids after spring break. Always something to do – Stuff tote bags, take home yard signs, set up directional signs day of early and or take them down after event.

Communication TEAM: Go to Stallion or school website! It has everything you need to know. Meetings help with staying informed and seeing how much is involved to keep school running smoothly.

CSC: Ali Sweeney reported the Collaborative School Committee needs parent members. More to come. Also wants PTA (Anyone) to speak out to traffic offenders in front of school. Be leaders

Grocery Cards: King Soopers and Safeway (available in the office) Don't forget to reload them!

Dave Iverson = Concerned Steele Parent and wants to bring people together and get involved with gun safety in our school. He wanted to report since last time he spoke to us he has spoke to DPS who mentioned that DPS has been lucky not to have had any gun violence in our schools. He has met with Chief Eaton on gun safety and violence. Colorado Cease fire and the Red Flag Bill helped get through the House. Dave knows it is easier to get parents involved who have kids in middle school and high school vs. elementary, but he would like to start the conversation. Reach out to Dave if you would like to continue the conversation.

Sean Jourdan: School Dance is April 5th! Not a drop off, Not a Date dance, free, come and dance the night away.

Next Meeting is April 9th 6:00 p.m.