

STEELE ELEMENTARY

PTA MEETING MINUTES



Tuesday, September 12th, 2017
6:00-7:30 pm

- **Welcome & Introductions** (President Sarah Chapman) 10 mins
 - Round Robin Introductions
 - *32 Attendees*

- **New Business** 60 mins
 - Nomination of Maureen Savage as VP Fundraising 5 mins
 - *Nomination approved*

 - Principal Cindy and Teacher Updates 15 mins
 - *Cindy let the audience know that the Steele Code and Respector Award will continue. She also discussed 47 K of technology bond money that is available to Steele. She will work with a committee of teachers and parents to figure out how to best spend the funds*
 - *We are still missing 2 second educators. An offer has been extended for one para, and interviews continue for a second. She explained that the merging of Stanley British and Boetcher, as well as a decrease in college students pursuing education, has led to the shortage. The open Para position is posted on the DPS website, and Cindy feels we are getting appropriate support from DPS*
 - *K/1 students are working on habits of character, doing labs involving toys and tools. In math they are pursuing parts of "10". K students are working on ABCS, while 1 students focus on "ch", "sh", etc...*
 - *2nd grade students are focus on communities and character development. They are discussing why school is important and how school works in different countries. They are also using number racks and counting by "5s"*
 - *3rd grade students are reviewing addition and subtraction, and discussing how to access books and knowledge*
 - *4/5 students are discuss human rights and the beginning of the US from early settlers until the American Revolution. In math they are focusing on volume and multiplication*
 - *Intervention/SPED students are learning classroom expectations, and working with respect and helpfulness*
 - *Physical Education- K-2 working on respect and sportsmanship, 3-5 working with*

- 1st Tee of Denver
 - *Drama- K/1 learning the basics of “what is drama”, 2nd working on big team ensembles*
 - *Visual Arts- K working on rituals and routines, 2nd printing (currently using leaves), 3rd working on accordion books and artists from around the world, 4/5 photography and cartoon self-portraits*
 - *Music- 4/5 picking popular songs and learning instruments to accompany those songs*
- **Budget and Stallion Fund Overview (Pattie/Jessica)** 15 mins
 - *Budget approved*
- **Committee Updates and Open Positions** 25 mins
 - **Fall Fundraiser (Dedra)**
 - *Fundraiser 10/21 from 7pm-12am “Skatey Eighties” theme*
 - **Fall Carnival (Carrie)**
 - *Carnival 10/8 from 11-1. It will be sponsored by PTA this year and cost is free. Bike-A-Thon will happen beforehand 10-11*
 - **Communications (Jim)**
 - *Families need to confirm directory information ASAP*
 - **Home Tour (Maureen)**
 - *Co-chair is needed. Please contact Maureen Savage if interested*
 - **Other Committee Updates**
 - *Dig-It Day will be 10/14. Garden Committee currently needs help watering and weeding on the weekend*
- **2017 New Initiatives** 10 mins
 - **Kids of Steele (Julie)**
 - *Program will kick-off with zoo education on 9/13. A service project will be held at the zoo on 9/16. Space is limited to first 10 students*
 - **Parent Education (Theresa)**
 - *Parent education will focus on how to help your child socially, emotionally, and academically*
 - *First program will follow 9/14 PTA General Meeting. A therapist will speak on social and emotional wellness*
- **Recognition (Sarah)** 10 mins
 - *Tawny Becker, Communications Committee, Franci and Garden Committee, Julie Boone, Christy Rimkus, Carrie Newton, Theresa Nuber (Parent Education), Carrie Gibson, Carrie Newton, and Johanna Woodrow (1st Day Coffee)*

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