

**PTA General Meeting  
May 12, 2020  
Steele Elementary Office**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**EB Present:** Pattie Welch, Kim Kobernusz, Crissy Lucado, Nisha Ashley, Marni Welch, Marti Rosenberg

**Others present:** Roughly 15 others

1. General meeting agenda items: Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 6pm
  - a. Meeting minutes approved by all
    - i. Kim made motion
    - ii. Sean second that motion
    - iii. All in favor
  - b. New board introductions:
    - i. Co-presidents: Nisha Ashley, Jaime Livaditis
    - ii. Secretary: Maile Raines
    - iii. VP of Fundraising: Jill Wynne
    - iv. VP of Volunteers: Jenine Camins
    - v. Treasurer: Shawnda Maher
  - c. Finance update:
    - i. Usually spend around \$200,000 per year and we have about \$330,000 in the bank.
    - ii. This summer will look at where the money should be spent for next school year.
  - d. Garden:
    - i. Dig it Days: opportunities coming up in the next week or so.
    - ii. We have set up a Sign Up Genius to anyone who wants to come help with weeding, etc. for the next two weeks.
    - iii. Irrigation is operational to all garden beds.
    - iv. Tomorrow, 5/13 connecting soaker hoses.
    - v. We will then plant and you can sign up to take care of one of the garden beds over the summer.
    - vi. Can we share our Garden growth with the Ellis community?
  - e. Principal update:
    - i. Should have received a survey from DPS today, please be sure to fill this out so they get feedback on what next year looks like.
    - ii. Assuming there will be some sort of hybrid model for next year.
    - iii. I'm sure this is taking a toll on our kids emotionally and want to find a way to get back in the building some way but need to make sure everyone is safe and healthy.
    - iv. Statement about plan for next year will come from Suzanna Cordova by Memorial Day, but it will definitely look different than what we are used to.
    - v. Kindergarten round up on May 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - f. CSC update:
    - i. We just had a meeting and we did Marti's review so we'll be submitting that soon.
    - ii. Two new CSC members: Maile Raines and Mary Thomas // Ali Sweeney and Tawny Becker's terms are up.
    - iii. Make sure agenda and minutes are posted before and after each meeting.

- g. Teacher parade:
  - i. Thursday, 5/14 from 4-5pm.
  - ii. 3 locations and have been posted in the Steele Stallion.
  
- h. Communications:
  - i. Stallion Press will continue to go out as normal.
  - ii. Huge thank you to Jessica for all her hard work.
  - iii. Posha has been training so she is getting up to speed. Will need someone to take over after her, as her child will be an incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grader.
  
- i. Fall fundraiser:
  - i. Everything is booked: venue, food and alcohol – so hopefully we can make it happen.
  - ii. We had communicated that all Steele Exclusives won't be rescheduled. We may still try to do the Progressive Dinner since it is a small group.
  - iii. People can ask for a refund if necessary, but we haven't heard anything as of now.
  
- j. Family programs:
  - i. First even is popsicle social so we'll see if that happens or how we want to handle it.
  
- k. Ellis Elementary:
  - i. Still able to give \$2,500 budget as planned to support family.
  - ii. They do have a Go Fund me for families that have extreme needs. Some are going to DPS food bank each day for food.
  - iii. If we can share the Go Fund me with our community we certainly can.
  - iv. Still need to share books from Book Drive once we can get back into the schools.
  
- l. Thank you's:
  - i. Many thank you's and celebrations were shared for all of those moving on.