

**PTA General Meeting
November 13, 2018
Steele Elementary Office**

GENERAL MEETING

Officers Present: Kim Kobernusz, Maureen Savage, Pattie Welch, Mary Beth Thacker, Nisha Ashley, Jen Freeman. Not present: Crissy Lucado

General Attendees: 18 teachers and parents

1. Meeting Minutes:

- a. GM meeting minutes approval
 - i. Kim Kobernusz gave motion to approve, Greg Meehan second. All were in favor. Not one disapproved.

- b. Budget: Summary of accounts
 - i. Mary Beth gave a brief overview of the budget and where we are. We are in great shape and have already paid the Second Educators.
 - ii. Approved purchase of Power Washer for Qendrim to clean out the compost bins.
 - iii. Swag/Nisha Ashley is asking for additional dollars to have more swag printed as we are almost already out of shirts. Mary Beth motioned for approval, Pattie Welch second. All were in favor. \$2,600 approved.

- c. Masquerade update / reports of numbers if available
 - i. \$124,595 total raised NET.
 - ii. Record 330 people onsite that night. 92% of people who bought tickets showed up that evening.
 - iii. 52 off-site bidders which resulted in \$22,470 from people off-site.
 - iv. Thank you card going around for Dedra and Christy.
 - v. There are still a few things that are up for sale and we'll communicate those in the Stallion and how to purchase them if you're still interested.

- d. Principal update
 - i. School Performance Framework (SPF) highlights – NOTE: see Cindy for detailed presentation
 1. Cindy Kapeller presented an overview of our results from the SPF.
 2. Check our progress from year to year and provide foundation for support to all students.
 3. Identify areas of strength, growth and to be accountable.

4. SPF requires us to measure academic gaps between overall population and our subgroups (students of color, students of poverty, and students with disabilities).
5. We still fall into the Green rating for overall school performance.
6. We are part of a 16-network school. In our network 8 dropped from Green to Yellow. We maintained which is great but every year that gets a little bit harder.
7. How much are students growing academically: 52.78%
8. Are student performing at or above grade level: 85.87%
9. How engaged and satisfied are students and families: 66.67%
10. Students of color: 53.70%
11. Students of poverty: 94.4%
12. Students with disabilities: 100%
13. Celebrations:
 - a. Status rating of Blue for achievement status
 - b. Closing gap with our subgroups
 - c. Early literacy catch up those below grade level: Blue rating
 - d. English Language Arts compared to similar schools: Green in 2018. We are overall Yellow because SPF is a 2-year average and in 2017 we were Red.
 - e. ELA achievement: Green rating in 2018. We are overall Yellow because SPF is a 2-year average and in 2017 we were Yellow.
14. Areas of Growth:
 - a. Closing achievement gap for student of color at Steele compared to overall population here at Steele.
 - b. Closing the growth and achievement gap with similar school in math and science.
 - c. Parent and student perception and attendance: 66.7%
 - i. Parent survey: 87.73% favorable
 - ii. Student survey: 86.98% favorable
 - iii. Student attendance: 61% of students at 95% attendance. This means a child could miss 8.75 days to be at 95%.
15. Similar schools that we are compared against:
 - a. Bill Roberts K-8
 - b. Swigert International School (IB)
 - c. Steck
 - d. Slavens K-8
 - e. Polaris (HGT)
 - f. C3 / Creativity Challenge Community
 - g. Cory (HGT)
 - h. Carson
 - i. Bromwell

- ii. Bond improvement money highlights
 - 1. Surveyed the staff for how we are going to spend the money we have from the 2016 Innovation Classroom Improvement Bond.
We have \$90,000 to spend:
 - a. #1 vote: hydration stations
 - b. #2 vote: lockers repaired and painted
 - c. #3 vote: fencing to close off the playground
 - d. #4 vote: library painting and staining, possible new flooring and furniture
 - 2. Students also have input and they are voting on two options.
More details / results to come in Stallion
- e. Science Fair:
 - i. More details to come by end of this week
 - ii. We will need help with Judges, etc.
 - iii. Most likely will take place early January
- f. Big shout out to Rich and Dedra Haynie and Christy Tyler and the entire team and to anyone who helped out.
- g. Colorado Gives Day -- December 4th: more to come in the Stallion
- h. Purchase your grocery cards from Ali Sweeney.
- i. No General Meeting in December
- j. Next meeting: January 8th, 6pm