

STEELE ELEMENTARY

PTA MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

6:00 pm

Auditorium

- **Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review**

- Kevin Greeley, Robin Donaldson, Sara Kirkwood, Sara Nath, Joe Welch, Paul Kashmann, Jim, Sarah Allen, Nikki Dawson, Erica Spoor, Maureen Savage, Stephanie Slaybaugh, Janis Oliver, Tanya Weinberg, Miriam Ungar, Erica Ecklund, Liz Marvin, Liz Adams, Kim Kobernusz, Rebecca Marcus, Ann Shiveley, Crissy Lucado, Heather Michel, Tim Welch, Kristina Lyons, Aline Thompson, Amy Krosky; Laurie Chabandour, Bruce Allen

- **Recognitions**

- Crissy: MySchoolAnywhere has been getting a lot of traffic and sign ups, recognize Kiki Lyons and Danielle Vitale for their work on Home Tour.

- **Steele Update, Grade Updates and Q/A**

- Upcoming personnel changes: sent update in Stallion update 4/10; having 6 4/5 classes next year; challenges with that including what classroom will be used; class placements will be coming up for kids to move into new class; has the new 4/5 teacher been hired? Yes, Lauren Miller. Has a GT certificate. Screening candidates for the part-time 4/5 advanced teacher; looking for a parent to join the committee starting this Friday, hiring committee for the kindergarten position.
- Teacher updates: 4/5 social studies and science testing this week; starting a new DPS unit – the Montgomery bus case, part of common core; classes going to Ameritown;
- K1: wrapping up senses unit; working on poetry; working on author study with Eric Carl;
- 2/3: wrapping up rocks and soil unit; moving on the plants as next science unit; personal financial literacy for some classes; poetry coming up; one class going to Shakespeare
- Specials: Mary Poppins coming up in May; kids doing scenery; Art show is May 7; starting basketball in PE; spinning double dutch in jump ropes; Field Day May 29; May 22 is 5th grade trip to DU to do gymnastics; 4th graders will shoot rockets at South HS that same day; Drama is focusing on going to Shakespeare.

- **City Council Candidates for District 6** (elections May 5)

- Liz Adams and Paul Kashmann

- **Home Tour update**

- South HS will help distribute marketing materials; five homes; wrapping up sponsorships; \$25K in sponsorships; if every child sells six tickets we would raise \$52K; online ticket sales open; 35% full on volunteers; street fair at South HS; created a banner to hang on South property; 4/5 graders can fill greeter positions; request for 4/5 teachers to see reports of those who have signed up

- **Approval of March Minutes**

- Approved

- **2015/16 Officer Elections**

- PTA members approved the following nominations for 2015/16 officers:
 - Ann Shiveley, president
 - Sarah Allen, secretary
 - Crissy Lucado, VP volunteers
 - Kim Kobernusz, treasurer

- **PTA Executive Board Reports and Committee Updates**

- **Treasurer Update; Finance Committee Update**
 - Q/A: See slide presentation for PTA budget Q/A
 - General PTA to vote on all funding requests starting next academic year

- May meeting to review the 2015/16 operating budget in meeting, secure input from members about operating budget
- If PTA can't afford second educators in the future, what would we do? Would be a CSC decision. Community input.
- Why is the district not funding it anymore? Steele was one of eight schools receiving additional funding for second educators (traditionally \$91K). It wasn't equitable in regard to other schools, so they have ended this size of contribution.
- Need clarification for parents on differences between paras and interns – not widely known.
- **Funding request from Kevin Greeley**
 - Funding for second educators for 2015/16 school year was approved (\$150K)
- **Other announcements**
 - Remaining committee updates (including fund raising, communications, garden, family programs and events)
 - plants bigger than ever; will be selling plants at Home Tour; Kaiser and Chipolte are giving us volunteers for our garden; free mulch from Arbor Gardens; Jim Grimes working with Andy to get a permanent sign in our garden; Dig It day coming up;
- **Next Meeting/: Tuesday, May 12, 2015**
 - School Board Member Anne Rowe to attend
- **Adjourn – Social Gathering**