

STEELE ELEMENTARY

PTA MEETING MINUTES



Thursday, February 15th, 2018
6:00-7:30pm

- Welcome (President Sarah Chapman) 10 mins
- Approval of November Minutes (Mary Beth)
 - Minutes approved
 - 18 attendees

- New Business 65 mins
 - Principal and Teacher Updates 15 mins
 - *Cindy discussed in detail the new calculation of student absences for the School Performance Framework. The new criteria requires that 80% of students are at a 95% attendance rate. This equates to missing less than 8.75 days per year. Current numbers show that Steele is way behind on this metric. As a data point, Steele students had 184 tardies in February. The treatment of tardies is still being discussed for the purposes of the SPF.*
 - *Abby Ludens has been hired as the crossing guard. There is still one opening*
 - *Early Literacy Reports went home for K-3. Our teachers are already teaching towards the more rigorous aim line.*
 - *The Talent show auditions will be on 3/1 and 3/2. There are currently 80 entries*
 - *Kindergarten round-up (formerly Orientation) will be on 5/1*
 - Please see your child's teacher for detailed updates:*
 - *K- wrap up weather unit, attributes of shapes, groups of 5*
 - *1- narratives of sun and moon, +/- word problems*
 - *2- fossils+paleontology completed, begin stages of plant growth, place values to 1K, sound systems, Steele Code*
 - *3- fiction vs non-fiction portrayal of wolves, multi-step word problems, circuits and magnetism*
 - *4/5- rainforests, angles/polygons, Multiply/divide fractions, American Revolution, Stages of matter*
 - *PE- Olympics*
 - *Art- 4/5 papier mâché rainforest, 3 wolf sculptures, 2 1-point perspective, 1 monsters and germs, K- Van Gogh*
 - *Drama- Shakespeare Festival, costume night 2/28 at 5pm*
 - *Spelling Bee- 2 Steele students tied for win, 2 students went to City Written, and 1 student invited to City Oral*

- *Music— K Water Unit- 2/27 performance, 1/2 Reggae, Bob Marley, songfests*

- Other Committee Updates 15 mins
 - Home Tour (Maureen)
 - *Ticket sales and Vol sign ups start 3/1. All 5 homes have been secured. Still looking for volunteers to be block walkers, soliciting local businesses for sponsorships in-person. Street Fair will be on the 400-500 block of Gilpin*
 - Family Programs (Carrie)
 - *2/23 Movie Night, possible school dance in April, will be soliciting volunteers to prepare CMAS snack bags*

- Fall Fundraiser Survey 20 mins
 - *62 responses. General consensus was that it was a fun party, but would prefer less of a theme. Respondents were interested in items at more variable price points, and more items for kids. Most were interested in community building. The consensus in the room was that we need an auctioneer and assistants to quiet the crowd and potential shut down bar and food during auction. A playbook is being created for future party planners*

- Succession Planning 10 mins
 - *3/8 Succession Planning Cocktail Hour. More information to follow in Steele Stallion*

- Recognition 5 mins

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 13th