

STEELE ELEMENTARY

PTA MEETING MINUTES



Tuesday, November 15, 2016
6:00-7:30 pm

- **Welcome & Introductions** (President Sarah Chapman) 10 mins
 - Round Robin: Everyone give their name, kids' names, grade, teacher
 - Approval of minutes
 - Minutes approved

- **Steele Update and Q/A** 20 mins
 - Principal Greeley Update
 - Turkey Trot update next Thursday
 - Updates A-net testing for grades 3,4, 5
 - Middle school night to be held 12/6
 - Teacher Updates
 - Kindergarten is recognizing up to 10 in groups of 5&10. They are working on non-fiction—recognizing main topics and key details
 - 1st grade is understanding how characters feelings and actions make them who they are. Working on addition and subtraction strategies up to 20. They are also working on understanding what a scientist does and the properties of matter
 - 2nd grade is working on point of view and understanding why they like the books they do. In math they are on double digit addition and subtraction. Science is focusing on sound and building their own instruments
 - 4th/5th are working on animal defenses, chemical reactions, and the people of Colorado. They will talk about holiday celebrations around the world, and parents will be invited 4th math is working on fractions, 5th math is working and decimals to the hundredths
 - Intervention is working on alphabet recognition, pointing out words, and repetitive books for lower grades. 2nd/3rd are very excited about pen pals, 4th/5th are working on fluency and comprehension
 - Visual Arts 4/5 are being art detectives using iPads. 3rd are working on art composition, 2nd are working on cityscapes, with a show at Wash Park on 12/6. 1st are doing an artistic unit and working on primary colors. K are drawing toys
 - Music 4/5 are working on rock, pop, and R&B with a performance on 12/15. 3rd graders are working on xylophones
 - PE- playing soccer and flicker ball. Working with FirstTee Golf. Archery will begin after Thanksgiving

- Drama 2nd graders are doing Native American performances related to their classroom reading groups. Performances will be 12/12-12/14. K/1 are working in stations
- Gifted/Talented- working on a “talent pool” concept. Students in pool may be pulled out for reading depth and understanding. Some students will compete in Math Olympia competition. Steele will host spelling bee on 12/8 in which 10 students will compete. Destination Imagination will have 3 teams in March

- **New Business**

- Budget Update (Patti Welch)
 - Moondance made \$104K 45 mins
- Funding Requests Approval (Principal Greeley)
 - Funding request for individual 4/5 computers reviewed and approved
- Committee Lead Updates
 - Family Programs(Carrie)
 - Successful movie night
 - Home Tour
 - Gap for ticket lead accepted by Candace. Still seeking gold/platinum sponsorships
 - CSC (Nicole)
 - Focus on closing gap between free/reduced students and others
 - Goal to become a “blue” school
 - Communications (Jim)
 - Printed directories should be available in early December
 - The ticker across the Steele homepage will be updated
- Parent Survey (Sarah)
 - Discussed various ways the PTA could serve other than fund raising. After doing a hand-raise poll on several items, the majority of parents felt that opportunities for community outreach would be their top priority. The Executive Board took an action to come up with options and present at January GM
- Volunteer Recognition
- Middle School Night 12/6

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 10th, 2017

Adjourn - Social Gathering Sports Alley

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PTA FUNDING REQUEST APPLICATION 2016/17

This process will be used for all funding requests that fall outside of this school year's budgeted expenditures.

Name, phone number and email address of group or individuals making request: **Kevin Greeley; 720-424-3720; kevin_greeley@dpsk12.org**

Date of request (recommend submit request at least six weeks before funds are needed): **November 14, 2016**

Date of event or by when funds are needed: **The funds would be needed in the beginning of December**

Amount of the funding request: **\$31,065.25**

1. Detailed description of what this funding will purchase/be used for, including the name of any vendors who would be involved: **We would like to purchase 80 Dell Chromebooks and 3 computer carts to house the computers. This will allow us to put a computer cart in each 4/5 classroom and allow each student to have there own personal computer. We would ask that they keep the computer at school**
2. List all estimates gathered so far, including vendor name: **We received an estimate from Technology Itegrated Group, the vendor that we work with through DPS.**
3. Please list all resources that would be needed (for example: How many volunteers? Do you need paid staff? Do you need use of Steele facilities? Etc.) **N/A**
4. What issues or opportunities specific to Steele will be addressed through the purchase of these goods/services? **If each child has a designate computer it will be quicker and easier to do research and work on the computer. It will ease the stress of testing for teachers and we believe students will take better care of their own personal computer so we will have less maintenance issues.**
5. How many/which Steele students will benefit from the purchases from this funding? This will benefit all students who are 4th or 5th grade students at Steele. We see this as a benefit for this year's 4/5 students and for the foreseeable future.
6. How will the goods/services purchased with this funding help the PTA achieve its mission (mission statement: <http://www.steelepta.org/aboutpta.htm>)? **Our mission is to "create a community of Steele" that embraces the Steele Elementary School core values, encourages involvement and volunteerism, and advocates for an exceptional, well-rounded educational experience for our children. This money will help**

the PTA achieve it's goal of providing our students a well rounded education by meeting students academic needs and supporting them in becoming 21st century learners

7. What are the expected key outcomes? Please include how outcomes will be measured and by what date(s):
The outcomes is that we will have more instructional time because students will not have to go from classroom to classroom to get the necessary computers. This will also help our students access and use technology.

8. If PTA does not fund this request, from what other sources can funding be sought? **We could use funds from our mill levy but this would not enable us to buy the desired number of computers.**