

STEELE ELEMENTARY

PTA MEETING MINUTES



Tuesday, May 10, 2016
6:00-7:30 pm

- **Welcome & Introductions** (President Ann Shiveley)
 - Round Robin: Everyone gave their name, kids' names, grade, teacher
 - There were 29 attendees

- **Reading of Minutes & Approval** (Secretary Sarah Allen)
 - Minutes were approved

- **DPS School Board Update and Q/A** (Anne Rowe)
 - Anne covered 2016 Bond and Mill Levy planning. Typically a Bond is for facilities – bricks and mortar – and is a onetime cycle of investment. The Mill is an annual investment that is voted on by the citizens of Denver. She also handed out a dashboard of Steele Elementary Budget for 2016-2017. She discussed the impact of TABOR to school funding. Anne fielded questions from parents about funding, school success metrics, teacher tenure and educator support. Anne advised that as parents we can get engaged by talking to fellow parents, educators and community that care about DPS – perhaps host an event in our homes to support the Bond/Mill Levy.

- **Steele Update and Q/A** (Principal Kevin Greeley and Teachers)
 - 2nd Grade – Focused on fiction writing and writing fractured fairytales. Math is focused on time, money and place value.
 - 3rd Grade – Math multiplication and reading is folk tales. In writing they are working on “origin” stories. Social studies is focused on tribes.
 - 4th/5th Grade – Studying Jackie Robinson and the time period. Students are reading about the Great Migration. DRAs are going on and math is wrapping up with final reviews and previews for next year.
 - Kindergarten – Reading is focused on “retelling.” Narrative is the focus for writing and math is working on coins and “face value.”
 - 1st Grade – Reading is focused on key details in text to describe character and setting.
 - Specials – Art: 4th/5th are completing their tennis shoe sculptures. 3rd grade is doing team dioramas. Kinder and 1st are studying Georgia O’Keefe. The art show will feature a work from every student in school. Gym: Field day is coming up. Archery program has successfully launched. Drama: Shakespeare festival wrapped up. Kids were tough as nails despite the rainy weather. Our teams took first and second place in the Shakespeare”bowl.” Third grade just finished the Wizard of OZ. Second and first grade are working on creating their own dramatic scenes.
 - Kevin Greeley – Gave an overview of Steele safety protocol. He encouraged us as parents to

“shout it out” when we are in doubt about something that we see on the Steele campus. There are two finalists for the music teacher role. This will be a half time position.

- **Reports of Officers and Standing Committees**

- Finance – We are \$36K ahead of what we had projected to have at this point in time. This excess revenue will be factored in to the ‘16/17 school year budget. The fiscal year ends on June 30th. Kim will need helpers for the audit prep 4-6 members would be ideal. You must be a paid Steele PTA member. Announcement will go out in the Steele Stallion.
- Fundraising and Events – The Home Tour: kids sold \$20K in ticket sales, we got \$30K in sponsorships – after costs we will have net \$50K for our school.
- Volunteers – Finishing up the school year. We have new Steele swag for sale. Thank you for everyone’s support this year.
- Garden Committee – Dig it Day is coming up. Chipotle is sponsoring lunch. Kids are welcome.
- Family Programs and School Activities’ – No update.
- Communications Committee – Jim has created a Steele event snapshot. The committee is developing an abbreviated new parent summer packet.

- **New Business**

- PTA Executive Board Elections – All new EB Board members were elected in unanimously.
 - Sarah Chapman, President
 - Danielle Vitale & Brandi Sullivan, VP’s of Fundraising
 - Pattie Welch, Treasurer
 - Christy Rimkus, VP of Volunteers
 - Mary Beth Thacker, Secretary
- President’s Update (Ann Shiveley)

- **Volunteer Recognition (All)**

- Kevin and his team for the work on the Kindergarten move up day.
- Home Tour volunteers – Carrie Gibson, Pattie Welch, Maureen Savage, Krista Quick, Kim Lindgren, Kiki Lyons, Danielle Vitale, Rebekah Marcus, home captains.
- Lindsey Airs, Jim Cargyle, Stacy Crome, Crissy Lucado – Destination Imagination
- Dana Huntsigner for the Shakespeare Festival.
- Mr. Miller for helping kids prep for the Shakespeare’bowl.’
- Kevin thanked the EB members for their work this school year.