

STEELE ELEMENTARY

PTA MEETING MINUTES



Tuesday, April 12, 2016
6:00-7:30 pm

- **Welcome & Introductions** (President Ann Shiveley)
 - Round Robin: Everyone gave their name, their children's names/grade and teacher. Twenty-Five people attended the meeting.
- **Reading of Minutes & Approval** (Secretary Sarah Allen)
 - Meeting minutes were approved.
- **Steele Update and Q/A** (Principal Kevin Greeley and Teachers)
 - Principal Greeley Update: Mile High Scholars award was held last week. Students were chosen for character, leadership, and overall perseverance and attitude. Two students were selected and got to meet the Mayor and received a "key" to the future. It was a great honor for our kids and they will be mentioned in the Steele Stallion. The CMAS tests went well last week. The kids held up well. Parent satisfaction surveys have been sent out and are due back by the 15th.
 - Kindergarten update: Literacy is focused on "opinion" and "reason why." Reading is working on "retell" and math is focused on decomposing key numbers with place value. Social Studies theme is "me and my world." New parent orientation will be held on May 14th.
 - First grade: Is focused on story problems for math and algebraic logic. Social studies unit coming up will be economics and financial literacy.
 - Second grade: Kids are working on a personal narrative and working on measurement in math.
 - Third grade: Just wrapped up units and is now focused on CMAS testing.
 - Specials: Shakespeare banners are complete and were shown at the meeting. The art show is May 12, 6:30-8pm. PE: Field day will be held May 20th. Archery unit will begin next week. Drama: DI team won first place and will go on to International competition in Knoxville, TN. Shakespeare Festival is April 29th.
 - 4/5: Rainforest unit was wrapped up. 5th grade math is focused on volume and units. 4th grade is focused on fractions. Science is focused on human systems. May 27th is the rocket launch. June 2nd is 5th grade continuation at South High.
- **Reports of Officers and Standing Committees**
 - Finance: Promethean boards have been bought and installed following PTA membership vote to approve funding. Art funding was approved as well and will be used to mat photographs for the 4th/5th art show.
 - Fundraising and Events:
 - Home Tour Update – Saturday, May 7th 10-4pm. This will be the 18th year of the event. We have gotten \$30K in sponsorship. Help needed on: 1. Ticket sales. 2. Volunteers –

check out MySchool Anywhere 3. Tote bag stuffing on April 26, 27, 28, 3:30-6:30.

- Volunteers: Updates all related to the Home Tour.
- Garden Committee: The Mother's day plants have finished sprouting. Transplanting will begin soon and classes will help with that. Next Friday on Earth Day there will be a campus clean up. Dig it Day will be May 14th.
- Family Programs and School Activities': Steele Stallion Fall Party will be held October 8th, 7-10pm at the Cable Land Mansion.
- Communications Committee: They are working on updating and revising the summer packet so that it is more targeted to new incoming parents and is distributed earlier.
- CSC: Two openings for parent representation on the CSC. An update will come out in the Stallion that explains what the CSC is and its role. Anyone interested in the role can reach out to Kevin Greeley.

- **New Business**

- PTA Executive Board 2016-2017 Nominations
 - Slate was nominated – Sarah Chapman, Danielle Vitale, Brandi Krause, Pattie Welch & Christy Rimkus – and all those present approved the nominations. There is still an opening for the Secretary role.
- President's Update (Ann Shiveley): No updates

- **Volunteer Recognition (All)**

- Rainforest presentation: Ms. Askins and Ms. Miller's class. It was a wonderful presentation.
- Dana Huntsinger for the Shakespeare banners and costumes
- Thanks to all the parents who volunteered for Destination Imagination.
- The Salis family who own The Harvest Bread Company have done so much for our community and they have been a family who have always supported the school.
- Jessica Meehan has volunteered to be our next Steele Stallion co-editor.
- The volunteers for the Home Tour – Danielle Vitale, Maureen Savage, Rebekah Marcus, Sarah Allen, Pattie Welch
- Ms. Margulies. Her class has done amazing work on aquatics that have really captivated the kids and resulted in a wonderful presentation.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 10, 2016

Adjourn – Social Gathering