

PTA General Meeting
January 14, 2020
Steele Elementary Office

MEETING MINUTES

EB Present: Kim Kobernusz, Crissy Lucado, Marni Welch, Pattie Welch, Nisha Ashley,

Principal: Marti Rosenberg

Others present: Approximately 18 others

1. General meeting agenda items: Tuesday, Jan. 14th, 6:30pm
 - a. Meeting minutes: approved all in favor
 - b. Principal update
 - i. SPF highlights:
 1. School performance framework
 2. State SPF: meets expectations / highest ranking
 3. District SPF: meet expectations which we have been for years
 - a. Based on two years of data, scoring is complicated
 - b. Celebrations:
 - i. Overall: exceeding expectation
 - ii. Academic gaps: exceed expectations
 - iii. Students with disabilities: exceed expectations
 - iv. CMAS literacy & math: meets expectations (highest ranking possible)
 - v. Early literacy grades 1-3: meets expectations (highest ranking possible)
 - vi. MGP SOC: median growth percentile for students of color = same as the peers they are compared to
 - c. Overall a Green school: 88.7%
 - d. Areas of growth:
 - i. CMAS gaps for Free Reduced Lunch
 - ii. CMAS gaps for Hispanic students
 - iii. Early literacy catch-up
 4. Attribute growth to teachers and the individualized learning plans they are making for each of the students to ensure we are making this kind of growth.
 5. What's next:
 - a. Share UIP (Unified Improvement Plan) goals with the School Leadership Team and CSC.
 - b. Continue to focus on engaging all students in rigorous, meaningful work on a daily basis
 6. Assessments are the same for State and District but the data is interpreted differently by each entity.

ii. Vision update:

1. Process:

- a. Community survey in August.
- b. Vision Committee was established in September.
- c. Focus Group of roughly 30 people: staff & family – laid out our priorities.
- d. ILT met to consolidate ideas into vision, mission, and values statements.
- e. First draft went out to vision committee and staff for feedback
- f. First draft shared with students (3rd, 4th, 5th graders in their classroom morning meetings) and their feedback was collected
- g. Final draft was crafted to include as much feedback as possible

2. Feedback:

- a. Students were vocal on making sure we included that we were an inclusive community.
- b. Academics weren't called out specifically in initial version so we added that.
- c. Vision is a hope of where we want to go, not our exact current state. Our vision is where we are headed.

3. Final Product:

a. Vision:

- i. Steele Elementary is an inclusive community of student, educators, and families who prioritize student agency – providing students experiences that enrich and foster every child to find their love of learning. We prepare students for the world beyond Steele Elementary by providing rigorous academic instruction and enriching, diverse experience to meet 21st century challenges.

b. Mission:

- i. Steele Elementary cultivates exceptional student leaders with 21st century skills by building an inclusive school community steeped in Steele's rich traditions.

4. Next Steps:

- a. Share with broader community.
- b. Engage students in our new vision by doing a school wide project about what our vision means to them.
- c. Create a 5-year plan for how we will achieve our vision.

- c. CSC update:
 - i. Budget based on number of students (student based budget). Projected at 487 students for next year. We currently have 492 kids in the building but our count was roughly 486 students.
 - ii. Budget will be finalized in January for next school year.
 - iii. In September of 2020 we will count students and budget will be adjusted up or down based on those numbers.
 - iv. October 2020 will be projected headcount for the following year.
 - v. Final budget is due Jan. 30th.

- d. Reports of officers:
 - i. Finance:
 - 1. \$20,444 came in on Colorado Gives Day. Which is fantastic!
 - ii. Fundraising and events:
 - 1. Home Tour:
 - a. We are very close to having 5 houses. We did decide to shorten the day from 10-2 instead of 10-4.
 - b. Sponsorship has kicked off. We do have a Platinum Sponsor which is our top offering.
 - c. 5280 will do their in-kind trade again.
 - d. We do need more people to come to the Home Tour meeting and help out and shadow the current leads who will be moving on next year.
 - e. Next meeting is Jan. 23rd at Jen Olsen's house.
 - 2. Science Fair:
 - a. Jan. 30th. Still need judges.
 - 3. Movie night:
 - a. Feb. 21st. Need a movie idea!! What about Pets 2?
 - 4. Dads of Steele:
 - a. Jan. 16th at Revers.
 - 5. Ellis Partnership:
 - a. Invited to go tomorrow, Chipotle Fundraiser.
 - b. Working on reenergizing PenPal program.
 - c. They are working to get a date on the calendar for their International Day. Perhaps we could make it a field trip?
 - d. We are inviting them to our Dance.
 - e. We are invited to their school to help clean up their area to eliminate a symbol that was put on their sidewalks. Date in still TBD.
 - iii. Volunteers:
 - 1. Home Tour volunteers is posted on the new app: Membership Toolkit
 - 2. Need Science Fair judges. Please sign up.
 - 3. Talent show needs volunteers as well. Will be uploaded soon.

iv. Communications:

1. Just make sure you are signed up for Membership Toolkit and download the app on your phone to sign up for volunteer opportunities.

v. President:

1. Jan. 29th: holding a PTA Mixer to get to know the positions that are going to be open for next year. Includes board positions and other volunteer positions.
2. Next meeting is Feb. 11th at 6pm.

e. Presentation from Be Smart Colorado – Gun Safety