

**PTA General Meeting
May 12, 2020
Steele Elementary Office**

MEETING MINUTES

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

Others present: Roughly 15 others

1. General meeting agenda items: Tuesday, May 12th, 6pm
 - a. Meeting minutes approved by all
 - i. Kim made motion
 - ii. Sean second that motion
 - iii. All in favor
 - b. New board introductions:
 - i. Co-presidents: Nisha Ashley, Jaime Livaditis
 - ii. Secretary: Maile Raines
 - iii. VP of Fundraising: Jill Wynne
 - iv. VP of Volunteers: Jenine Camins
 - v. Treasurer: Shawnda Maher
 - c. Finance update:
 - i. Usually spend around \$200,000 per year and we have about \$330,000 in the bank.
 - ii. This summer will look at where the money should be spent for next school year.
 - d. Garden:
 - i. Dig it Days: opportunities coming up in the next week or so.
 - ii. We have set up a Sign Up Genius to anyone who wants to come help with weeding, etc. for the next two weeks.
 - iii. Irrigation is operational to all garden beds.
 - iv. Tomorrow, 5/13 connecting soaker hoses.
 - v. We will then plant and you can sign up to take care of one of the garden beds over the summer.
 - vi. Can we share our Garden growth with the Ellis community?
 - e. Principal update:
 - i. Should have received a survey from DPS today, please be sure to fill this out so they get feedback on what next year looks like.
 - ii. Assuming there will be some sort of hybrid model for next year.
 - iii. I'm sure this is taking a toll on our kids emotionally and want to find a way to get back in the building some way but need to make sure everyone is safe and healthy.
 - iv. Statement about plan for next year will come from Suzanna Cordova by Memorial Day, but it will definitely look different than what we are used to.
 - v. Kindergarten round up on May 20th.
 - f. CSC update:
 - i. We just had a meeting and we did Marti's review so we'll be submitting that soon.
 - ii. Two new CSC members: Maile Raines and Mary Thomas // Ali Sweeney and Tawny Becker's terms are up.
 - iii. Make sure agenda and minutes are posted before and after each meeting.

- g. Teacher parade:
 - i. Thursday, 5/14 from 4-5pm.
 - ii. 3 locations and have been posted in the Steele Stallion.

- h. Communications:
 - i. Stallion Press will continue to go out as normal.
 - ii. Huge thank you to Jessica for all her hard work.
 - iii. Posha has been training so she is getting up to speed. Will need someone to take over after her, as her child will be an incoming 5th grader.

- i. Fall fundraiser:
 - i. Everything is booked: venue, food and alcohol – so hopefully we can make it happen.
 - ii. We had communicated that all Steele Exclusives won't be rescheduled. We may still try to do the Progressive Dinner since it is a small group.
 - iii. People can ask for a refund if necessary, but we haven't heard anything as of now.

- j. Family programs:
 - i. First even is popsicle social so we'll see if that happens or how we want to handle it.

- k. Ellis Elementary:
 - i. Still able to give \$2,500 budget as planned to support family.
 - ii. They do have a Go Fund me for families that have extreme needs. Some are going to DPS food bank each day for food.
 - iii. If we can share the Go Fund me with our community we certainly can.
 - iv. Still need to share books from Book Drive once we can get back into the schools.

- l. Thank you's:
 - i. Many thank you's and celebrations were shared for all of those moving on.