

Tabletalk

*The following motion was written and passed after much discussion in Parent Group last month. Steller has long had a tradition of responsible freedom—we emphasize **responsible**—and creative expression. One responsible part of creative expression is ownership. One parent mentioned it used to be standard that nothing was posted anywhere at Steller without a signature. Anonymous is not enrolled at Steller..*

Parent Group supports the school administration with efforts to clean up any inappropriate graffiti (starting with the writing on the table in the lounge). The Steller Community fosters and encourages student creativity and self-expression. However, that self-expression must remain within the bounds of acceptable standards of decency.

We will use this opportunity to wipe the slate clean (let the students clean and repaint the table). It will stay in the lounge as long as it remains free of obscene/offensive/violent images or words. If such content is written on the table, and remains on the table for more than a day, then the table will be removed from the lounge.

Once the table is removed the first time, it can be returned if the student op group formulates standards and guidelines for use of the table and self-policing by the students. If the guidelines are acceptable, then the table will be returned.

If the table returns, and the guidelines are violated, the table will be removed for the remainder of the school year.

This avoids the perception of unfair unilateral action by either the Principal or the parents, and puts the onus on the students to self-police and keep the table clean or it will be removed.