

## PARENT GROUP

Minutes

11/7/12

**Minutes Review:** minutes approved.

**Agenda Approval:** agenda approved after a Request from John: Needs funds to attend a conference; added to agenda.

### Reports:

#### 1. Dale:

- A. New addition to Steller is a popcorn machine. \$250 for new machine; may charge percentage to cover cost; then keep using percentage for Coalition of Essential Schools (CES) funding or other events/items.
- B. Next week, Lee, Danelle, Cody and Madelyn are going to CES conference in Rhode Island.
- C. I am on the Executive Board for School Business Partnerships. I had a meeting with West Area principals and they all met Cheri Spink, the Executive Director of SBP. John added that we have new business partners; and a relationship w/ Title Wave. Wells Fargo also has potential as a partner. Current partners are-
  - Dooley's Costumes and Tuxedos
  - Fred Meyers - Abbot Store
  - Kaladi Brothers
  - Fitzgerald Photography
  - Blaine's Art
  - Alaska Downtown Partnership (ADP)
- D. West High and Romig are being renovated to fit their CTE (Career Technology Education) program using CTE funds (14 million) to integrate program . They are building a Medical Engineering program. Currently program is only grades 11/12, looking to move to grades 7 to 12 pre-baccalaureate program. I look at the money they are getting, and it reminds me where we are on the Capitol Improvement Project list. They are ahead of us, but the CIP shows we may begin planning for a new space in 2016.
- E. Also, food worker training info to be added later in the agenda.

#### 2. Staff: Jennifer:

Updated application to scholarship program due Nov. 12. Zangle updated 11/15 because of intensives – mid-quarter. Impact cards sent home with kids. Work keys Thursday for Juniors.

#### 3. Ad Board:

No new business. Reviewed reports, with continued discussion about accountability and what it means to be Steller. Grant committee still being chosen 2 parents, 2 staff, 2 students and Dale 7 is total. Quorum is 4 people for grants.

#### **4. Op Group-no student attending:**

Philip's advisory group organizing a sock drive and is challenging the rest of school. If the entire rest of the school collects more socks than Philip's advisory group, Wright Franklin will shave his head. Popcorn machine is available for student use.

Rebecca Johnson met with op group reps to get their input on what should be included in the recruiting brochure and video.

All Community Meeting discussion is in the works since Op Group leads the next one-trying to follow through on the ideas raised in the September.

#### **Souper Steller - Alyse**

First official SS last Friday, Philips group sponsored. 170 meals produced. No staff attended, went fine. Still spent \$129 (half of what is normally spent); No running supply list; do not want supplies early because of storage. Souper Steller buys what is not signed up for—this was how it was designed. Even with calls only some of the items were not brought in; how can this be done better? Storage discussion - shed? Upstairs above kitchen? Perhaps sealable tubs? Still need big steel pot and sturdy blender. Leigh Anne's group would like same soup served at last Souper Steller-Broccoli Cheese and Chicken Tortilla.

#### **Auction - Wendy;**

\$9300 worth of stuff, down from last year. Still do not have advisory baskets done, but plans to do that in next few days. Last day to donate is Thursday. Phone calls from liaisons went out, robo-call will go out by 6:00 p.m. tomorrow to invite to auction. 6:00 sign in starts. Sign in to get bid number, \$10 for family, \$5 for individuals. Admission fee helps cover the administrative costs, usually around \$250. Live auction includes Fund-A-Project - one will be for Souper Steller. Can the money that ASD is holding be used to update Souper Steller, i.e., pots, blender - aprons? Chef's hats?

#### **Parent Group Committee Reports:**

R&R - Rebecca

Progressing with a brochure. When done with auction will be able to progress further. Would like both past and present student quotes that are one or two sentences about their experience with Steller. Filming ongoing. Would like to start working with staff and parents about actually getting out to the schools for outreach. Jennifer suggests talking with parents to support. Last year some schools unable to get to because of snowfall; others responded that they were not supportive of visits. Logistically sometimes difficult - John needs help with coordinating visits. This year a video will be available. May be considered a public service for the students. Rebecca would like a little more training for the students to be more effective representatives. Alyse suggests attending Parent Group meetings at other schools. Chugach has an evening where old students come to speak with students about where they have gone. Discussed idea of Student Ambassadors and talking points, perhaps with parent and/or staff point person for ambassadorship program.

John - had students sign up and had times assigned. Had talking points. Would like more time to troubleshoot potential roadblocks. Would like to track success of Ice Cream Socials and why kids chose Steller. Presentations exclusively to 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Do we do exit interviews for 8<sup>th</sup> graders that know they are leaving? Yes, parent discussion takes place. Reasons given for departure are because of relocation or educational pace of Steller. Currently of 20 students on probation, 18 are new to Steller. Plan-for-success used to help keep students on track: lasts for a semester; opportunity/contract that advisor has with student to keep track of work to structure themselves for success. 2.0 required to stay at Steller, if not achieved put on academic probation that lasts a semester. If student still not working out, and if student is not championed by teacher within a years time, may be chosen for de-selection at which point student goes back to home school. Struggle is primarily attributed to maturity, or family circumstances. 90% students who return to their home school were struggling at Steller, and find that when they return to home school they are more successful. Policy footnote: Dale never in favor of getting rid of students.

#### **Community Service Coordination Progress - Victoria**

5 H.S. students applied for Prudential Spirit of Community Award; Dale can be selected. Boys & Girls club thrilled with Steller volunteers. Ongoing Toilet paper drive for Beans initiated by a student- Peyton. Leigh Anne's advisory is working with Pet International; Providence Extended Care would like art for their walls; Chris and Lee have been informed of this need. John; ADP requests for help with Holiday tree Lighting. NorthStar School having a pizza party for volunteers next week, kids are making a big banner--very excited.

#### **New Business:**

1. Food Worker Card Training next Monday Nov. 12; 11 am - 12 pm. for whole Steller community. Every student & parent invited. Providing life training, career training. Parents proctoring.
2. Tina Miller (from AD Board) suggests that there is software for volunteer scheduling; online sign-up. Rilke-Schule uses it, and can track hours (they require 36 parent hours). Invites someone to research. Using this software could mean increased real time Communication capabilities between Op Group and Parent group and Advisory Board.
3. John: Alaska School Counselors Association request; needs \$270 to go. Has attended for past several years. Motion by Deb Hawley to approve request for attendance for Alaska School Counselors Association. Seconded by J. Nesheim. Approved.
4. Jennifer; we need to review bylaws. Deb offered to digitize paper copy to send out. Committee needs to be formed to review and propose changes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28