

Steller Parent Group Meeting January 9, 2013

Call to order at 6:10 p.m.

Introductions

Jennifer Hall Jones, Sharon Holland, Wendy Woolf, Vicki Brewer, Dale Evern, Rebecca Johnson, Philip Fleckenstein, Mark Thorndike, Janine Nesheim, Victoria Weindel, Ty Nesheim, John Stahl

Minutes Review

Will be put on flash for review

Approve Agenda

Old Business

Recruitment and Retention Planning:

Rebecca J: Flyer/Brochure completed; ready for printing after review and approval. Discussion with John to prepare for school visits, video almost complete, training of representatives. Still no date for Alternatives Fair set by ASD. Ice Cream Social is Thursday, Feb. 7th. Web notification being prepared. Open discussion: Jennifer - still planning for shadowing after ice cream social; first come first serve.

Note: Talent show Friday Feb. 1st., College and Career night first Tuesday of every month. Great idea made to invite target schools to talent show. Packets have been sent to all target elementary schools, flyers should be also given or posted. Question: Are we having students volunteer at the target schools presently? Finally, website webmaster Tony has been assisting without payment for the last five years; more help with technical issues essential, especially as we are so reliant upon Tony, who is currently a college student and may not be as available in the future. Celebration of Life for Tonei's mother Karen Glavinic this Friday from 6 - 8 at Denali Montessori school.

Parent Group Committee Reports

Principal:

Dale - Not much movement at this stage of the semester. RTI scores at this time show an upward trend from one test to another. Talent show auditions at noon on 1/24 and after school. Not a competition! All Community Meeting on 17th of this month. Parent group volunteers needed. Some awards given at last meeting. Molly Rardin won Lions Club award. Certificate given to Ben Curtiss for a Commendable Mention for National Merit Scholarship. Tate Miles and Bob Miller also acknowledged for their efforts during their trip to China. Karen Glavinic worked on developing Website, even after children left Steller. Developed and succumbed to cancer. Forthcoming Raffle to help with remaining medical burden.

Staff:

Philip - Moving end of 3rd quarter to end of first week before spring break; March 1st, to even out quarter lengths. All community meeting volunteers needed; All Community meeting plan: introduction, follow up on 1st All Community meeting, then break out into session. Thursday January 17th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Ad Board: Cancelled

Op Group: No report; meets tomorrow.

New Business:

- Souper Steller taking place this Friday.
- Treasurer leaving position; Rebecca willing to do checks but need person to take over; Ken Norris is not able to take over. Denali has an accountant, an option but would prefer having someone who is a Steller parent and CPA volunteer for the position. Colleen Bickford contact suggestion: interns at UAA that may be an option as a short term solution. Perhaps a business partner is an option.

Rebecca - Time commitment 90 hours / year (auction, budget, credit card processing, 3-5 hour for registration; phone contact time; time has been tracked by Rebecca for reference. A 2 person position would be a good idea because of all the data entry. Perhaps Treasurer for signatures and a CPA book keeper to run credit cards and accounting. Generally runs ~\$85 / hour; may be cheaper to have an accountant. Working to have reimbursements for auction done soon. Thinks there are enough funds for Souper Steller to run the rest of the year and part of first semester next year. Also, CES fund processing is every other year; t-shirts and talent show proceeds contribute so there is time to fundraise for this conference. Rochelle puts cash directly into t-shirt sales; parent group funded and was paid back (took 2 years). CES = Coalition of Essential Schools. This year the cost for sending 2 teachers and 2 students was around \$5K.

Discussion of funds; Rebecca J. suggests better communication to use money. The auction has occurred and now we need to solicit suggestions and decide on how to use what has been accrued. Auction traditionally funds yearbook, travel scholarships, CES. Additionally, Parent Group funds other activities. We need to have an ability to say "this is where your donations have gone and what you have supported".

Run of numbers:

Auction (rough total) \$15,000 - \$4050 (Souper Steller)= \$10,950

Parent Group project = \$3700 (\$2765 + \$945)

\$ to Ad Board from 2011-2012 = \$4,500

Cushion of operating emergency funds = \$1,800

Yearbook is well funded

Travel Scholarships done for this school year; 4,500 to start, not much left. \$2500-3500 contribution by Parent Group

CES has little to no funds.

Souper Steller well funded currently; propose keeping as auction item for future funding

Technology upcoming needs: \$1600 for iPod Zags to go with the staff iPods (already funded).

We cannot donate more than \$4999 / year directly to Steller. If more than \$500 - 800 (can be funded by Special Projects) needed, a designation can be made and funds held for use.

Wendy - What kind of things do we feel is important to spend money on? How do we designate / spend this money? We feel it is important to fund the travel scholarships and CES, perhaps other amounts can be pooled and drawn from as requested.

Philip - Originally 80% of Auction was set for Travel, given to Parent group 3 years ago.

Dale recommends no more than \$2500 for CES; it is for 2 students and 2 teachers, and used every 2 years. Discussion about scholarships, and contribution of time by student with scholarship.

Proposals:	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Passed</u>
Travel Scholarships	\$6500	\$4500	\$5000
CES	\$2000	\$2000	\$2000
Peer Taught/Passages	\$2000	\$2000	\$2000

Upcoming Events:

All Community Meeting next Thursday - January 17th

Climate and Connectedness Survey available for parents January 15th - February 22nd

Ice Cream Social February 7th

Alternatives Fair date unknown

College and Career night first Tuesday of every month

Celebration Of Life for Karen Gladnick Friday January 11th from 6 - 8 at Denali Montessori school

Adjourned at 7:33 p.m.