

Steller Parent Group Meeting October 2, 2013-DRAFT

Call to order at 6:05 p.m.

Greetings and Introductions

Jennifer Hall Jones – Chair, Sherry Borer – Treasurer, Victoria Weindel, Ty Nesheim, Heidi Smith, Kyle Bates, Leigh Anne Bonney, Mike Avellino, Tommy Rademaker, Wendy Woolf, Bruce Robson, Danelle Avellino, Alyse Galvin, Bridget Galvin, Rick Zimmer, Barbara Wohlforth, Haleigh Brannon, Janine Nesheim

Minutes Review: Minutes approved

Approve Agenda: Approved

Old Business:

Parent Mentorship Program: Victoria

Wanted to reiterate the new initiative: parents need to know that we are connecting students with professionals to learn about different career opportunities, whether it is a 10-minute conversation or perhaps a 1-hour tour of a facility/lab all the way up to a full mentorship. The whole community benefits if parents share what delights them--could be a personal interest /hobby or part of a career path.

Summary/Discussion of Goal Setting Efforts: Jennifer

Ten staff, 53 students, 47 parents have responded to the Survey Monkey. Goal is to see the data and understand the perspective from those who responded, and have as a topic at the All Community Meeting. In addition, 20 people responded at the last parent group meeting. Highest ranked was a focus on experimental learning. Newer textbooks, perhaps even electronic were also seen as a priority. According to Dale newer textbooks/teaching material are also part of the district initiative, as well as a goal for Dale as a principal. A new kiln will be coming to the art room (via a grant). It was noted that people are responding to what they see as a need in Steller, and may not see the improvements because they are not identified to the rest of the community. Suggestion to post improvements on the Flash to improve communication and increase visibility of new materials/curriculum.

Update of all Committees:

Ad Board – Leigh Anne (teacher) & Bridget (student), picked seven items they perceived the whole community could make a plan from and discuss at the All Community Meeting next week. Topics identified in the survey that are already in action will continue as people are currently working on them. Wendy suggested making a plan for an alumni bash. This was later added to the list for consideration at the ACM. The eight topics include: Career day, artist in residence program /design a process to get art outside of Steller, improving student lounge, increasing recreation and sports activity options, experiential learning (guest teachers), generating new and fun all community activities, helping facilitate Steller as a home base school, and an alumni party/event. Ad board would love to have help advertising; a robo-call and flash update will go out. Parent Group asked how else they could help. Candy and an actual piece of paper were suggested as a way to help invite students and parents to the ACM. Dale suggests asking teachers to inform their advisory group. The meeting is Oct. 10th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Finger food snacks would be a nice supplement to the meeting. All agreed that they would like real specifics to create guidelines for action as an outcome of the ACM.

Auction Update: Mike & Wendy

Designated coordinators have been determined. Junior class to carry out auction logistics, meeting at the end of the week with Leigh Anne, Danelle & Troy to get the student volunteers and ideas. More parent volunteers for solicitation are needed. Lee Waters is the facilitator for the solicitation committee/donations. Meetings will take place on Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:00 through October. Last day to bring items in is scheduled for Nov. 8th.

Card Signing Glavinic: Jennifer

Ed Glavinic is the husband of the woman we committed to contribute a sum of \$400, raised by the last auction. Her dedication to Steller continued well beyond when her children attended. She had cancer and did not have insurance.

Flash Posting Guidelines: Jennifer

Guidelines have been developed to help alleviate expectations about when and how items are posted. Reminder that the website is a volunteer effort. The proposed guidelines were passed around for people to read.

Reports:

Staff: Leigh Anne

Quarter conferences next week; half days posted. December 2013 intensives to be determined soon.

Principal's: Dale

- The students and staff are working on dances and ensuring students know to dance appropriately. Dale will not allow "grinding" at the dances.
- TOB is meeting and trying to figure out how to run without the services of the office. All bookkeeping and ordering of materials should be through Parent Group.
- Holly Rinehart donated some bouldering grips for the rock wall.
- The von Hippel family donated a "Tela," which is a large sheet of fabric that hangs from the ceiling and people can climb and do aerial tricks on. Dale is checking with Risk Management as to whether or not it can be hung somewhere in the school.
- We are working on getting the proper voltage outlet installed for the new washer and dryer. The district should be installing it very soon. They are checking for the code as to whether or not the outlet needs to be a GFCI.
- This year, things are taking longer to get done in the district because of all the cutbacks. Rest assured, the workers in the district are trying to meet all the needs of the district as fast as they can, but it does take longer.
- We had 100% participation in the re-test for the HSGQE.

- This year, there is very little discipline thus far. We have had some, but it seems like this group is a very good group.
- One of the things I appreciate about Steller is that we are not “stuck” on traditions. We have had some new ideas from staff and parents, and I see people willing to try new things to benefit all students. It is refreshing to see everyone work together to make positive changes.
- We have lost several students this quarter. Most of the students, with the exception of one student, were new to Steller—students who felt like they just didn’t fit within the program.
- When we lose a student, it can take a long time to fill the position. The district sends an automated email to the next person on the waitlist, and they have two days to respond whether or not they accept the seat. If a seat is not accepted, it takes another two days...
- Dale is being called in to the district to justify any class in the schedule that has less than twenty students. Every secondary principal will have to have the same meeting with the Executive Director of Secondary Education. It may or may not affect our FTE for next year.

Ad Board: Leigh Anne

Elections complete. Suggest Parent Group support with a competition like a pizza party for encouraging attendance.

Op Group: Haleigh

Spirit week coming. Seniors and Yearbook coordinating this year’s event; day activities approved by Dale. Class Color Day, Float like a Boat Day, Crazy Hair Day, Dress Like Your Favorite Protein Day are examples of what has happened before.

New Business

Election of Parent Group Officers: Jennifer

Ty Nesheim elected to Co-Chair; volunteered at end of last meeting.

Parent Liaison - Kari Miles coordinator

Teachers were asked what was important; they wanted parent to attend meetings and use their voices. Also important was teachers like being fed. Individual Parent Liaison for each advisory group has been discontinued—Zangle has streamlined the communication with parents such that asking for liaisons to help contact other parents is no longer necessary. Kari Miles, parent of an 11th grader, has volunteered to coordinate feasts. Will be once a month luncheons, and run through advisory groups, as in the past. Would like additional assistance to help warm up and lay out food, clean up/package leftovers. Flash notice has gone out. Either a person(s) to help all year, or can pull volunteers from advisory groups each month. Schedule to be included with directory. Suggestion: Two students are doing cooking intensives and may be of assistance.

Budget: Jennifer & Sherry Borer

Three sources of income; E-Scrip, auction and family donations. Two budgets are usually compiled; an initial one that identifies basic maintenance and activities parent group traditionally supports financially and then another, once the auction takes place and we know exactly how much money we have to allocate. This year we are adding "Hospitality" as a line item. For instance at the beginning of the this school year, 14 different agencies sent representatives to Steller to speak about their mission and how students might assist; this money can go toward the little expenses in hosting them, like coffee and muffins. Dale suggests using towards school business partners as well, Victoria also suggests for sending thank you cards. Recruitment and retention reallocated to website maintenance. The \$50/mo. is currently is being donated by a parent. \$750 was proposed. Kitchen fund needs more \$; would like to budget \$600 as \$400 already spent this year due to Souper Steller needs like mixers and pots. Items on the budget with asterisks were under special projects last year, but are being proposed to move to program expenses because they are funded every year. Currently the auction is not added in, Wendy suggests keeping as a line item to continue consideration even if no funds are currently noted. Wendy suggests noting a conservative \$8000 or \$9000 income listed so there is Motion made to make auction as a line item with \$8000 for income and seed money of \$800. Approved.

Proposal for Ad Board pizza funding for ~20 pizzas; Kyle volunteers to donate the pizza to help Ad Board with an incentive for student attendance.

Kitchen fund: motion by Wendy to have Kitchen fund as a line item for \$600; approved.

Hospitality to be kept at \$250; approved.

Wendy makes a motion to approve the budget as amended. Motion approved.

Budget as approved below.

5:37 PM
 09/27/13
 Accrual Basis

Steller Parent Group Approved Budget 2013/2014

	Jul '13 - Jun 14
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
General Funds	
Family Donations	7,900.00
E Scrip Income	1,200.00
Total General Funds	9,100.00
Auction (estimate)	8,000.00
Allocated per PG	
Passages/Peer Taught	0.00
CES	0.00
Travel Scholarships	0.00
Total Allocated per PG	0.00
Total Income	17,100.00
Expense	
Administrative Expenses	
Bank Fees	750.00
Checks not Cashed	0.00
Total Administrative Expenses	750.00
Program Expenses	
Activity Day	200.00
All Community Mtg	150.00
Auction	800.00
Back To School Barbecue	500.00
Hospitality	250.00
Ice Cream Social (Recruiting)	150.00
Kitchen Fund	600.00
Nurse Support & Supplies	100.00
PG All Community Meeting	150.00
PG Sunshine Committee	150.00
Sophomore Day Food	150.00
Teacher's Reimbursement	2,200.00
Website Maintenance	750.00
Yearbook (10% family donations)	790.00
Total Program Expenses	6,940.00
Total Special Projects (30% family donations)	2,370.00
Total Expense	10,060.00
Net Income	7,040.00

Directory: Wendy

Please review to ensure information is correct. Not ready to print. Calendar, staff list to remain. Officers and representatives currently listed; is this desired? Advisory Bd. students, staff luncheon schedule to be completed. To be printed next week, and handed out during conferences. Draft Directory will be in the office and a Flash notice sent out to have parents for final review.

Alumni Reunion: Wendy

40 Year Celebration suggested during graduation week; like a one day open house. Is this something Parent Group would like to entertain, or have students support? Teachers and students attended last event which was 10 years ago. 650 names are associated with alumni Facebook account, open only to alumni. Jennifer suggests that graduation week is very busy; Dale also feels May might be overwhelmed. Suggests April as a more convenient time for an alumni event. Suggestion to tie in Auction and donations from alumni to help with fundraising. Tabled to next meeting, and will also discuss during All Community Meeting on 10th.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.