

Fall 2013 All Community Meeting Summaries

Below are summaries of the discussions and plans made for each of the areas of focus that were discussed at the All Community Meeting. If you missed the meeting, but want to get involved with one of these groups, look for small group meeting reminders on the Flash.

Plan and carry out a Career Day with professional guest speakers

- In the Career Day meeting, the group decided that Steller needs to move away from the idea of a “Career Day” and move to incorporate career education as an endemic part of our curriculum, starting with the 7th grade and continuing through 12th grade. We talked about the need for career/technical education to become part of the culture of Steller and the need to develop a pilot program to begin next semester, possibly through advising groups, but certainly, not limited to them. We expect to schedule a meeting sometime in the next few weeks so that we can move the process forward.

Come up with ways to increase recreational and sports opportunities for students both at school and between other small schools.

- Look into ways to challenge other schools or hold pick up games for a school soccer club team. Also look into getting team shirts.
- Work to create place on our website or make better use of our calendar and Flash to let parents and students know registration dates for sports at middle schools and high schools and help with coordination of rides.

Look into Artist in Residence programs and into bringing in artists to do workshops before and after school. Design a process and come up with ways of getting art on the outside of the building.

- Create a class and involve the art club for planning a mural on the outside of the building. The mural would have outside constructive criticism and would create something the whole community could be involved in including teachers, students, parents, and Anchorage artists.

Look into ways to improve the student lounge. Work to implement this improvement.

- Goal: Better the student lounge by improving art, architecture, music, utilization of space, and overall feel of our student lounge.
- Plan: Establish committees that will be in charge of specific issues that deal with our student lounge.
- Meeting on November 6th at 6:30-8:00pm.

Come up with ideas to expand our experiential learning opportunities. These could include classes, intensives, and after school clubs taught by parents, past alumni, and guest teachers.

- Work to expand our parent database to look for guest speakers and community connections.
- Create a list of topics teacher do cover, so that parents can look for community members that could be potential guest speakers.
- Encourage teachers to share with the community when they are doing experiential learning in their classroom by posting things in our newsletter and Flash.
- Connect with Career Technology curriculums that could be intensives.

Come up with ways of creating fun activities that bring our community together. This could include potlucks before All Community Meetings, activity nights, or other community building activities.

- Movie Night: Working toward a Movie night in MPR with pizza during and cookies after. Looking to hold this event in January. A movie selection committee was formed, so anyone interested in helping pick the movie for this event please sign up with Bridget Galvin!

Help facilitate Steller as a home base school. Work to educate students and parents on the opportunities of taking classes at other schools and the process for doing so.

- Work to add information on our website about learning opportunities outside of Steller, such as at other schools, colleges, etc.; allow students and parents a space to share their experiences during these classes; and give information on the processes and steps to follow to take advantage of these opportunities.

Plan a 40 Year Alumni Bash to celebrate our 40th Anniversary.

- The 40th Anniversary group decided that our overarching goal was to celebrate Steller still being here and vibrant after 40 years and to re-engage Steller alumni with our community. We are currently working to reach out to alumni to involve them in the planning of the event. We plan to hold a meeting with those involved within the next month and to hand over leadership to interested alumni, providing them with the support they need.