

## Steller Parent Group Meeting December 4, 2013

Call to order at 6:05 p.m.

### **Greetings and Introductions**

Jennifer Hall Jones – Chair, Ty Nesheim - Co-Chair, Sherry Borer – Treasurer Janine Nesheim – Secretary, Vika Morozova, Dale Evern, Victoria Weindel, Marianne Kern, Jessica Cederberg, Colleen Bickford, Chris Selin

**Minutes Review:** Minutes approved

**Approve Agenda:** Approved

**Old Business:** *Announcements:*

Victoria Youth in Governance Opportunity: February 16-21, 2014 is Alaska 4-H trip to Juneau

Wendy Wolf – Death in the family

Rebecca Johnson - surgery

*By Laws Revisited:* Leigh Anne

Wording amended as has passed from various boards for approval. Change wording was passed prior but not put into by-laws. Passes.

*Auction Update:* Charlene: Would appreciate feedback about auction.

Rolled into Treasurer's report: Sherry

\$2,050 for Souper steller

\$195 for Red Cross

\$2,475 for Lounge Rejuvenation

\$12,000 Parent Group

Jennifer; interested in having funds go to school, not sitting in bank account.

**Reports:** *Op Group:* Cody: Next meeting in January.

*Principal's:* Dale

Purchasing Apple TV baskets, to be hung. Observed HD and non-HD versions of display; better than what you see at home on your TV and will be able to work from tablet-type equipment. Still waiting to be configured to Ethernet. Passages presentations took place today. 2<sup>nd</sup> semester will have presentations at next All-Community Meeting. Students are putting out a newspaper called Steller Jay; a holiday issue forthcoming.

*Ad Board:* Good discussion about by-law change.

## **New Business**

*Process for Making Funding Decisions For Travel/Intensive:* Jennifer

Now in pattern where funding base is more stable, and can use past spending levels to determine amounts usually used for travel/intensives over the course of the year. Already forward funding, would like base amount set for intensives/travel scholarships. When funds used up, we would supply another set amount. Leigh Anne states that amount held in reserve to ensure available; will research whether this can be freed up or not. Dale: Would appreciate set fund to assist in planning. Jennifer and Sherry will determine sound number as a proposal based on prior years' reserves and bring it to next meeting for discussion.

Question about Grant Committee - no money has been designated to be given to Ad Board at this time.

*Lounge:*

\$2015 short to purchase first stage. Jennifer; wonders if students have been able to look at proposal (Op Group etc). Large decision must go through Student Body - Op Group, Advisory Groups must review this as well and comment before deciding about project progression. Op Group may also have money to contribute.

*Special Projects Allocation:*

Lounge, mats, production video camera; look to January meeting to entertain proposals for spending money (more than just travel, which is specifically from auction funds controlled by Ad Board). Percentages change based on auction proceeds. Would like to have all the proposals presented in January so that funds can be allocated by percentage from the cash available (\$13,760). 2 years ago Parent Group gave 5K to Ad Board so more representation could help decide where money went, because it was the entire community. Last year the money was confusing; money became stuck in discussion rather than being used until late in the year while AD Board set up criteria and a committee. Ad Board cannot hold funds; so Parent Group holds money for Ad Board. Question is whether Parent Group will be taking control of these funds this year instead of giving \$ to Ad Board and making decisions about allocations. Grants Subcommittee formed in Ad Board last January, but is no longer functional this year. Grant Committee not formed at this time; some funds remaining from last year. Leigh Anne; likes that grant

committee has representation from all groups in the community; concerned about Parent Group controlling allocation of funds without full representation. Dale also suggests transparency about how funds raised are being spent from auction. Grant Committee can be formed Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at the next Ad Board meeting; suggests proposals be combined, with advertising on Flash for call to proposals. Dale suggests offering call for proposal to students for passages. Suggestion that call for proposal occur (capping at \$2000 / Semester for Passages; \$4000 / Semester for Travel; etc). Questions about the value of making a cap were raised, like should we establish a protocol whereby Ad Board entertains items over a certain amount vs. Parent Group.

Action plan suggested: Ad Board will form Grant Committee, and use Charlottes template for call for proposals to be submitted in January, for selection at February Ad Board meeting.

Propose to add line items to the budget with the categories of Travel, Passages, and Special Projects to be funded to a cap on a semester basis with the percentage of allocation to be decided by Parent Group. Passed.

Mats, video camera to be considered funded at another time by Parent Group.

*Flowers:* Jennifer

Proposal approved to send flowers to Rebecca Johnson from Sunshine Fund.

*Chris Selin:*

Requesting funds to put in clay recycling for pottery. Makes best use of leftover clay; saves money and space; goes along with philosophy of Steller with recycling. Best model costs \$3500 for Pug mill; with stand, total \$4024. Requesting \$4100. Dale questions whether school equipped to power. 220 Amp; may have to have new fuse run which would be another expense. May need to put on hold until Maintenance can verify. Not currently in budget to install a new fuse if necessary, but may ask for funds if essential to school.

- Will be researched by Dale to see if power can be made sufficient; and Pug Mill will be included with mats and video camera proposals.

Also requests \$100 for school art supplies. Moved to provide \$300 capped funds that can be refilled if depleted. Seconded.

Propose idea to have Ad Board and Parent Group meet on same night back to back for continuity of information. Parent Group in support; will bring proposal to other groups.

**Adjournment** Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.