

Steller Parent Group Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, December 2, 2015 (6:00 – 7:30 PM)
Ken's Room, Steller Secondary School

Greetings and Introductions (2 min.)

Approval of the Agenda (1 min.)

Minutes Review and Acceptance (2 min.)

- Minutes for October 7, 2015 meeting (deferred from last meeting)
- Minutes for November 4, 2015 meeting

Student Funding Requests (15 min)

▪

Old Business:

None

Reports: (*As time allows*)

- PG Treasurer Report (5 min)
- Principal's (10 min.)
- Staff – (5 min)
- Advisory Board Report – Karen Gillis (10 min)
- Annual Fund Raising Committee Report - Janine Nesheim (5 min)
- Steller Directory Committee Report – Angie Southwold (5 min)
- General Comments (5 min)

Old Business:

- None

New Business: (As time allows)

- Pending

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Fall Intensives Start

December 7, 2015

Ad Board Meeting (Ken's Room)

December 17, 2015 (6:00 – 7:30 PM)

Next Parent's Group Meeting (Ken's Room)

January 5, 2016 (6:00 – 7:30 PM)



DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
Parent Group Meeting
October 7, 2015

Steller Parent Group 20151007

Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Call to Order at 6:05 pm.

Greetings and Introductions.

Attendees.

Angie Southwould, Bruce Robson, Charles Wohlforth, Colleen Bickford, Heidi Smith, Janice Banta, Janine Nesheim, Joe Banta, Judy Francis-Woods, Karen Gillis, Leslie Kramer, Liberty Kyser, Randy Gibbs, Reed Whitmore, Troy Fast, Vern Gillis, Victoria Weindel

Approval of Agenda.

Add staff funding request to New Business. Troy.
Add Spaghetti Social to All Community Meeting. Karen.

MOTION: Approve agenda with addition.

Motion By: Karen

Second By: Colleen

All in favor. Motion approved.

Minutes Review.

MOTION: Accept September Minutes as recorded.

Motion By: Karen

Second By: Angie

All in favor. Motion approved.

Funding Requests.

Need funding request forms in the front office. Need to push deadline back by a couple weeks.

Reports.

Treasurer Report.

Bruce reporting.

Distributed Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual and Statement of Cash Flows Reports as of 10/07.

Bank statement from 10/07. \$15602.39.

Carrs has dropped the Escrip program. Target is intending to drop their program as well, effective May 2016.

Two students applied for scholarships for the Eastern Europe trip and each received \$1000 for a total of \$2000 granted.

Principal Report.

Reed reporting.

PSAT on October 14. Universal testing for 7th and 8th graders in November and December. AMP (Alaska Measure of Performance) (replaced SBA testing) are changing and will not have a baseline developed for a couple years. Scheduled for April. Hopefully 2 weeks per grade. Students miss approximately 1/2 day of school while classes continue.

Fall Carnival at Northstar on 10/23. Event is 6:00-8:00. Need student volunteers for setup before, running booths during the event, and cleanup after. School is also taking treat donations. Dance follows for student volunteers.

College Fair on 10/19. Bus is taking students to UAA Sports Center.

Water Cooler. Installed a couple weeks ago. Already have saved 800 bottles of water.

Staff Report.

Troy reporting.

Staff selected Intensives. Will be posted on 10/26 and registration will follow within a couple weeks.

Proposal for updated Monday Advisory Group was passed. Meetings will always occur just prior to lunch. First and Second period will be cut considerably, but allows each teacher to hold all classes every Monday. KCC students will miss Third period on Mondays.

Student Led Conferences are coming up. Online registration to schedule conferences is open. Parents will receive email with instructions.

Advisory Board Meeting Report.

Karen reporting.

Karen is the parent co-chair. Camden Galvin is the student co-chair.

All Community Meeting is postponed to 11/12. A Spaghetti Social will replace the meeting in the previously scheduled slot on 10/14. Hoping to use the social to raise awareness and register for donations, student directory, carpooling, and parent volunteer/expertise information. Karen requests \$400.00 from Parent Group to fund the Spaghetti Social.

MOTION: Fund \$400.00 for the Spaghetti Social on 10/14.

Motion By: Charles

Second By: Joe

Discussion: Funding will be used to purchase food ingredients. Not currently budgeted for since All Community Meeting will likely still use funds. Parent Group does have Small Grant budget line item at its disposal.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Advisory Board will meet next week on 10/15 to discuss and plan the All Community Meeting.

General Comments.

Proposal to reinstate Caroline Wohlforth Award for recognizing exemplary volunteer efforts towards the Steller Community.

Old Business.

Annual Fund Raising Committee.

Bruce reporting.

Flash announcement went out with link to the Donation page. No one has committed to chairing a fall auction. Janine volunteers and plans to keep the originally scheduled date of November 14 (if possible)! There hasn't been any rallying of the student body to date.

Need ideas and volunteers to lead fundraising event(s). Marianne has previously organized the Halloween Orienteering and has been involved in organizing Triathlon events.

Proposal to have a parent liaison per advisory group.

2015-16 Grant Committee Members Selections.

Bruce reporting.

Becci and Jean are staff representatives.

Karen and Victoria are parent representatives. Alyse is the alternate.

Meeting tentatively scheduled for early November due to deadline extension.

Stellar Directory Committee.

Bruce reporting.

Angie will follow-up in Google Drive to determine number of students who've already responded. Parent Group would like the directory created as soon as possible.

Carpooling/Ridesharing.

Karen reporting.

Karen would like to open up community discussion regarding carpooling and ridesharing.

New Business.

Funding Request.

Leann, Simone, and Troy are 7th grade class sponsors. They would like to tie-dye t-shirts and screen print them afterwards and are requesting \$250.00

MOTION: Fund \$250 for 7th grade class.

Motion By: Charles

Second By: Victoria

All in favor. Motion approved.

October Social Chaperones.

Bruce reporting.

October 30. Svetlana with the yearbook group will start advertising soon. Wear costumes. Need parent volunteers. The dance coincides with the first Coffee and Conversation.

All Community Meeting.

See above.

Legislative Grant Requests.

Reed reporting.

Several years ago, Steller received a \$30,000 legislative grant for a rock wall that was never fulfilled. ASD is writing the legislature and asking to reappropriate the remaining funds. Previously, grants were received for Chrome Books and wireless technology. Reed is looking for ideas. Outdoor seminar area. MPR A/V system.

Anchorage Schools Foundation. Grants for \$500 or less.

Adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Minutes recorded by Angie Southwould

Upcoming Events:

Ad Board Meeting on October 14 at 6:00 pm.

October Social on October 30 at 7:00 pm.

Parent Board Meeting on November 7 at 6:00 pm.

Ad Board Meeting on November 19 at 6:00 pm.

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
Parent Group Meeting
November 4, 2015

Steller Parent Group 20151104

Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Call to Order at 6:03 pm.

Greetings and Introductions.

Attendees.

Angie Southwold. Bruce Robson. Colleen Bickford. Craig Moyer. Frances Robson. Heidi Smith. Janine Nesheim. Jason Collins. Judy Francis-Woods. Karen Gillis. Liberty Kyser. Pat Galvin. Philip Fleckenstein. Philippe Damerval. Randy Gibbs. Reed Whitmore. Shelly Schmitt. Siena Moyer. Svetlana Jackson. Ty Nesheim. Valerie Moore.

Approval of Agenda.

Defer approval of minutes until next month.

MOTION: Approve agenda with addition of Svetlana for grant request.

Motion By: Karen

Second By: Pat

All in favor. Motion approved.

Minutes Review.

Deferred approval of 10/07/15 minutes until next month.

Funding Requests.

Jason Collins. Teaching intensive on rocketry covering various aspects of math and physics. Would like to end the two week period with a visit to the Kenai Challenger Learning Center with two workshops and an overnight stay. Requesting \$500 out of an estimated total of \$1200.

MOTION: Move to fund \$500 for the rocketry intensive.

Motion By: Pat

Second By: Philippe

All in favor. Motion approved.

Siena Moyer. Teaching a peer taught class and would like funding to purchase 8 Physics Workshop Kits purchased from scientificsonline.com at \$54.95 each. They contain over 70

different project ideas. Working with Jane to develop a lesson plan. Requesting \$465.55 to cover the cost of 8 reusable kits.

MOTION: Move to fund \$465.55 for purchase of 8 Physics Workshop Kits.

Motion By: Pat

Second By: Philippe

All in favor. Motion approved.

Svetlana Jackson. Teaches social studies and often has trouble with sound in her relocatable classroom. Would like to purchase a wireless Bluetooth headset (\$12.90) and audio amplifier (\$114.99) to be purchased on Amazon for an approximate total cost of \$130. Reed is looking into purchasing an equivalent device through the school district and this funding would be used only if ASD purchase fails.

MOTION: Move to fund \$150.00 for purchase of a microphone system and speaker.

Motion By: Pat

Second By: Karen

All in favor. Motion approved.

Elija Rose. Building a superconductor for his renewable energy passage. Working with Jean and is passionate about this project. Will donate the final product to Steller. He is purchasing the superconductor and dry ice himself and is requesting \$222.98 to purchase the remaining materials needed: Block Magnets (\$135.00), Magnetic Pole Detector (\$23.99), and Hoverboard Prop (\$63.99).

MOTION: Move to fund \$222.98 for purchase of materials needed to build project with the caveat that Steller retains any reusable materials.

Motion By: Pat

Second By: Karen

All in favor. Motion approved.

Reports.

Treasurer Report.

Pat reporting.

Distributed Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual and Statement of Cash Flows Reports as of 11/04.

Available bank balance from 11/04. \$14741.13.

Principal Report.

Reed reporting.

ASD Budget. Distributed invitation to attend a community budget meeting being held: 1) Nov 23 at Hanshew, 2) Nov 30 at Gruening, 3) Dec 1 at Wendler, and 4) Dec 9 at Mears. All meetings are 6:00-8:00 pm. Participation options also include an online and email platforms.

Money (\$30,000) initially designated for the rock wall has not been taken away. Reed requested a \$7000 purchase of safety mats and thought those would go through. He is currently working through the process to reallocate those funds. Need to determine a use for the remainder within the next 4 months.

AMP. Alaska Measure of Performance testing. Test scores become available tomorrow for principals only. Families will receive paper results mailed home in December.

Legislature visit. Andy Josephson, District 17 Representative.

TOB. Training is complete and TOB is open. Open before school, during lunch, and after school. The goal is to keep it businesslike and like a professional coffee shop. Rosa is working for the first few weeks and has parent supervision and support lined up after that.

Ice Rink. Decision was made to support building of the ice rink at Northstar. They have an existing rink pad and Steller would like to contribute to the greater community by providing this opportunity for both school communities. The total cost of maintenance is approximately \$4600. Reed has taken the funding request to Op Group. Request to provide an update on the Flash.

Staff Report.

Philip reporting.

Intensives are coming up in a few weeks. Courses are posted. Staff has previously set a cap to the number of students who can enroll in each intensive. There is discussion to change this and potentially change the entire lottery system for registering.

Advisory Board Report.

Karen reporting.

Advisory Board met last month primarily to discuss the All-Community meeting taking place next Thursday on November 12. Spaghetti feed at 5:00. Meeting begins at 6:00 with 2 breakout sessions. Return to MPR for a summary at the end. "Taking action to strengthen Steller and expand learning opportunities for students." Steller Q&A. Post-graduation. Extracurricular activities. Brainstorming for opportunities and ways to make things happen at Steller. Steller standard and attitude. Steller resources.

Advisory Board will meet the following week on November 19 to synthesize results from the All-Community meeting.

2015-16 Grant Committee Report

Karen reporting.

Grant committee met to discuss 2 proposals. Review and approved a 3D printer request for \$1199. Requested by Sienna for her peer taught physics course but will become available for school community use. The other proposal reviewed is \$2300 for the ice rink.

Annual Fund Raising Committee Report

Janine reporting.

Auction theme is "Creative Exploration". January 30. Junior class will help setup and run the auction. Janine needs to find the guidance documents to assist her with this process. Will have a table at the All-Community meeting with a signup sheet for volunteers.

Steller Directory Committee Report

Angie reporting.

Reposted announcement to register for the directory in the Flash giving a one week deadline. We still only have 130 students registered for the directory.

Angie will print list of registered students for the All-Community meeting.

General Comments.

Email was received in support of Ed Graff as superintendent. See attached.

Further discussion regarding ice rink.

Old Business.

Carpooling/Ridesharing.

Karen reporting.

No action is occurring on this topic. Pull discussion from future agendas.

New Business.

None.

Adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Minutes recorded by Angie Southwould.

Upcoming Events:

All-Community Meeting on November 12 at 6:00 pm.

Advisory Board Meeting on November 19 at 6:00 pm.

November Dance on November 20 at 7:00 pm.

Parent Board Meeting on December 2 at 6:00 pm.



Bruce Robson <907robson@gmail.com>

Re: Ed Graff

2 messages

Whitmore_Reed <Whitmore_Reed@asdk12.org>

Wed, Nov 4, 2015 at 8:02 AM

To: Bruce Robson <907robson@gmail.com>

Cc: Helen Sharratt <hsharratt@mtaonline.net>

Thank you for sharing.

Reed

On Oct 31, 2015, at 8:10 PM, Helen Sharratt <hsharratt@mtaonline.net<mailto:hsharratt@mtaonline.net>> wrote:

Please pass on to parent group
Helen

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Helen Sharratt <hsharratt@mtaonline.net<mailto:hsharratt@mtaonline.net>>

Date: October 31, 2015 at 1:24:52 PM AKDT

To: "Perez-Verdia_Kameron@asdk12.org<mailto:Perez-Verdia_Kameron@asdk12.org>" <Perez-Verdia_Kameron@asdk12.org<mailto:Perez-Verdia_Kameron@asdk12.org>>

Cc: "graфф_ed@asdk12.org<mailto:graфф_ed@asdk12.org>" <graфф_ed@asdk12.org<mailto:graфф_ed@asdk12.org>>

Subject: Ed Graff

We are a family deeply committed to the success of ASD at several levels.

Ray Ash works in IT Equipment Repair

Evelyn Sharratt-Ash is a senior this year at Steller Secondary School

I am Helen Sharratt. I served on the Minority Concerns Committee years ago, worked as substitute teacher at Denali Elementary School, and obviously both Ray and I are taxpayers.

It was not so long ago that the School Board decided to hire a Superintendent to replace Carol Comeau from Florida. That cost thousands and he left ASD soon after.

Ed has served ASD well. He stepped in graciously after the Board's poor judgment call, and has faithfully and steadily served our students.

I am sending this email to all Board members and believe the taxpayers of Anchorage are entitled to a full and public explanation as to why Ed cannot continue. What does it mean "an aggressive " approach is needed? I think the community is owed a very specific explanation for this decision. Not some stumbling vague announcement.

According to the ASD website "Destination 2020's framework for success is built around four strategies: focusing on students, investing in staff, engaging the community and strengthening our services."

Ed has most definitely focused on our students and has brought stability to the District at many needed levels

Ed is an investment. He is home grown, works to better education for our children, and to promote the hiring of quality staff and advocates for district funding. I would say he is an excellent investment. Scouting

around the country again for another leader who has no idea what Alaska is like, and spending thousands to do it is ridiculous and a waste of our money as taxpayers

Ed has engaged the community. We are not going to be the only family that feels this way and I sincerely hope that you receive an outpouring of protests about this decision and reconsider it

Ed has strengthen our services. He has supported increasing funding for education, he has worked hard to address issues facing our children, most recently with his email to the community regarding suicide. He has supported ASD keeping pace with the challenges of technology, student achievement and school safety.

Helen Sharratt
Ray Ash
Evelyn Sharratt-Ash
10708 Old Eagle River Road,
Eagle River, AK 99577
[\(907\) 952 1729](tel:(907)9521729)

Helen Sharratt
Sent from my iPad

907robson@gmail.com <907robson@gmail.com>
To: Angie Southwould <a_southwould@hotmail.com>

Wed, Nov 4, 2015 at 9:58 PM

FYI - for additive to notes from tonight's meeting.

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Whitmore_Reed <Whitmore_Reed@asdk12.org>
Date: November 4, 2015 at 8:02:42 AM AKST
To: Bruce Robson <907robson@gmail.com>
Cc: Helen Sharratt <hsharratt@mtaonline.net>
Subject: Re: Ed Graff

[Quoted text hidden]