Steller Parent Group 20160106 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 6:07 pm.

Greetings and Introductions.

Attendees.

Angie Southwould. Bruce Robson. Janine Nesheim. Leslie Kramer. Liberty Kyser. Pat Galvin. Reed Whitmore. Ty Nesheim. Valerie Moore. Victoria Weindel.

Approval of Agenda.

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Add Auction on January 30 to upcoming dates. Add funding request from Ken.

MOTION: Approve agenda with addition. Motion By: Pat. Second By: Reed. All in favor. Motion approved.

Minutes Review.

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MOTION: Approve December minutes as posted. Motion By: Leslie. Second By: Liberty. All in favor. Motion approved.

Funding Requests.

Ken Varee. Ken is planning an economics trading intensive and requests \$1568 to pay for seats on the Alaska Railway train to and from Seward on the last days of the intensive for a program relating to economics and sealife at the Seward Sealife Center. Funds cover the upfront cost of \$20 per person for the Sealife Center and \$58.40 for the train. Parent Group will be reimbursed the full amount when student fees are collected. Discussion. This request exceeds \$500 but is a loan request and so may circumvent the Grant Committee. Is Parent Group at a loss if less than 20 students register? Does this amount cover the cost for attending chaperones at the 1:5 ratio?

MOTION: Approved a loan of \$1568 for Ken's intensive. Motion By: Pat. Second By: Victoria. All in favor. Motion approved.

Old Business.

None.

Reports.

Treasurer Report. Bruce reporting.

Bruce distributed Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual and Statement of Cash Flows Reports as of 01/06.

Available bank balance from 01/06: \$14561.03.

Bruce will discuss some treasury issues in person with Laura.

Principal Report. Reed reporting.

Enrollment as of 01/06.

Grade	Females	Males	Total
7th	27	33	60
8th	26	25	51
9th	30	26	56
10th	24	25	49
11th	22	20	42

12th	14	13	27
Total	143	142	285

Total of 285 students. Building maximum is approximately 308.

Open House. Open House and Ice Cream Social scheduled for February 4 at 6:00 pm. Registration for shadow dates is completed at Open House with Haley and Janet.

Shadowing. Dates have not been determined. Possibly February 8 to 12 and February 29 to March 4.

Math Labs. Tuesday lunch (11:45 to 12:15) and 7th period with Marla. Wednesday lunch and 7th period with Jason. Thursday lunch and 7th period with Troy (in Jason's room). Help for all math classes available.

Student Training. Chris Sturm is a Steller parent and Positive Behavioral Support Coordinator at the UAA Center for Human Development. He is providing training for students volunteering in the Structured Learning Classroom at North Star. Focus is on strategies for responding to students through prompting and reinforcement. Students can use this as basis for Passages with online courses and certification and career exploration with support from Chris, as needed. Chris is a great contact for ongoing training and continued learning in this area.

College Research Workshop. Bridget Galvin is a former Steller student and offers college research workshop for juniors. She will be at school on January 11 (during advisory) to help junior and senior students set up accounts on college board and/or common app as well as show them different methods for researching schools. UAA will be at school the same day during lunch.

Circuit Training. Marianne, Becky, and Haley will offer circuit training in the gym on Tuesdays at 3:30 pm.

February 17-18 are full days due to no conferences. February 19 is full day in-service for teachers.

Staff Report. Nothing to report.

Advisory Board Report. Nothing to report.

2015-16 Grant Committee Report

Victoria reporting.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 22 at 2:00 pm.

<u>Annual Fund Raising Committee Report</u> Janine reporting.

Event is scheduled for January 30.

Projects and baskets are being discussed by staff and gaining excitement by students. Janine is going to contact Rebecca and West HS for additional tips and guidance. Donations are beginning to arrive. Some businesses have offered donations but Janine would like a contact to solicit business donations. Janine would like juniors to organize dessert table and decorations.

<u>Steller Directory Committee Report</u> Angie reporting.

We still only have 150 students registered for the directory.

Angie created a digital directory using the students currently listed with permission to post. Needs complete school roster of student names with advisory to duplicate previous directory formats. Would like to include listing of Parent Group and Advisory Board members. Reed will look into whether or not this method is acceptable.

General Comments.

Bruce will post Flash request for Open House volunteers on February 4.

Winter Prom is January 23. Need chaperones. Tickets are \$20 each or 2/\$35. Hilltop venue has been secured for the Spring Prom.

New to Steller orientation is next Tuesday.

Reed was extremely happy with success of intensives.

New Business.

None.

Adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Minutes recorded by Angie Southwould.

Upcoming Events:

Advisory Board Meeting on January 21 at 6:00 pm. Winter Prom on January 23 at 7:00 pm. Auction on January 30 at 6:00 pm. Parent Group Meeting on February 3 at 6:00 pm. Open House on February 4 at 6:00 pm.