

# Steller Parent Group 20160203

## Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 6:05 pm.

### **Greetings and Introductions.**

#### **Attendees.**

Angie Southwold. Becky Gerik. Bruce Robson. Charles Wohlforth. Colleen Bickford. Craig Moyer. Heidi Smith. Janine Nesheim. Judy Francis-Woods. Leslie Kramer. Liberty Kyser. Pat Galvin. Philip Fleckenstein. Philippe Damerval. Randy Gibbs. Reed Whitmore. Sarah Moyer. Valerie Moore. Victoria Weindel.

### **Approval of Agenda.**

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MOTION: Approve agenda as distributed.

Motion By: Charles.

Second By: Colleen.

All in favor. Motion approved.

### **Minutes Review.**

Click [here](#) to view January minutes.

MOTION: Approve January minutes as posted.

Motion By: Victoria.

Second By: Liberty.

All in favor. Motion approved.

### **Funding Requests.**

Nobuo Toba. Requesting \$685 for Bella Libbrecht to travel to Grapevine, TX for the All-National Honor Ensemble November 10-13. This fee covers the participation fee with room and board. Applications are due in May.

MOTION: Fund \$685 for Bella Libbrecht to participate in the All-National Honor Ensemble.

Motion By: Charles.  
Second By: Janine.  
All in favor. Motion approved.

Becky. Requesting funds for 30 copies of The Martian at \$9 plus one hard copy for the library for a total of \$300. These books will be used in an intensive next winter. Becky did receive \$500 approved funding for a book purchase that was funded by the district and never used.

MOTION: Reallocate the previously approved \$500 with \$300 going toward this request.

Motion By: Pat.  
Second By: Charles.  
All in favor. Motion approved.

## **Reports.**

### Treasurer Report.

Laura reporting.

MOTION: Move the Treasurer Report to the end of the agenda.

AMEND: Move the Treasurer Report to when Laura arrives.

Motion By: Pat.  
Second By: Charles.  
All in favor. Motion approved.

Bruce distributed Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual and Reconciliation Summary as of 02/03.

Available bank balance from 02/03: \$23104.50.

Auction earnings and fees are not completely reconciled.

### Principal Report.

Reed reporting.

AMP Testing. Testing Science for 8th/10th. Two test days for 7th-10th. March 4-7 and 11-15. (Need details). On SBA tests, students wrote the information vs. choosing answers. Helpful to school leadership for trends.

Student Growth Objectives (SGO). Pre and post tests that contribute to teacher and principal evaluations. Mixed results mostly due to coursework not matching the test content. May or may not continue into the future as it's not longer federally mandated.

Communication. Website issues with Google Docs and Calendars. Getting resolved with assistance from parents. Calendar will be shared and can be ingested.

Philosophy Meetings. Revisit the Steller philosophy and compare with personal philosophies. Discuss how to move a student through the program and increase self-direction from entry to higher grade levels.

Jefferson County Open Optional School K-12. Philip will be visiting this school in Denver to pick up as many ideas as possible. Specifically to further student self-direction But to gather any information that could be useful.

#### Staff Report.

Philip and Becky reporting.

Intensive Courses. Schedule posted around March 1. More information coming soon.

Open House and Ice Cream Social. Tomorrow. Students have been visiting schools and distributing cards with information regarding the open house. Chugach will be visited next Tuesday.

Considering combining Talent Show and Overnighter to the same night. Becky and Jason will address this consideration with the senior class.

#### Advisory Board Report.

Nothing to report. No January meeting.

#### Annual Fund Raising Committee Report

Janine reporting.

Auction went extremely well. Planning group met prior to Parent Group to discuss what went really well and what could be improved. The community really stepped up and donated both items and cash. Estimated amount raised is \$13000-\$14000.

Determine auction date for 2016-2017 at next Parent Group meeting.

Need to discuss beginning to school fundraising to replace the funds previously earned during the registration process before the switch was made to online registration.

#### Steller Directory Committee Report

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.

### **Old Business.**

None.

### **New Business.**

#### Ice Cream Social.

Bruce reporting.

Students are volunteering to help run the event. Bruce will make the purchases tomorrow and Janine will help get the students setup. Teachers will be attending and ready to share information about the community.

#### Streamlining Steller Governance.

Charles reporting.

Thinks Steller is fantastic with a great staff and great community. Would like contribute some ideas for discussion on areas where improvements could occur. Finds that the current governance creates a bottleneck that might squash volunteer energy and motivation because of due process and having to attend multiple meetings to accomplish anything. Would like to consider eliminating Ad Board while maintaining the three individual bodies: Staff, Op Group, and Parent Group as the governing bodies. Consideration to form ad-hoc groups with members from the three groups meeting whenever a particular issue arises that needs concurrence. Is there an alternative that will continue to communicate to Reed the needs of all parts of the school community? Reed thinks a system and process has to be in place that the entire community can trust in. The philosophy at Steller is to hear everyone's voice. Each body has a scope that overlaps the others but also has individual components. Consideration for consensus government with town hall meeting type voting. What is the structure that best creates efficient communication between the three bodies that meets various schedules? Consideration for the current electronic era where much more information sharing occurs electronically than via word of mouth. Possibility for using extra meeting time for action items rather than meeting and discussion. Consideration for more workgroups with representation from three bodies. Next step is to writeup the idea and present to students.

#### Exploring Expansion to Travel and Experiential Learning.

Charles reporting.

Idea to send every student traveling each year to improve experiential learning during intensives. Thoughts to consider: How do other schools accomplish this? Can the community create enough energy and raise enough money to provide this cost free to every student? Consideration of forming a workgroup to begin addressing this concept. Janine will get the conversation rolling. Figure out a sustainable funding source.

Issuance of Travel Scholarship Funds.

Bruce reporting.

MOTION: Extend meeting.

Motion By: Pat.

Second By: Charles.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Received email from the front office that the travel scholarship fund is down to \$136. Money has been budgeted. Need to clarify the process of payment to recipients.

Reinventing Volunteering.

No report.

CES and Steller Ware.

No report.

2016-2017 Budget Committee.

No report.

Adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Minutes recorded by Angie Southwould.

***Upcoming Events:***

Ice Cream Social on February 4 at 6:00 pm.

Advisory Board Meeting on February 18 at 6:00 pm.

Parent Group Meeting on March 2 at 6:00 pm.