

Steller Parent Group 20160406

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 6:02 pm.

Greetings and Introductions.

Attendees.

Angie Southwold. Becky Gerik. Bob Vandergriff. Bruce Robson. Charles Wohlforth. Heidi Smith. Judy Francis-Woods. Karen Gillis. Liberty Kyser. Mike Moore. Pat Galvin. Randy Gibbs. Reed Whitmore. Valerie Moore. Victoria Weindel.

Approval of Agenda.

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Add funding request from gardening club. Add teacher concern.

MOTION: Approve agenda as amended.

Motion By: xxx.

Second By: Becky.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Minutes Review.

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MOTION: Approve March minutes as posted.

Motion By: Judy.

Second By: Valerie.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Funding Requests.

Movie Licensing. Karen, on behalf of Haley Stephan, is requesting funding for a Public Performance Site License to permit showing movies at Steller.

MOTION: Fund purchase of a Public Performance Site License from Movie Licensing USA for the cost of \$292.00.

Motion By: Charles.

Second By: Pat.

Discussion: There exists an educational exemption for showings meeting a list of criteria. Parent Group would like to explore ASD guidance and the exemption in greater detail and would like more information before approving this request.

MOTION: Postpone request to next meeting when more information can be presented.

Motion By: Charles.

Second By: Randy.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Gardening Club. Becky, on behalf of Leigh Anne, is requesting \$450 in funds for the purchase of miscellaneous materials, such as seeds/starters and equipment, to be used by the gardening club. The club is meeting after school and is working with Yarducopia. Some materials have already been donated by Yarducopia and families. Suggestion to get donations such as berries, perennials, vegetable starts, etc. The club invites a couple additional Steller families who are interested in planting and maintaining a gardening plot over the summer.

MOTION: Fund \$450 for the purchase of materials for gardening club.

Motion By: Karen.

Second By: Victoria.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Svetlana Jackson ordered her social studies magazines, approved at the March meeting, using personal funds. She has submitted her paperwork for reimbursement.

Reports.

Treasurer Report.

Bruce reporting.

Bruce distributed Statement of Cash Flows and Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual as of 04/06.

Available bank balance from 04/06: \$28242.41.

Principal Report.

Reed reporting.

Lottery. Would like to accept 55 new students; 46 students have already accepted. If all students stay, the total student body count is 310. There are 20 students remaining on the waitlist.

Testing. ASD cancelled testing for this year due to a severed fiber optic cable in the lower 48.

Staff Report.

Bob and Becky reporting.

Event Planning. Staff proposes a change in the way school-wide events will be planned. The new proposal is “Grade-level class activities are reduced to information dissemination, and all school-level events are planned by committees generated through the school government, Op Group”. This allows anyone from the Steller community to participate in the planning of any school-wide events. Comment about how to engage students who may not be as naturally outgoing and participatory. Comment about how to maintain class identity when there aren’t many other opportunities for that. Removes the stress related to fundraising for individual events. Comment to keep the learning opportunity of increased financial responsibility as students progress through grade levels at Steller.

MOTION: Parent group recommends support of this proposal.

Motion By: Charles.

Second By: Reed.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Overnighter. Staff proposes a change to the overnight event. The new proposal is “An all-night Activity Night will no longer be a sanctioned Steller event”. Staff recommends replacing this with an equivalent event. A possible alternative is to spend the same amount of time with similar activities going from after school to midnight. Or to hand over the planning and execution of this event to a group of parents to be held off site. Staff hopes that Parent Group and Op Group will take on the alternative event planning. Comment about extending just beyond midnight. Comment about students concerned over parents not willing to pick students up in the middle of the night. Comment about holding an event at Alaska Club. Suggestion to discuss further at a future All-Community Meeting (at the beginning of next school year).

Advisory Board Report.

Karen reporting.

Advisory Board met on April 6 at 5:30 pm to discuss the agenda of the upcoming All-Community Meeting scheduled for April 21.

All-Community Meeting on April 21 At 6:30pm. Topics will include: Recognize Northstar volunteers from the past two years. Discuss Governance changes. Discuss Essential Questions.

Students will present passages and independent learning studies. Request that families bring finger food or dessert to share. Dinner will not be provided.

Annual Fund Raising Committee Report

No report.

Steller Directory Committee Report

No report.

Directory was distributed via ASD webmail on March 08.

Grant Committee Report

No report.

Old Business.

Streamlining Steller Governance.

Charles reporting.

Presenting a proposed updated Steller Community Bylaws. Advisory Board is dissolved and replaced with temporary, special interest committees formed as needed by the three governing bodies of Staff, Op Group, and Parent Group. Comment about wanting ensure a streamlined process such that action and decisions can happen in a timely manner. Concern over committees that have decision making power without required follow up with the governing bodies. Comment about wanting to avoid too much back and forth between governing bodies for approvals. Comment about wanting committees to have representation from all three governing bodies. Comment on terminology clarification between committees that are ad hoc groups formed to discuss ideas and generate a proposal vs. those that are empowered by the governing bodies to make decisions. Comment regarding the process for initiating a committee or workgroup.

New Business.

CES and Steller Ware.

No report.

2016-2017 Budget Committee.

No report.

Adjourned at 7:38.

Minutes recorded by Angie Southwould.

Upcoming Events:

Sophomore Day on April 15.

Prom on April 16 at TBD.

All Community Meeting on April 21 at 6:30 pm.

Parent Group Meeting on May 4 at 6:00 pm.