

# Steller Parent Group 20161012

## Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 6:00 pm.

### **Orchestra Performance.**

In April, the band will be traveling to Valdez for a music festival and gathering of small schools across the state.

### **Greetings and Introductions.**

### **Attendees.**

Amy Beck. Angie Southwold. Ashley Van Hemert. Beth Fleischer. Bruce Robson. Eric Lauderdale. Heidi Smith. Holly Rinehart. Janine Nesheim. Judy Francis-Woods. Karen Gillis. Norma Allgood. Pat Galvin. Randy Gibbs. Reed Whitmore. Shannon Earl. Ty Nesheim. Valerie Moore. Victoria Weindel. Plus 1.

### **Approval of Agenda.**

Click [here](#) to view October Agenda.

MOTION: Approve October agenda as distributed.

Motion By: Karen.

Second By: Bruce.

All in favor. Motion approved.

### **Approval of Minutes.**

Click [here](#) to view May Minutes.

MOTION: Approve May minutes as posted.

Motion By: Randy.

Second By: Bruce.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Click [here](#) to view September Minutes.

MOTION: Approve September minutes as posted.

Motion By: Bruce.

Second By: Ty.

All in favor. Motion approved.

### **Funding Requests.**

None.

### **Reports.**

#### Principal Report.

Reed reporting.

Quarter ends Friday. Parent-Teacher Student-Led Conferences are October 24-27. School ends early at 11:35 am on October 26 and 27. No school on October 28. Parents schedule conference times [online](#) and advisors are distributing links via email with instructions. Once you select Steller, note that you must select 7th Grade regardless of your student's grade level. Also note that conferences are to be scheduled with your student's advisor. Conferences with other teachers may be scheduled outside of these conference times.

Halloween Dance. October 27.

Accreditation. Process is about to begin. Paperwork is due December 12. On-site evaluation will happen in the new year.

State Testing. State has not determined how statewide testing will occur this year.

Dashboards. ASD will soon release School Dashboards informing about grades, attendance, and behavior. Steller is doing well but the data will help us improve. Superintendent wants to know if we are giving students what they need to succeed.

Svetlana has moved inside.

Computers. Green Lab is dismantled. We have two carts of 30 Chromebooks each with another on order. Steller purchased one cart last school year and ASD is funding the other two. The carts are moved throughout the building and used multiple times a day. Older Macs are being surplus.

#### Staff Report.

Ashley reporting.

Individual Growth Rubrics. Students will be using these to set goals and hopefully discussing their results during conferences. Get students thinking about skills they'll need in life and how they're already working toward these.

Intensive Costs. Staff will be discussing a solution to intensive costs to ensure fairness to all students.

Travel Scholarships. Applications are due on October 14. Ashley will be taking a group to Dominican Republic next spring. Scholarships totaling \$4400 have been distributed for students traveling to Florida in December. Budget categories for travel intensives vs. in-state travel vs. other intensives is unclear. Pat would like to suggest that the interim budget he distributed tonight becomes a placeholder until revenue from the auction can be evaluated and categories can then be solidified. Reed would like staff to organize intensives earlier so that Parent Group and students have sufficient time to plan for fundraising and earning funds.

#### Student Report.

Nothing to report.

#### Treasurer Report.

Pat reporting.

Laura has written the following reimbursements:

- \$4400 for travel scholarships to Florida
- \$302.62 for Scholastic Library (Svetlana)
- \$207.60 for Junior Library Guild (Svetlana)
- \$639.50 for Back-to-School BBQ (Karen)

Laura has the following reimbursements in progress:

- Not to exceed \$500.00 for scientific equipment (Mike)
- Not to exceed \$350.00 for telescope (Emma)
- Not to exceed \$300.00 for books (Becky)

Responsibility for check-writing will transition away from the Parent Group Treasurer.

Karen volunteers to develop a recommendation for gratitude and for sharing project experiences.

#### Auction Coordinator Report.

Janine reporting.

October 15 at 6:00 pm.

Iris will be the live auctioneer. Reed will announce the silent auction.  
Planning is coming along smoothly.

Janine requests baked items for refreshments.

Contact Janine (nesheims@gci.net) to volunteer or for more details.

Funding Request for Travel Reimbursement Committee Report.

Karen reporting.

Op Group put funding approval on hold until the request goes through the proper processes.

Parent Group Website Committee Report.

Shannon reporting.

Met on October 11.

Parents who are managing the current Parent Group website do not have access to the ASD website. Judy is the only person outside ASD that has completed the training but is still unable to access the system. ASD will grant permissions but have not done so yet and will need to be done after training is completed. Until then, focus will be put on cleaning up the existing website. When access is gained, the ASD homepage will link to the current website. Marla and Haley currently have access.

Recommendation to create a permanent Website Committee to meet twice monthly. Dana will prepare a news blurb for the Flash requesting committee volunteers. The committee will distribute a Survey Monkey to assess needs for content. The committee volunteers will each take ownership of a different section of the website and commit to keeping it active and current.

Pat would like to ensure that someone is taking lead on working with ASD to gain access for approved parents. Reed will now that he is aware of the issue.

Eric recommends ensuring the Parent Group website becomes responsive and device-friendly.

All-Community Meeting Planning Committee Report.

Ty reporting.

November 10 at 6:00 pm.

Planning meeting tomorrow at 6:00 pm at Barnes and Noble.

Preliminary discussions will focus on how the community wants to see Steller evolve. Would like to possibly split into subgroups for discussion then come back and evaluate responses in real-time for further discussion and decision-making at the All-Community Meeting.

## **New Business.**

### Funding Requests.

Pat reporting.

Allison O (11th Grade) is doing a Passage this semester in preparation for her upcoming trip to Uganda in December. Part of her Passage is getting Steller involved in her Passage and the organization One World Today. One World Today is a non-profit organization that provides educational opportunities for girls in Uganda, especially in the Ssesse Islands, where Allison will be spending most of her time. Allison is hosting a drive from October 10th (this Monday) to November 11th for school supplies to send to the One World Today school. See the [Flash news blurb](#) for more information.

Treasurer Computer. Funding for this was discussed last year. It was determined that cloud solutions accessible from any computer are preferable over all data stored on a single computer that can become outdated and only easily accessible by a single person. Pat suggests that we fund the purchase of a new computer or find a volunteer who will help the Treasurer setup a computer with cloud based software.

### Interim 2016-2017 Budget.

Pat reporting.

Pat distributed [Steller Parent Group Draft Interim Budget 2016-2017](#). Based on last year's budget. Pat proposes that this be approved short-term until the November meeting when a complete budget discussion can occur.

MOTION: Adopt the Steller Parent Group Draft Interim Budget 2016-2017.

Motion By: Bruce.

Second By: Norma.

All in favor. Motion approved.

## **Parent Group Co-Chair Election.**

No one has come to Pat individually and volunteered. Looking for self-nomination.

Karen and Randy volunteer to work together to support Pat in the Co/Vice-Chair position.

MOTION: Nominate Karen and Randy for Co-Co-Chairs.

Motion By: Ty.

Second By: Judy.

All in favor. Motion approved.

### **Comments.**

Holly would like Parent Group to discuss safety of bike storage at school. Suggestion for a bike cage surrounding the bike rack. Grant request can be submitted by tomorrow.

Adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Minutes recorded by Angie Southwould.

### ***Upcoming Events:***

Steller Auction on October 15 at 6:00 pm.

Alaska Pride and Spirit Day on October 18.

Grant Committee Meeting on October 17 at 3:00 pm.

Unity Day - Wear Orange to Stand Together against Bullying on October 19.

In Service Day - NO SCHOOL on October 21.

Steller Olympics on October 25.

Student Led Conferences on October 24-27.

Early Release at 11:35 am on October 26 and 27.

Halloween Dance on October 27.

Professional Development Day - NO SCHOOL on October 28.

Halloween - Wear Costumes on October 31.

Parent Group Meeting on November 8 at 6:00 pm.