

Steller Parent Group 20161213

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 6:06 pm.

Greetings and Introductions.

Attendees.

Amy Beck. Angie Southwould. Ashley VanHemert. Charles Wohlforth. Dee Ennis. Holly Rinehart. Laura Anderson. Pat Galvin. Randy Gibbs. Robbin LaVine. Ty Nesheim. Victoria Weindel.

Approval of Agenda.

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

MOTION: Approve December agenda as distributed.

Motion By: Randy.

Second By: Laura.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes.

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

MOTION: Approve November minutes as posted.

Motion By: Randy.

Second By: Ashley.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Reports.

Principal Report.

Pat reporting.

Intensives. In session.

Accreditation. Reed is busy with the Accreditation process and putting the report together through their program. Due December 17. Site visit is January 18-19. Evaluation team will interview Reed, teachers, parents, and students.

Self-Directed Learning. Reed and staff have been discussing the focus of Steller and where they want to head from here. The consensus is for Steller to be an integrated self-directed learning program and not just a program that offers self-directed opportunities. Possibility of using third period for self-directed learning for all students. Reed hopes to have more information and a formal proposal by the spring All Community Meeting.

New Students. There will be 3 or 4 new students at the start of the semester. Marianne will be taking an active role in school visits this spring.

Student Information Pamphlet. Reed would like to see a packet handed out at the beginning of the school year for informational and planning purposes. Including items such as: calendar, weekly schedules, Zangle information, registration process, intensives information, how to resolve issues at Steller, how parents can get involved, etc.

Intensive Cost Analysis. Staff has compiled this information. Though parent group is responsive in funding those in need, Reed would like staff to be more cognizant and responsible to the community for their intensive offerings.

Staff Report.

Ashley reporting.

Report Cards. Grades get reported in January. This is aligned with the rest of ASD.

Passages. Staff wants to make self-directed learning a larger part of the Steller experience. Want to begin with middle school students by laying a foundation that will help students in high school. Suggestion to consider the ability for students to earn core credits during self-directed learning classes and Passages. Suggestion to consider better schedule alignment with West High to take advantage of their advanced courses.

Student Report.

Nothing to report.

Treasurer Report.

Laura reporting.

Auction proceeds \$10570. Additional funds were collected the night of the auction that were allocated to other line items such as Souper Steller and Family Donations.

Parent Group spent approximately \$11000 on travel scholarships.

Objective is to spend money in the same year that it was raised and try not to carry so much over from year to year.

Souper Steller. Will need to transition to a new organizer or group of organizers.

Available bank balance from 12/13: \$22058.18.

Website Committee Report.

Angie and Pat reporting.

Angie attended the Website Committee meeting on 11/28. Dana convened a small group to discuss updates to the existing Parent Group website. Dana requested that each meeting attendee select one or more pages/sections of the website to review, edit, and maintain.

On the ASD School Data page for Steller (<http://www.asdk12.org/aboutschools/steller/>), the website link has been updated to point to the new ASD Steller website run under the ASD content management system and server (<http://steller.asdk12.org/>). The ASD website for Steller has no reference to our Parent Group website (<http://www.stellerschool712.org/>). Parents at the meeting voiced concern over this, especially coming into the new year when prospective families will be looking for information on Steller. For parents who begin their search through ASD's website, there is no indication of our Parent Group run website.

Pat asked Angie to relay this information back to Dana and request action from the Website Committee. The purpose of the group is to avoid a non-functional ASD website without a redirect to the Parent Group website. This is a concern that should be addressed as soon as possible to mitigate any confusion parents have when visiting the ASD School Data page for Steller.

Suggestion to consider contracting website development.

Funding Requests.

Nobuo Toba requests funding for Sebastien Libbrecht to attend the National Association for Music Educators All-Northwest Honor Band in Seattle in February 2017. The requested amount of \$345 covers the registration fee, local transportation, lodging, and meals. Parents will cover his airfare.

MOTION: Provide \$345 to fund participation and travel expenses for Sebastien Libbrecht at the All-Northwest Honor Band.

Motion By: Charles.

Second By: Randy.

All in favor. Motion approved.

New Business.

Spending Committee.

Pat reporting.

Pat would a group of parents to develop a plan and commit to spending down some of the existing Parent Group funds. Alyse will lead this effort and is looking for other volunteers. Robbin and Laura volunteer.

Comments.

Steller was represented at the last CES meeting by Emily.

AFS has three students as Steller this year. Another student in Cordova is in need of a new placement if any family is interested.

Adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Minutes recorded by Angie Southwould.

Upcoming Events:

Winter Intensives on December 12-22.

Winter Break - NO SCHOOL on December 23-January 6.

Classes Resume on January 9.

Parent Group Meeting on January 10 at 6:00 pm.