

## Stellar Parent Group Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**Minutes Review. – no changes**

### **New Business:**

- Proposal by Acro-balance Students, Lee and Troy – requested \$2000 for a crash mat. This mat could be used for other school activities. It folds for storage and storage solutions have been found should they be able to obtain this mat. This is a safety issue not having one. – approved
- Sean Kelly requested another \$340 for his play the Fantastics. Scripts postage was more than expected and they must send back the scripts once they are finished with them. Also want to hire a vocal coach for two lessons. The fund raiser they were planning was canceled due to illness and injury of cast members. They are planning to charge at the door. We have asked if after expenses that any proceeds to go to the parent group for the general project funds. Sean agreed to this. – Approved with the provision any proceeds are given back to the parent group.
- Lyle is doing a student teaching class in electronics, he has requested \$400 for startup supplies for the class. Most are able to be used by the science dept. with Lyle's hope is that this class will become a regular class at Stellar. There are soldering kits that are not reusable. He will ask for a student fee for these which would then come back to the parent group. (approx. \$16 per kit) Any student who is not able to pay the fee there is financial aid available. – approved with the provision that any students fees collected for the soldering kit will come back to the parent group.

All the above were motioned by Pat Galvin and second by Stephanie....the entire group present agreed.

- Proposal by Recruitment and Retention Committee
  - Mark Thorndike did not have a proposal together as yet. We reviewed what requirements the committee came up with and the parents in attendance reviewed and gave him our comments. It was asked the \$1200 be ear marked for this project for this school year as we have hopes to get this underway sooner than later.
  - E-mail Mark with your ideas.

## **What is happening at Steller (Events, Issues from Steller Groups)**

- Principal Report –
  - Testing end of March first of April.
  - They are cleaning up the weight room and retiring old and broken equipment making more room. They have some new free weights. Looking for more new equipment in the future.
  - Science has ordered more books. They are also cleaning the chemical room.
  - Teachers have a small yearly budget and are ordering and replenishing supplies for the classes.
  - The zoo trip with the Spanish class was a big hit.
  - We had to drop a couple after school activities due to lack of commitment. We discussed a need to find a way to get interest in clubs or activities and have the students make the commitment to continue to attend. .
- Staff Report – see Dales comments, he reported for both
- Anne – nurse
  - Is putting together a girl's motivational group. More information was on the flash last week.
  - Blood mobile was out on Friday. There is an age and weight requirement.
- Ad Group Report – Ad group has some funds available that may be able to help out on projects if needed. Funding proposal to come out soon.
- Op Group – no report

## **What is happening in Parent Group - Parent Group Committee Report**

- Volunteer Coordination and Community Service Coordination – a wonderful book has been put together by Victoria, Thank you! It is in the office. This has many different volunteer options to refer to. Also a board is in the hall with opportunities listed.
- Recruitment and Retention – see above
- Web site work committee – Rebecca asked we get working on this soon. Said she has a Jr. who is willing to work on this pro-bono. Getting the flash out etc. It was asked we coordinate with Elizabeth.
- Steller Ice cream Social/Recruitment Fair- Kudos and Notes for next year
  - A few parents commented that there was a bit of an organization in the lobby area. Many parents stepped in to help fill in. The parent group offered to assist next year in this event. Dale stated that the staff puts this on, and they will come to the parent group if more assistance is required.

- Parent group reminded Ad group, we are here if they need us.

### **Ideas for topics of small group discussion for next parent group meeting**

#### **Upcoming Events.**

- Feb 17 In-service Day (no school)
- Feb 20<sup>th</sup> President's Day (no school)
- February 27 Intensives begin
- March 9<sup>th</sup>- In-service Day (no school)
- March 21<sup>st</sup>- Next Parent Group Meeting
- March 29<sup>th</sup>- All Community Meeting

For more dates please goto the following:

<http://www.stellerschool712.org/flash/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/Combo-Meeting-Lunch-Calendar-2011-121.pdf>