

Steller Parent Group Meeting Wednesday, March 5, 2014

Called to order at 6:00pm

Greetings and Introductions: Jennifer Hall Jones, Victoria Weindel, Mark Thorndike, Liam Jones, Colleen Bickford, Bruce Robson, Julie Frizzell, Milo Stickle-Frizzell, Rebecca Johnson, Dale Evern, Wendy Woolf, Jennifer Wadsworth

Minutes Review: will be posted on website

Approve Agenda: Jennifer proposed additions to agenda: 40th Anniversary of Steller Party update; Milo Stickle-Frizzell Passages funding request. Wendy moved to approve. Victoria seconded, unanimous approval.

Announcements:

Jennifer – April 23 All Community Meeting will have a Science Fair format to showcase Steller--a celebration of 'who we are.' Survey monkey will be used for Strategic Planning and results posted at ACM. Talent show earned some money that will be used to support CES Conference Fall of 2014.

Philip is lead teacher for initiative to engage more parents via an online database. He is working to identify needs from teachers around upcoming Spring Intensives.

Rebecca - Fred's now doing an e-script type rewards program; e-script with CARRS/Safeway earned over \$1000 for us this year.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer – Sherry Borer, Treasurer, not present; Parent Group Treasurers' Cash Analysis report was handed out. Discussion: Dale commented that this handout was most informative.

Op Group:

Liam - Luca Silva has requested more \$\$ for recording equipment - to support his Passages project which would go into the lending library for equipment for school projects; his request sent back to Advisory Groups to vote. Discussion - Dale noted that equipment can now be checked out overnight which is very cool!

Staff:

Jennifer Wadsworth – staff have finalized ideas for Spring Intensives and will present them after Spring Break. Staff are looking ahead/beginning to plan for next year, when Intensives occur 1st 2 weeks of school. Planning also underway for Activity Day, May 16 – at Valley of the Moon Park. Discussion: Dale noted that these planning activities are time consuming on staff and a lot of work! Wendy - reminder to order porta-poddies as necessary. It was also noted that Valley of the Moon has restrooms.

Principal:

Dale - on the Board of School Business Partnerships: Spirit of Tomorrow's Educator award winner is among us (Victoria Weindel) and will be announced at April 23 Ceremony/ACM.

Dale has met with Mike Henry regarding likely loss of .5 from regular FTE – Dale expects we will go into next year less a .5 position. Marla to become lead for proposed Computer Science-programming for Android apps Intensive; will push for college credit as a general elective, at UAA rate. 54 hours contact time, so enough for a 3 credit class. Dale will be officially inquiring. Dale once again will be selling tickets (for great prizes) proceeds support our School Business Partnerships.

Victoria- CIRI Fab Lab Intensive is on hold; might not occur in May – she has toured facility, lots of great tools (such as laser cutters, 3Dprinter, 2 axis and 5 axis routers, soldering tables, and more). It is not used to capacity. Looking for a curriculum to go with equipment as it is not currently developed in a way that would work for Steller.

Ad Board:

Jennifer – no quorum – no decisions made. Planning for ACM. Milo – Activity Night, Friday, April 11 – looking for chaperones, 3 shifts.

Old Business

Guidelines for funding criteria from AD Board vs. Parent Group. Jennifer shared 3rd draft, dated March 5, 2014, new funding criteria. Rebecca – Motion to Discuss, Dale seconded. Discussion - needs to be public discussion around requests and related considerations; interest in simplified process. Wendy moved - "Requests for funding under \$500 will be presented to the Parent Group; requests over \$500 will be presented to the AD Board." Passed unanimously.

Link Name Change for Parent Run Website topic. Discussion - Rebecca provided background – Mike Henry brought ASD concerns to Dale re political content that was placed on the website recently; the website cannot look like an ASD sponsored website. Rebecca to speak with Heidi Embley, ASD Media/Public Affairs, regarding the parameters for a name change. Currently the ASD Secondary Alternatives refers to our website as: Steller's parent group website, rather than Steller's website as it has done in the past.

New Business

Passage proposal: Liam Jones - requesting up to \$100 to be reimbursed to him for equipment/components to be used to build an efficient alarm clock, including lights and sounds, for his Passages project. Learning includes designing and creating a circuit board, as well as programming components to the project. The product will be his property. It may be ready for presentation by April 23. 20 sec. demonstration of lights with music provided. Unanimous approval. (Jennifer Hall Jones abstained)

Passage Proposal: Milo Stickle-Frizzell – an AV film project developed by Milo, along with Tim Thorndike and Luca Silva – a 10-15 minute short film using professional tools and film

equipment, original screen play, story boards and props. Funding request is initially for \$300 to cover production costs associated with rental fee for bunker at Kincaid Park, work benches and projectors, purchase of costumes and make up for six actors, and materials to build props, but will need more \$. Discussion – will use equipment purchased by Luca for is passages, will solicit donations from Lowe’s, will show film to Steller student body, main cost is for bunker rental, which allows 5 hours. Bruce - Motion to authorize up to \$450 to be reimbursed. Wendy seconded. Approved unanimously.

Jennifer – Spring ACM – Souper Steller crew may be willing to support upcoming ACM by making soup, as a way to increase community participation. Suggested Parent Group help by providing additional \$200 to support this idea, to AD Board. Currently they have \$118 to use on food. Rebecca – Motion to approve \$200 for food at ACM; Tim seconded; unanimous approval.

Wendy - 40th Anniversary Party update; meetings have been virtual; celebration will occur May 24, after school lets out; 1-4pm Main Event; 4-7 Evening Celebration Party with alcohol to be served. Invite will be via Facebook; soliciting donations from alumni. Committee needs a place to ‘hold’ funding for this event, asking to use Parent Group account (can’t use an individual account). “40 Years of Steller” event format – free food; everyone invited; will set up on Skype or webcam to expand participation. Planning meetings are Thursday’s at 5 pm; Wendy will follow up with Sherry regarding request to use Parent Group account.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.