# Steller Parent Group FAQs

### **About**

The purpose of **Steller Parent Group** is to enrich the lives of Steller students through the financial support and leadership from all active parents. The Steller Parent Group was established as part of the whole Steller Community. The mission of this group is to promote parent involvement in school activities, to solicit, address, and make recommendations regarding issues facing the Steller Community, and to support fundraising activities and facilitate the disbursement of (those) funds.

### Members

All parents and guardians of Steller students are automatically members of the **Steller Parent Group**. Your participation, your voice, and your vote are all essential to the health and effectiveness of this community group. Students are always welcome to attend and may wish to bring a proposal, a funding request, or to communicate student ideas or concerns.

# Meetings

**Steller Parent Group** meets in Ken's room on the first Tuesday of each month for an hour and a half from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Watch for e-mail announcements via **The Flash** or watch our website for any updates to our schedule. You are highly encouraged to come join in the discussion and participate in helping shape our school for the benefit of all our students.

### F-mail

All e-mails for **Steller Parent Group** should be sent to: <a href="maileo:stellerparentgroup@gmail.com">stellerparentgroup@gmail.com</a> All officers of the group automatically receive e-mails forwarded from this address. For a list of current officers, see page 3 of this FAQ document.

### Mailbox

The school office maintains a physical mailbox for the parent group. You're welcome to drop donation checks, letters, or any other matters pertaining to the group in this mailbox. Mail is generally picked up by the Treasurer every other week. If it is a time sensitive mail, please email the group to let us know.

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# Directory

**Steller Parent Group** uses <a href="MySchoolAnywhere.com">MySchoolAnywhere.com</a> to maintain an active directory of students, parents and staff and asks members to update this list each year to aide in the communication and coordination for our events and activities. Your willingness to share your contact information with the group is greatly appreciated. Please take the time to enter your families contact information by following this link <a href="http://www.stellerschool712.org/main/online-forms/">http://www.stellerschool712.org/main/online-forms/</a>. Your information will not be shared outside of our school community.

### Website

Steller Parent Group maintains the following website: <a href="www.stellerschool712.org">www.stellerschool712.org</a>
This site is separate from the official website maintained by ASD staff (steller.asdk12.org). We maintain our own website to allow greater parent access, flexibility of content, and greater ease of updating information. Need to add or change something to our website or post an update to The Flash news feed? E-mail the webmaster at: <a href="www.stellerschool712.org">www.stellerschool712.org</a>

# The Flash (News)

<u>Get</u> news and <u>post</u> news using "The Flash". Steller uses "The Flash" in addition to ASD's School Messenger system. Parents and staff both submit news and school information to be delivered via this daily email update. To subscribe, visit our website <u>stellerschool712.org</u> and enter your email address on the left hand side of the page. You will get a confirmation e-mail. To post school related news, email your article to the webmaster <u>webmaster@stellerschool712.org</u>

### **Bulletin Board**

We now have a dedicated bulletin board space on the wall right next to the Library. There you will find things like: Meeting Minutes, Financial Reports, Agendas, and a notice for upcoming meetings. Check it out the next time you visit.

### We are on Facebook

Our facebook group is not only intended to help spread important information but to help facilitate communication between parents and organizers. We encourage you to join and invite fellow parents at: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/stellerparentgroup">https://www.facebook.com/groups/stellerparentgroup</a>

# **Bylaws**

The bylaws of the **Steller Parent Group** is part of the larger **Steller Community Bylaws** and can be found here: http://bit.ly/2wCatHB

### **Donations**

Steller Parent Group is a 501(c)(3) Non-profit organization and we accept donations to help fund school programs and support our students in many ways. Checks can be made out to **Steller Parent Group** and dropped off in the school office. Credit card donations can be made on our website (<u>stellerschool712.org</u>) or by using the store in your directory account (<u>MySchoolAnywhere.com</u>). Your donations are tax deductible.

# Officers

Co-Chairperson Randy Gibbs (Rgibbsak@gmail.com)
Co-Chairperson: Karen Gillis (karenlgillis@me.com)
Treasurer: Kevin Hedin (kevin@kevinhedin.com)

**Co-Treasurer:** Vacant Position

**Secretary:** Angie Southwould (asouthwould@gmail.com)

Co-Secretary: Vacant Position

**Communication Director:** Vacant Position **Fundraising Director:** Kari Hall (ak@ak.net)

Webmaster & Flash News: Judy Francis-Woods (webmaster@stellerschool712.org)

Facebook Admin: Vacant Position (currently administered by Kevin Hedin)

#### **Additional contacts:**

**Souper Steller Program Lead:** Vacant Position (prior lead Alyse Galvin)

**Community Service Program Lead:** Vacant Position (prior lead Victoria Weindel)

**Corporate Donations Lead Contact:** Vacant Position

**Auction Event Coordinator:** Judith Davis (jlevans99516@gmail.com)

**Directory organizer:** Kevin Hedin (kevin@kevinhedin.com)

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