

Steller Parent Group Meeting October 1, 2014

Call to order at 6:00 PM

Greetings and Introductions: Ty Nesheim (Chair), Bruce Robson (Vice-Chair), Janine Nesheim (Secretary), Reed Whitmore (Principal), Troy Fast (Staff), Aisatou Sannoh (Student), Kacy Grundhauser (Student), Pat Galvin, Brittany Moses, Angie Southwould, Kyle Bates, Molly Bates, Ann Rembert Safranek, Jennifer Hall Jones, Victoria Weindel, Judy Francis-Woods, Heidi Smith, Lori Pickett, Mark Thorndike, Rebecca Johnson

Minutes Review: Approved; will be posted on Steller website.

Approve Agenda: Approved

Student Funding Requests:

“Requesting Funds from Parent Group – A Guide for Passage Students” prepared by Rebecca Johnson.

Discussion of passages funding and process. Would like there to be more education on how to request funding, and clear description from applicant on how passage influences the student and the greater Steller community. To be revisited at next meeting.

Aisatou Sannoh – 11th grade, Junior President. Passage called “Around the World in 50 dishes”. Wants to start a food blog. Projects \$25 / meal, and would like \$499.99 from Parent Group; her mother is willing to fund half of the \$1000 expected. Food is presented to passage classroom, and would also present at last All Community Meeting.

Motion made to fund full \$499.99; seconded. Motion made to amend first motion to fund \$200, with ability to ask for more money with a follow-up on how passage is progressing. Accepted friendly amendments that she can come back with request for more money in the future, with the encouragement that Parent Group would like to see involvement of students through lunchtime lessons or sharing with students, and that she can come back to ask for up to \$299.99. Approved.

Kacy Grundhauser - Passage on geocaching done a few years ago, and did peer-taught for this intensive. Asking for \$65 reimbursement for materials used for geocaching intensive this fall. Materials that were not used up are remaining at Steller for future use.

Motion made to grant full fund, seconded. Approved.

Old Business:

Fundraising: Rebecca – requests posted on Flash.

Auction donations: No person to represent. Donations to be put in closet.

Staff Appreciation Lunches / Coordinator: Rebecca will contact volunteers who signed up, to see if anyone willing to act as coordinator.

2014/15 Budget Approval: Negative budget projected at this point; family donations are low; projected auction funds not included. Auction for special projects, not part of budget. Also, Pat would like a line

item for Souper Steller. Funds are to be requested, and live auction source of funding if part of auction. Planning 16 Souper Stellers but hesitant to go forward without guaranteed funds. Discussion about rewriting proposed budget and to adjust as time goes and budget numbers are more accurate.

Proposal to take off yearbook as they are now self-financing. Currently ~\$22000 in bank; because auction group is new, not able to estimate how much to expect. Proposed budget shows most predictable income and expenses. No changes to current proposed budget recommended.

Motion made to make line item showing \$7500 projected income. Seconded. Discussion on tabling and deciding on how to draft a clearer budget. Pat and Lori to meet with Sherry to draft new budget. Motion to retract motion. Seconded.

Glee Club: Sally interested in starting up club again. Of ~\$600 only \$50 used.

Souper Steller: 16 planned, parent volunteers needed. Contact Alyse. General cost ~\$350/week. Would like placeholder on parent group budget.

Reports:

Principal – Furniture in lobby; \$2500 for new MPR chairs. New office staff Janet. Danielson training on how teachers teach beginning for staff. Souper Steller happening Friday; North Star Elementary coming Friday before Ice Cream Social in January. Independent Semester is coming; people will be selected to participate with 7 – 8 kids in group; they choose the course they share with other students, then have a passion project. Polaris registration being used as a template.

Staff – Intensive dates; staff would like intensives 2 weeks before winter break and 2 weeks in May, except 4th year would be like this year. Going to Op Groups for voting. Teachers have chosen spring intensive courses.

Ad Board – Bruce- Elected officers. All Community Meeting committee formed. Would like parents to participate in break-out groups. Grant Committee formed. Draft of flow chart made by Tina and Bruce.

Op Group – Reed – Dance proposals; Advisory Groups first ones to hold dances, then other groups, then class groups. Decided that money to be raised is supposed to be donated to another cause, not as a fund raiser for the sponsoring class.

New Business:

All Community Meeting additional funding request: Jennifer

Food: \$200 requested; pizza sponsored by two other and veggies donated by parent group.

Prizes: \$25 for items for scavenger hunt.

Note: Parents sponsoring 3 breakout discussions called ASK (one student, one staff, one parent).

Motion and friendly amendment to grant \$225. Seconded. Approved.

Auction support: Charlene in charge of event, Lee is in charge of donations. Positions to assist as key positions required (i.e. computers, Junior Class liaison, etc.). Contact Ty if interested in participating.

Fundraising flow chart by Ad Board: Provided by Bruce.

Aisatou Sannoh presentation for Auction (Junior class): Excited to host the auction, would like it to be more successful than the last time this class hosted. Class voted to be the muscle rather than brains for auction, with no complaints. Students encouraged to have involvement with auction.

Directory publishing status: Wendy had a deadline of September 26th. Plans to have distributed by conference time. Coordinating printing. Two parents offered to take over.

Dates to remember:

All Community Meeting	October 16, 2014 (6:00 – 7:30 PM)
Next Ad Board Meeting	October 23, 2014 (6:00 – 7:30 PM)
Next Parent Group Meeting	November 5, 2014 (6:00 – 7:30 PM)
Steller Auction	November 15, 2014 (6:00 – 10:00 PM)

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM