



Steller Parent Group 09/08/2020

Meeting Minutes (Approved 10/13/2020)

Call to Order at 6:07 pm.

Greetings and Introductions.

Overview of Steller Parent Group and ways that we support the school.

Websites.

ASD School Website: <https://www.asdk12.org/steller> (official)

Parent Group Managed Website: <https://www.stellerschool712.org/>

Official ASD School Website managed by the school via ASD and Parent Group Website managed by Parent Group.

Flash. News that is distributed via email on a regular basis.

Facebook Pages. Private Parent Group page and public Steller Secondary School.

Attendees.

Angie Southwould.

Becky Gerik.

Brandon Brooks.

Crystal Garris.

Dee Dee Zobian.

Jessica Cochran. pannran@gmail.com

Jonathan Halpern.

Kate Hopewell. kateshoes@yahoo.com

Kirsten Tschofen.

Lauren Divine. Imdivine@aleut.com

Reed Whitmore.

Rosa Hohnstein.

Tricia Elliott. bloofish.elliott@gmail.com

Approval of Agenda.

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

MOTION: Approve September agenda as distributed.

Motion By: Rosa.

Second By: Brandon.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes.

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

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

No approval of Minutes.

Funding Requests.

[Art Supplies Request by Jean Poulsen](#). Students are working from home; therefore, I do not know what materials they have access to. Would like to collect a packet of art supplies to distribute to students. Need 24 sets. Requesting \$1500 for first quarter course.

Concern re: providing this amount of funding to 24 students covering first quarter only. Adjusting the original request of \$1500 and proposing to provide \$1100 for the 2020-2021 school year. Requesting that supplies will be used and returned at the end of the quarter.

MOTION: Provide \$1100 in funding for the purchase of art supplies, to be distributed to students for art courses then re-collected at the end of each quarter for re-use throughout the year.

Motion By: Kirsten.

Second By: Crystal.

All in favor. Motion passed.

Reports.

Principal Report.

Reed reporting.

Quarter Structure. Each week is equivalent to two weeks in a normal semester. Only seven weeks remaining in the first Quarter. Ensure students are staying caught up with classes.

Student Participation. Hearing that class attendance and participation is high. Lots of enthusiasm from students given the virtual environment.

Building Maintenance. Lights in the hallway have been fixed and converted to LED. Still working on the building heat.

ASD Covid-19 Updates. ASD Task Force deliberation starts tomorrow regarding potential in-person startup dates. Previously determined when the average for a two-week period drops below 29 local cases but this is likely to change. High school sports are starting up. Reading support sessions scheduled for the last week of September to bring students back to school on a volunteer basis. Face masks will be required when students return to school. Students will be asked to stay home (or leave school) for any ailment, even with non-Covid symptoms. There have been 21K Chromebooks distributed district wide. District-wide concern over keeping students interested and engaged.

ASD Budget. Possible \$26 million budget cut. This would affect Steller as loss in FTE. Currently have 14.5 FTE and 17 teachers. Need to maintain that to continue offering breadth of courses.

Staff Report.

Rosa reporting.

Steller Kudos. Teachers are engaged in classrooms and learning different applications to remain effective in the virtual setting. Students are showing up and excited to learn.

Community Activities. Discussion among staff and students. Potential of drive-in movie night or virtual escape room.

Op Group. Met and held initial elections. President is Savannah Wimett. Vice-President is Logan Davis. Remaining positions are TBD. Students will be attending Parent Group Meetings to represent themselves in the future.

Testing. [iReady](#) Testing is commencing with Language Arts be complete by 09/11. High school Math will be coming soon via [Aleks](#).

Mid-quarter is September 18.

Treasurer Report.

Brandon reporting.

Distributed Treasurer Report with Statement of Financial Positions as of 09/08.

Bank balance from 09/08: \$26873.33.

Equity available for allocation from 09/08: \$26167.34.

Click [here](#) to view Treasurer Report.

Membership Toolkit (previously MySchoolAnywhere). Directory service to provide family contact information. \$298/year. Discuss whether or not to continue subscription. Unsure of utilization but suspect it's low usage. Informal poll 3-yes and 3-no votes. Propose to keep the account active this year with a concerted effort to promote it. Follow up in the spring to assess usage. Brandon recommends researching other options. Payment is due now.

MOTION: Discontinue use of Membership Toolkit and research other similar applications.

Motion By: Jonathan.

Second By: Brandon.

Motion passed.

Committee Reports.

Chair Report.

Kirsten reporting.

HUGE THANK YOU to teachers.

Parent Group Role. For this school year, adjusting focus. Community building. Support staff and families. Communication between school and families. Minimal fundraising.

Board Positions. Co-Chair. Co-Treasurer. Co-Secretary. Finance Committee. Steller Flash/Communications (1 or more). Advisory Liaisons (1 or more). Fundraising Committee.

Will have 2020-21 Budget to approve at next meeting.

Funding Requests. Implement new process. Complete the online form, preferably two weeks before the next Parent Group Meeting. Request is reviewed by Chair, Principal, and one additional reviewer. Would like to move away from "first-come-first-served" distribution of funds.

New Business.

Community Survey.

Kirsten reporting.

Community Building. Considerations for Community Coffee (virtual), Family Scavenger Hunt, Speaker Series, and soliciting other ideas for building our community.

Comments.

ASD Calendar has incorrect dates. *{Secretary Note: I did not capture the context of this comment. I believe this was in regard to the school calendar on the ASD Steller School Website, not the master ASD Calendar for the district.}*

Future Parent Group Meeting Dates.

Tuesday, October 13 at 6:00 pm.

Same Zoom [link](#) for all meetings this school year, until we are able to meet in person.

Adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Minutes recorded by Angie Southwold.

Links to [Meeting Presentation](#) and [Links Document](#)