



Steller Parent Group 04/11/2023

Meeting Minutes - FINAL

Meeting location was set for both virtual and in-person in a classroom at Steller and via Zoom at the request of several parents at the March meeting.

Call to Order at 6:04 pm.

Greetings and Introductions.

Attendees.

Amy Dummann, Chair. Dee Dee Zobian, Co-chair. Lea McKenna, Fundraising. Claudia Liebsch, Treasurer. Sarah Bernhardt, Secretary. Kylara (Ky) Hollingsworth, parent. Karol Dixon, parent. Ashley, staff. Leo Davis Hamlin, student. Kate Hopewell, parent. Chandra Poe, parent. Maria, Principal.

Approval of Agenda.

Click [here](#) to view 4/11/2023 Agenda.

MOTION: Approve 4/11/2023 agenda as distributed/as amended.

Motion By: Amy motioned.

Second By: Ashley.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes.

Click [here](#) to view 3/21/2023 Minutes.

MOTION: Approve 3/21/2023 minutes as posted/as amended.

Motion By: Lea.

Second By: Ashley.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Principal Report.

Maria reporting.

Lottery. 166 applications when lottery closed. 55 7th grade spots, and 20-30 on the waitlist. This looks like Seller will have a full school building as targeted. Maria continues to advocate for an additional full time equivalent staffing position based on the application numbers. Still have the July lottery.

Scholarships. Given to students from SPG. (4 students from SPG, plus one from a parent).

Testing. Completed last week. Higher percentage of students opting out this year as compared to last year. Went smoothly. Maria uses the data to identify areas that need extra focus, for example algebra was identified as an area needing focus for this school year.

Master schedule. April 17 will have a draft 2023-2024 schedule (developed following surveys of student interest), with a signup sheet for next school year with their advisors and families. Meet with advisors on April 24, and students to finalize choices by April 28, with a goal for students to have a final class schedule before they leave for summer break.

April 18. Lottery closes. April 19, then assign students to new advisories for 2023-2024.

Advisory changes for students with retiring teachers or leaving schools (Marla, Mike, Sarah) will be assigned on April 19.

Aurora Music Festival ongoing this week and weekend.

Graduation. May 19th.

50th anniversary of Steller. Need a committee and volunteers to start planning for spring 2023-2024.

Staff Report.

Ashley reporting.

Passages presentations. April 27 at 5pm.

Schedules may be tight. Students should look for electives during intensives.

Op Group (Student) Report.

Zane reporting.

Op Group elections in spring. Next meeting will have elections. Changing rules to require students to provide advance notice of their intention to run for elected office within Op Group. Positions: president, vice-president, treasurer, sergeant at arms, secretary, social media liaison. Students are encouraged to run. 3 Op Group meetings remain.

Student advisory group meeting. Legislative bill in the Education Committee (Senate Bill 52) to increase base student allocation (BSA) by \$1000/student. Interested parties need to sign up for this Thursday at 1pm to testify virtually or in person. This increase will be a first attempt to address inflation in school district budgets.

Prom. Committee needs to identify volunteers and increase current volunteer numbers. Resend signup Genius to the school community via newsletter. May 6.

Parent Group Reports

Chair Report

Amy reporting.

Treasurer Report.

Claudia reporting.

Distributed Treasurer Report with Statement of Financial Position as of 4/11.

Bank balance from 4/10: \$23,419.64.

Claudia needs invoices from Steller administration in order to provide checks for travel intensives or other funding requests from the school.

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

Fundraising Report.

Dee Dee reporting.

Bear Tooth Movie Update.

Tickets on sale [online](#) for Sunday, April 23, 1pm showing of The Addams Family Values. Goal is to fill the theater, and goal is to have all 400 seats filled. Please spread the word. SPG will also be doing a "pass the bucket" ask for funds during the film to fundraise for SPG to support Steller's intensives.

Old Business.

Continued SPG recruitment.

Co-treasurer vote? SPG cannot reach Johnico, could someone help us contact him to see if he's still interested?

Open officer positions: co-treasurer, co-secretary, co-communications, members at large.
Open committees: finance and fundraising.

Spring Staff Appreciation -

Monica Perez-Verdia to organize - date. Weeks of April 24th or week of finals will be ideal. She is coordinating with Antoinette.

Paperwork and Compliance Committee

Sarah reporting.

Sarah needs to set up a meeting date for the committee to finalize any rules and actions on what we want to do

Upcoming events

Aurora Music Festival. April 11-15 at Steller and ACS.

Prom - see SignupGenius.

New Business.

Funding request receipts/invoices due

See treasurer's report.

Parent Advocacy.

Dee Dee reporting.

Possible SPG organization of parent advocacy in support of Steller (as targets of banned books issue and misinformation) at ASD Board meetings.

See minutes from March SPG meeting for background on these issues. SPG would like volunteers to take the lead drafting a letter to voice SPG opinions, attending board meetings, and speaking out for the school's values, and general district wide school climate. People need to step up only in ways that they are comfortable.

Next school board meetings are April 18, May 9, May 23, June 6. Interested students, parents, can attend meetings and speak up. If anyone plans to attend, please let Maria know, and she will plan to attend and support any SPG or student voices.

SPG bylaws state that we need to support Steller policy and represent the school's needs. Attending school board meetings is within these goals. There are timing requirements. Letters need to be submitted in advance, and public speaking via zoom versus in person also have sign up requirements.

Ky motioned to form a committee with a specific timeline that meets and creates a bulleted list of talking points and possible actions for the Steller community members to take to. Many conversations and versions of options followed.

Seconded by Sarah.

Group voted and passed motion. Group will meet following SPG meeting to set first ad hoc meeting date.

Committee volunteers. Dee Dee, Zane, Amy, Chandra, Ky, Lea, Sarah, Claudia.

Comments.

A parent voiced a thank you for moving SPG to the hybrid meeting this week.

Still need to host an all community meeting. Week of May 1-5 is finals at Steller.... May 8 could be our last chance. Goal to have a big push for May 8th.

In the past, the school would pair all community meetings with passage presentations.

Maria: BSA, parental rights bill, gender identity, banned books, are all issues that would be appropriate for Steller parents and community to speak oyu.

Future Parent Group Meeting Dates.

Next meeting- Tuesday, May 9, 2023 - at Steller and via Zoom.

Adjourned at 7:35pm.

Minutes recorded by Sarah Bernhardt.

Click [here](#) to view Meeting Presentation.

Upcoming Events:

Steller Olympics April 21.

SPG and Bear Tooth Theater Pub showing of The Addams Family Values. Sunday, April 23, 1pm.

Steller Prom, May 6.

Senior graduation breakfast at 7:30 am. May 19.

Graduation, May 19, 3pm.

Last Day of School, May 23.

Approved by SPG via vote on 5/9/2023

Signed:

Sarah P. Bernhardt,

Secretary