



Steller Parent Group September 11, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 6:00 pm.

Greetings and Introductions.

Attendees.

Amy Beck. Angie Southwould. Ann Mayo-Kiely. Bob Vandergriff. Brenda Wimett. Cindy Franklin. Elizabeth Clawson. Ella Mayo-Kiely. Genia Vasquez. Holly Nunn. Holly Rinehart. Judith Davis. Judy Francis-Woods. Juliana Shields. Karen Gillis. Katie Scoggin. Kevin Hedin. Marla Sanders. Megan Wilts. Reagan Gillis. Reed Whitmore. Sara Fortin. Seta Kabranian. Shanone Tejada. Tanguy Libbrecht. Terise n'ha Caitriona. Terry Nunn. Thursa Patton.

Approval of Agenda.

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

Add 7c. Scholarship money.

MOTION: Discuss September Agenda and approve as amended.

Motion By: Bob.

Second By: Reed.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes.

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

MOTION: Approve May minutes as posted.

Motion By: Shanone.

Second By: Kevin.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Parent Group Overview.

Kevin Reporting.

Online Presence. Parent Group maintains a website (<http://www.stellerschool712.org>) separate from the ASD network system. The Flash is a newsletter distributed via email each morning. Parents, students, and staff can contribute to the Flash. Parents can sign up to receive the Flash on the website. A school directory for parent and student contact information is online at MySchoolAnywhere. Parent Group is also ramping up content on our Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/stellerparentgroup>).

Finances. Parent Group manages our own financials and raises money through donations and fundraising events. The group manages bank accounts and a PayPal account and solicits corporate donations through the Amazon Smile Program, Fred Meyer Kroger Community Rewards, Office Depot Rewards, and eScript Shopping Rewards.

Auction. Annually, usually in November. This event is run by co-chairs with a supporting committee and is the primary fundraising event for the Steller Parent Group.

Other Events. Back-to-School BBQ. Ice Cream Social. All-Community Meetings.

Funding Requests.

None.

Reports.

Principal Report.

Reed reporting.

New Staff. Luisa is the new .4 FTE Spanish teacher. Brenda is a teacher from Aquarian Charter School currently working on her principal certificate and will be working around Steller this year.

Student Count. There has been a steady decline in the number of students applying at Steller. Reed would like to start early in the year and develop an outreach program to 6th grade parents around the district to share and “market” the benefits of the Steller community. Looking for parents to be part of this group.

MAP Testing. ASD benchmark assessment. Completed three times a year for 7th-9th grades in Reading and Math. Fall testing is September 4-24. Click [here](#) for more information.

Blue Ribbon School Award. Steller was asked to apply last year and will be receiving this award in November in Washington DC. Written by a subcommittee of staff.

Ecuador. Rosa will be taking a small group of students for a Spanish exchange in Ecuador for third quarter. Students will be staying in homes and volunteering in an elementary school while completing Steller coursework and attending local high school classes as well.

Parents. Parents make a difference and the school thrives on parent involvement with their skills and abilities and passions. Please volunteer if you have something you'd like to share with the school community.

Staff Report.

Bob reporting.

Passages. There's been a change in the way Passages are being conducted this year. Passages are part of the self-directed philosophy of Steller, similar to passion projects. Three semester long Passage classes are required of high school students to graduate and one must have community service involvement. This year, Passages have been removed from the schedule as an actual class and will be conducted through advisors. Staff has carved out time in advisory group meetings to discuss Passage projects so that all students are getting exposure to this from 7th grade on.

Calendar. Steller has had a challenge matching up the school calendar with the ASD calendar due to intensives and other special events. Steller has been given permission to adjust their calendar in Q/Zangle, primarily the start/end of grading quarters, to fit the actual school schedule.

Student Report.

Reagan reporting.

Op Group. Student government at Steller. Meets weekly on Thursday at 12:00 pm. There are two student representatives from each advisory who participate and report back to advisory groups. Parents are always welcome at the weekly meetings.

Elections. The following students have been elected for this school year:

Reagan Gillis, President.

Ella Mayo-Kiely, Vice-President.

Francine Tejada, Attorney General.

Bonnie Woods, Sergeant at Arms.

Clubs. Two clubs have been passed and are meeting on Friday afternoons: Baking (Rosa) and Volunteer Club (Leigh Anne).

Treasurer Report.

Kevin reporting.

Distributed Treasurer Report with Profit and Loss Statement (for Fiscal Year July 2018 through June 2019) and Balance Sheet as of 09/11. Click [here](#) to view report.

Bank balance from 09/11: \$14768.20.

Equity available for allocation from 09/11: \$4934.94.

Corporate Donations since beginning of Fiscal Year: \$25.71.

Individual Donations since beginning of Fiscal Year: \$1120.00

Committee Reports.

Auction Committee Report.

Judith reporting.

Tentative date is November 3.

Updating the auction software to a system that allows pre-bids and eliminates checkout lines!

Looking for volunteers to begin gathering donations and in other roles. Looking for Advisory Group Coordinator. Contact Judith at davis_judith@asdk12.org.

New Business.

Souper Steller.

Katie reporting.

Souper Steller is a Steller event that provides community-wide soup and bread on select Fridays. Parent and students gather Thursday afternoons on the day before to help prepare soup and bake bread. Lunch is then heated and provided the next day, served by parent volunteers. Each event costs approximately \$300-350. Dates will be determined soon.

Volunteerism.

Karen reporting.

Karen will start developing lists of annual volunteer opportunities with duties and number of parents needed for each event or task.

Travel Intensive.

Bob report.

Request for scholarship funding for May travel intensive to Japan.

MOTION: Allocate \$5000 for potential funds for Japan intensive in May.

Motion By: Holly.
Second By: Bob.
All in favor. Motion approved.

Future Parent Group Meeting Dates.

October 9 at 6:00 pm.

Adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Minutes recorded by Angie Southwould.

Upcoming Events:

School Pictures on September 18.
Back-To-School Night on September 20 at 6:00 pm.
Homecoming Dance on September 28 at 7:00 pm.
School Picture Retakes on October 2.
Parent Group Meeting on October 9 at 6:00 pm.
Professional Development Day - NO SCHOOL on October 19.
Student Led Conferences on October 24-25.
PSAT Testing on October 24 at 8:30 am.
Halloween Dance on October 25 at 7:00 pm. (TENTATIVE)
Professional Development Day - NO SCHOOL on October 26.
Auction on November 17 at TBD.