



Steller Parent Group 11/08/2022

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order 6:07pm

1. Greetings and Introductions

Amy Dunnman - Chair
Dee Dee Zobian - Co-Chair
Claudia Liebsch - Treasurer
Lea McKenna - Fundraising Chair
Maria Hernandez - Principal
Zane Barber - Op Group
Sarah Bernhardt
Johnico Bashford-Bluner (sp?)

2. Approval of Agenda

Click [here](#) to view November Agenda
Motion to approve agenda as distributed/as amended: Johnico
Second: Maria
In favor: All. Motion approved

3. Approval of Minutes

Click [here](#) to view October Minutes
Motion to approve minutes as distributed/as amended: Leah
Second: Johnico
In favor: All. Motion approved

4. Reports

a. Principal Report.

- There have been many inservice days, which has been a good opportunity for teachers to do, not only mandatory trainings, but an instruction series that Maria has set up.
- Maria's goal is to offer this same series to parents next semester
 - The first was on identifying and working with gifted students
 - The second was with Ted Sumner (sp?) on ADHD students
- The great number of days off has been tough on students

- Steller students are doing great things, like:
 - 3 going to All State Band
 - Volunteers in Nicaragua
 - Hiking club
 - Early college admissions
 - etc.

b. Staff Report.

Maria reporting for staff

- Teachers are focused on Canvas, grades, and making sure students are caught up for the end of the quarter, which is coming quickly
 - Dec 2 - end of quarter for work
 - Dec 5-6 - finals
 - Dec 7-8 testing

c. Student Reports

Zane reporting for OP Group

- Op Group meets Thursdays at lunch, but there haven't been a lot of Thursdays in school recently
- A proposal passed regarding tribal land acknowledgement, to put on the website and potentially at school functions
- Students are excited for intensives
- Temple of the Bean has been successful
- Thinking about a "Midnighter" where students come for games, movies, etc till midnight. Would need parent volunteers.
- One goal is to rebuild Op Group with students, energy, and good ideas
- Currently about \$3200 in account

d. Parent Group Reports

i. Chair Report

Amy Dummann reporting

- Get the word out that we're rebuilding SPG
- Working on better communication

ii. Treasurer Report.

Claudia Liebsch reporting

- Budget passed
- Income year to date = \$2585.68 (includes Fred Meyer and some donations)
- Click [here](#) to see November financials

5. Old Business

- a. Continued recruitment of board members (Co-Treasurer, Members-At-Large, Finance Committee, Fundraising Committee, Communications Co-Chair. Special need for Co-Treasurer). Perhaps ask Johnico to volunteer for Co-Treasurer.
- b. Need a volunteer to organize Staff Appreciations
- c. Finance Committee can have students, as students are part of SPG. Encourage someone from OP Group to attend Finance Committee meetings, along with any other students. - amend from 10/11/22 SPG Meeting.
- d. SouperSteller - amend funding from 10/11/22 SPG Meeting,
 - i. not currently in SPG budget.
 - ii. OP Group can request funding in January and follow procedure
 - iii. SPG will have a limit for soupersteller, but we don't know what the limit will be until after C4K fundraiser
 - iv. Request that Zane pass on to Op Group that we'd be happy to fund things like SouperSteller and Intensives (including travel), but we need parent volunteers to help us fundraise. Please pass message to your parents that SPG is working to fund student programs and we'd love to rebuild a strong, fun, healthy parent group.
- e. Cups for Kids update - Lea reporting
 - i. Volunteer (Sign Up Genius and ASD form)
 - ii. Next Fundraising Committee meeting: Monday, 11/28, 6-7pm via Zoom
 - iii. Orientation for volunteers, Fri 11/11 at 8:30am

6. New Business

- a. Vote - new Secretary and Co-Chair
 - Motion to approve Dee Dee as Co-Chair and Sarah as Secretary: Johnico
 - Second: Lea
 - In favor: All. Motion approved
 - b. Funding requests
 - i. Vote - Staff Appreciation \$300 per event - Fall and Spring
 - Motion to approve staff appreciation funding: Sarah
 - Second: Lea
 - In favor: All. Motion approved
 - ii. Vote - Intensive funding, 3 requests:
 - 1. Leigh Ann - Ancient Greece, \$100 for clay, glaze, and food (hummus, baklava, flatbread, etc.). Free to students.
 - 2. Mike - Chess, \$300 for Chess boards and materials to make Chess sets. Free to students.
 - 3. Ashley - Cooking, \$200 for ingredients for 9 days of cooking. Students will pay \$35 each.
- note: \$1500 was allocated for Fall intensives, \$600 was requested. Remaining \$900 will be added to Spring intensive bucket.

Motion to approve all intensive funding requests: Dee Dee

Second: Sarah

In favor: All. Motion approved

iii. Alternatives to Alaska Safe Children's Act curriculum - Lea reporting

1. Curriculum is mandated by the State
2. Problems:
 - a. Students receive the same curriculum 2 years in a row and is seen as a waste of time since it is presented twice
 - b. According to some students and parents, the curriculum is not ideal in terms of addressing important subjects
3. Parents can opt their students out of this curriculum
4. If there was a mass opt-out, would there be a good replacement?
Maria reported that she isn't able to offer a replacement curriculum when students opt out
5. However, a pre-approved Planned Parenthood program is presented to every Sophomore at Steller, which allows for more discussion and understanding of the material
6. Also, Health classes at Steller do a good job presenting and discussing issues regarding sex, consent, etc
7. Could a pre-approved Planned Parenthood curriculum be presented to middle-schoolers at Steller (similar to Sophomore Day)?

7. Next SPG Meeting Date:

Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 6-7:30pm (Zoom only)

- Discussion about Zoom or in person
- Perhaps offer food or meet at a restaurant, like Bear tooth, to get more participation
- Perhaps try every other meeting on Zoom and every other meeting in person
- Next meeting will be on Zoom only
- Discuss January meeting somewhere fun, or with food

Adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Minutes recorded by Dee Dee Zobian