



Steller Parent Group 2022.03.15

Meeting Minutes - APPROVED

Call to Order at 6:02 pm.

Greetings and Introductions.

Attendees.

Amy Dummann - (Chair)
Dee Dee Zobian (Secretary)
Claudia Liebsch (Treasurer)
Maria Hernandez (Principal)
Leigh Anne Bonney (Teacher Representative)
Joclyn Reilly
Tim Kacillas
Monica Perez-Verdia
Cole Murphy (Seeds of Change)
Adam Weber (Seeds of Change)

Approval of Agenda.

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

MOTION: Approve MMM agenda as distributed/as amended.

Motion By: Dee Dee

Second By: Joclyn

All in favor. Motion approved.

Approval of February Minutes.

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

MOTION: Approve MMM minutes as posted/as amended.

Motion By: Dee Dee

Second By: Joclyn

All in favor. Motion approved.

Reports.

Principal Report- Maria reporting

- Masks are optional, though the majority of students are still wearing them.
- Leigh Anne's travel intensive was approved by ASD.
- Lottery numbers are good. Leigh Anne helped make this successful. 112 applicants. 60 seventh grade applications. Less eighth grade applications. 37 ninth grade applications. 10th-12th grades are full, no new students. We'll have almost 200 students next year, a significant increase from last year.
- This Thursday is the lottery, parents notified on 3/24.
- Three positions are open for next year, and interviews are starting.
 - Counselor
 - Language Arts Teacher
 - Social Studies teacher

Staff Report- Leigh Anne reporting

- Students are registered for intensives.
- There will be a lot of assessments coming up in late March and into April.

Student Report- Leigh Anne reporting

Mural Committee - 4-5 murals were painted over so there will be new space for new murals.

Treasurer Report- Claudia reporting

- All insurance paperwork has been submitted, including the renewal.
- Amy will need to be replaced at the bank.
- Parents are needed for the Finance Committee. Joclyn volunteered.

New Business

Budget

MOTION: All money from Program Support will be put into Intensive funding (\$2000). Also, \$1000 from Misc will be moved to Intensive funding.

Motion By: Amy

Second By: Dee Dee
All in favor. Motion approved.

Funding Requests

1. Intensive funding requests:
 - Jason, Blood Bowl, \$800
 - Philip, Creature Creations, \$60
 - Ashley/Daniel, Theatre, \$2000
 - Alexis, Knitting and Crochet, \$500
 - Mike, Piano, \$250
 - Joseph, Catapults, \$250

Total = \$3860

MOTION: Fund all new Intensive funding requests

Motion By: Claudia
Second By: Dee Dee
All in favor. Motion approved

2. Sophomore Day

MOTION: Fund both requests for funding Sophomore Day (for Sophomores and Juniors, who missed it last year due to COVID).

Motion By: Dee Dee
Second By: Claudia
All in favor. Motion approved

3. Gift for Kirsten

- After 2+ years of service as Chair, SPG to fund a gift for Kirsten.
- Maria suggested a plaque and a gift card.
- Claudia will look into getting it done.

Motion By: Amy
Second By: Dee Dee
All in favor. Motion approved

Spring Staff Appreciation

Melissa has already reached out to Maria and is on top of it.

Retirement Gifts

This is tabled until Maria lets us know more. \$450 was previously approved.

Seeds of Change - Steller Secondary School Orchard Project

- Adam Weber and Cole Murphy presented a project to build an orchard behind Steller.

- Seeds of Change is a youth vocational organization, in partnership with AK Behavior Health
- The plan is to plant 60 fruit trees by the baseball diamond at Steller.
- Goals
 - 1) Agricultural education
 - 2) Create an economic resource for students to manage
 - 3) Increase food security in the community
- The work would be done by Seeds of Change along with volunteers from the community and Steller students and parents.
- This is a scalable project.
- Waiting on final approval from ASD.
- The fruit would be sold to local businesses, served at schools, sent home with students, donated to kitchens that feed the community, etc.
- Long term project. After 5-10 years, could see nearly \$2500 profit. After 15-20 years, nearly \$10,000 profit. Profits would be split between Seeds of Change and Steller.
- Costs: about \$16,500. Private donations are being collected <https://gofund.me/a5ce9df1>
- The project will teach students for decades about growing food, managing resources, working with local businesses, food security, and eating healthy food.
- Hoping to get started this summer, depending on funding.
- Maria also sees neighboring schools working with us.
- Does anyone in the Parent Group have connections with businesses who could help with the project?

Future Parent Group Meeting Date.

Tuesday, 4/12/22

Adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Minutes recorded by Dee Dee Zobian

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