



## Steller Parent Group 02/14/2023

Meeting Minutes - Approved

Call to Order at 6:01 pm.

### **Greetings and Introductions.**

Welcome from Dee Dee and Amy.

### **Attendees.**

Amy Dummann (co-chair), Dee Dee Zobian (co-chair), Claudia Liebsch (treasurer), Sarah Bernhardt (secretary), Karen Mouton (sp) (Fundraising co-chair), Maria Hernandez (Steller Principal), Jason Collins (Steller teacher), Samantha Antonio, Monica Perez-Verdia, Nobuo Toba, Chandra Poe, Pauline Mallari, Katie Pitka, Paul Boling, Carla (Ky) Hollingsworth

### **Approval of Agenda.**

Click [here](#) to view 02/14/2023 Agenda.

MOTION: Approve 2/14/2023 agenda as distributed/as amended.

Motion By: Dee Dee.

Second By: Claudia.

All in favor. Motion approved.

### **Approval of Minutes.**

Click [here](#) to view 1/7/2023 Minutes.

MOTION: Approve 1/17/2023 minutes as posted/as amended.

Motion By: Dee Dee.

Second By: Claudia.

All in favor. Motion approved.

**Reports.**Principal Report.

Maria reporting.

SPG funded candy grams. Very happy students.

Teachers are planning for intensives. Only 140 out of 240 voted.

Fundraising for fun items such as Star.

Staffing and funding. School board voting on final budget 2/21. Steller numbers have been decreasing since 2019, resulting in a loss of 2.2 staff at Steller. One teacher, Mike Moore will be retiring at end of school year. Maria will still have 1.2 staff losses that will need to be worked out. That will mean changes to the academic schedule and increased class sizes of up to 28/29 from current 20/22 students. Goal of growing student body, major recruiting effort ongoing, to eliminate this issue.

Feb 21-March 3 students will be registering for their intensives. There will be tentatively two travel intensives (Kachemak Bay and Southwest, so one instate and one out of state).

Lottery opens 2/15, ends 3/23. After Lottery closes, Maria will call a meeting with staff and parents to discuss what went well or not.

Staff Report.

Jason Collins reporting.

Intensives. Planning ongoing.

Nearing end of third quarter. 8 week quarter, so already in 6th week.

Spring break.

A lot of students are out sick, noticeable loss of students in classrooms. Practicing good hygiene and masking.

Students received candy grams. Every student received one and were very surprised and pleased to receive anything. Very cool.

Gym hockey is ongoing this year. Playoffs have been ongoing for floor hockey tournament.

Alaska Association of Student Government, 9th and 10th graders, trip to Skagway in 2023.

Jason is planning to take 5 students to see how the state side of student government works as compared to Op Group.

Student (Op Group) Report.

Zane Barber reporting.

Valentine's Dance.

Op group met twice.

They have a new sergeant at arms.

**Parent Group Reports**Chair Report - Amy

Fairs, PTA presentations by parents, online postings, Facebook, website, Flash emails, NPR, KSKA radio spots and upcoming 2/15 ice cream social.

Treasurer Report.

Claudia reporting. February.

Distributed Treasurer Report with Statement of Financial Position as of 02/13/2023.

Bank balance from 02/13: \$24,834.51.

Equity available for allocation from 2/13/2023: \$999.

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

Pick. Click. Give. Requires SPG is a state registered charitable organization, the group will need to pay an annual fee and will be discussed at a future date.

Amazon Smile has been discontinued as of this month internationally by Amazon.

\$0 income this month.

Fundraising Report - Karen

- Updates - two part fundraiser at Bear Tooth
- Part 1: Show movie and take portion of ticket sales. Addams Family Values. April 21, 1pm. \$10/ticket for sale. Open to the general public, up to 400.
- Part 2: Private show for Steller students, faculty, additional STeller families as space allows, will cost SPG funds to license and set. Op Group and Maria will narrow down movie options and dates. Students and staff just want to cancel this movie date, this will save funds of \$650. The requirement by Bear Tooth to host the movie during a weekday before 2pm causes a lot of challenges. Op Group would rather see money to buy pizza during student olympics day on April 21.
- Requesting \$1500 budget from SPG, with a goal of \$10,000 net gain. Part of the funds will be from the cost of Auctria to host a virtual silent auction site. April 20-26 silent auction. New budget of \$850 will not require any changes to the SPG budget.

**Old Business**

- Continued SPG recruitment. Amy reporting.
- Need a volunteer to organize Spring Staff Appreciation. Dee Dee reporting.
  - Usually SPG hosts a boxed luncheon for staff. Monica Perez-Verdia volunteered.
- School directory. Sarah Bernhardt reporting.
- Paperwork and Compliance Committee. Sarah Bernhardt reporting.

- First meeting on 2/19 at 5pm, via zoom.
- Currently the agenda includes some basic goals to
- Zane suggested to have the bylaws updated to match Op Group.
- Maria would like to see us update our funding returns process.

**New Business.**

- Steller recruitment.
  - Elementary outreach events. Parents have been presenting at other schools.
  - Ice cream social 2/15, 6:00-7:30 pm
- **Funding Requests.**
  - Aurora Music Festival. 4/11 - 4/15. Mr. Toba reporting.
    - Steller and Anchorage Christian Schools will co-host (because Steller cannot allow students to sleep in school classrooms, once per 6-10 year event)
    - Request for \$500 to supply gifts to musical guests/conductors, \$275 for additional expenses, such as hospitality room water/food/decor and additional gifts.
    - Parent volunteers needed as well - Signup Genius to be created to donate hot emails, potluck
    - Budget under “school hosted events” as \$1000, which will use 50% of the annual budget.
    - Proposal \$1000 from “School Hosted Events” for the festival: Dee Dee made proposal, Karen seconded. No opposed. Approved.
  - Candy Grams.
    - Funding to provide one for every student to receive on 2/14 at school.
    - Request for \$75 so that the students who did not receive a candygram from a peer will receive one.
    - Amy motioned, Dee Dee seconded.
    - “Goal is to show all students that they are seen and important to Steller.”
  - Currently will have \$1000 in radio spots
  - Digital Spot on Supplemental Promotional tbd
    - to increase Steller enrollment and supplement our radio spot
    - if KSKA...we can purchase a small banner (330 X 110) from KSKA to run on their website.
    - Or Anchorage Daily News or KNBA (other public radio that focuses on native population) <https://www.knba.org/our-community>
    - \$600 above and beyond what is included in the budget for advertising
    - Motion to spend an additional up to \$600 for promotional outreach. Dee made motion, Amy seconded.
  - Adulting Class - CPR Training
    - \$30/student = \$390 for 13 students to be certified

- Maria says it's a student initiated project, would come out of SPG budget  
Program Support budgeted \$500 for the year. No concerns.
- Dee Dee motioned to spend \$390 on CPR training from the Program  
Support Budget.
- Prom - need volunteers, see Signup Genius. Presented by students Samantha Antonio  
and Pauline Mallari.
  - May 6, Saturday after finals.
  - Will need chaperones, parent volunteers to decorate
  - Selling Steam Dot Coffee as a fundraiser, please help push these sales. Pick up  
in the front office. Orders can be made in person, on Student Connect.

**Comments.**

(online chat via zoom and some verbal comments)

Is there a sharable place where we could share promotional social media posts? Claudia is sharing.

For future reference we can submit for free Public Service Announcement at KNBA Public Radio with 2 weeks notice.

PRE ORDER YEARBOOKS now. All students. Q: Do we have students who can't afford a yearbook? What avenue might happen to assist them?

I can chaperone prom- Paul Boling

**Future Parent Group Meeting Dates.**

Tuesday, 03/21/2023, 6pm, in person, at Steller.

Adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Minutes recorded by Sarah Bernhardt.

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