



United Steele Workers PTA Meeting

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 8:10 a.m.
Steele Elementary School Library

Attendees

Jennifer Cooper

Trudi Jackson

Ann Griner

Meg Ford

Don DeLoach

Cindy DeLoach

Megan Harris

Kristine Vadala

Amber Anderson

Ryan Capp

Governance

President Jennifer Cooper called the meeting to order at 8:11am. A quorum was present.

Budget

Treasurer Meg Ford presented the treasurer report.

- The Chipotle fundraiser for the 5th grade raised less money than last year.
- The OfficeScapes order has been paid.
- A check was written to the school for the remainder of the 21st Century Library project funds.
- Vice President Trudi Jackson moved to approve the March 2020 treasurer report and Cindy DeLoach seconded; motion carried.

Governance (continued)

Secretary Ann Griner requested approval for the 11 February 2020 PTA Meeting Minutes. Trudi moved and Cindy seconded; motion carried.

Ann requested approval for the amended bylaws, which were available for review on the Steele PTA website. Don DeLoach requested the header dates be updated. Given this edit, Cindy moved to accept the bylaws and Meg seconded; motion carried.

Principal's Report

Principal Ryan Capp provided the Principal's Report.

- The counselor position was approved for next year. We are the only high socio-economic status (SES) school to get the position approved for next year. During the research phase, we learned a lot about our population; a few teachers surveyed all teachers for info about our needs. They reported many kids with anxiety issues that would be helped by the counselor position.
- Proactive possibilities are very strong – we anticipate co-teaching opportunities and small group work. We don't want kids to feel singled out, so we want to make sure the counselor's work is woven into the fabric of our school life.
- There are no plans to add time to the school year to make up for snow days. At the elementary level, we have about three more snow days allowed before we need to add time.
- Several teachers are about to start preparing for CMAS.

Calendar Review

Trudi provided a calendar review.

- Sips for Steele update:
 - No one was able to attend the Sips meeting yesterday.
 - Chelise Foster is co-chairing the committee, with Khristine Vadala offering support. Any help is appreciated. Few on the committee have attended a Sips event in the past, which is ok – they can put their own spin on it. Cindy offered to take over the classroom art project.
 - Sips flyers should be going home in the next few days.
- Megan provided a Green Team update – going great so far. The snow days have interfered, but we keep going. Core team of 7 kids. They're working the light audit now. There will be another update in May, with Lisa Dewil.
- Khristine gave a Focus Day update. The schedule and flyer have gone out. Finalizing A/V needs. Provided a rundown of the schedule.
- Carnival confirmed; Jason Pachon will chair this.

New Business

- Cindy said Amber Anderson told her the staff is asking about Keurig coffee pods – the PTA bought a Keurig machine for the teachers' lounge, and they are nearly out of pods. Cindy suggested the pods as possible Teacher Appreciation gesture, noting in the past, the PTA has gotten the staff Amy's Donuts, quiche, and QDOBA.
- Khristine said a permanent volleyball net would be great for the playground. We could use an existing basketball goal pole and only need to add another pole. When they installed the basketball goals, it took nearly 6 months from proposal to installation.
- Estes park fundraising is in good shape – we can fund all scholarships. We have Shakespeare needs, but the exact amount is TBD. In the past, there's been a buffer of \$600-700 that gets carried into next year. We may have a shortfall in the sense we couldn't provide that to next year.

- Don reminded the group of the upcoming volunteer of the year and legacy of the year awards, which require a nomination period and then a vote. Laura Woodworth typically runs this.
- Mr. Capp said we are intensifying the cleaning protocols. They are rotating deep cleaning classrooms. D11 has a new kind of disinfectant, and we will order Clorox wipes.
- Cindy thanked Mr. Capp for this year's basketball program, saying it's been a success.

Trudi adjourned the meeting at 9:05am.