

# Steele PTA Meeting

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## Attendees

Amber Anderson	Krista Bray (AM)	MJ Truex (AM)
Sallie Kate Angelidis	Megan Harris (AM)	Renee Bushman (PM)
Cindy DeLoach	Trudy Jackson (AM)	Ann Griner (PM)
Don DeLoach	Alisha O'Conner (AM)	Allyson Kelley (PM)
Courtney Hertner	Trisha Palmer (AM)	Jasmine Marchman (PM)
Stephanie Risley	Steve Palmer (AM)	Megan Murillo (PM)
Khristine Prickett Vadala	Sarah Pont (AM)	Shanna Weaver (PM)
Tim Anderson (AM)	Erica Roberts (AM)	

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## President's Report - Courtney Hertner

- Membership update
  - 83 PTA Members to date
  - Vision for the Year
    - Continue the legacy of amazing PTA engagement
    - PTA provides information and insight into school events and activities
    - PTA to provide tools for parents
- Gift Card Drawing
  - 1st Meeting Winner - Tom Wolkow
  - 2nd Meeting Winner – Lori Driscoll

## Treasurer's Report - Amber Anderson

- Overview of each line item
  - PTA Dues - \$6.25 of \$10 membership fee goes to state
  - PTA Supplies - Software, printing, staff retirement parties
  - PTA Insurance - One time fee
  - Community Support - Snacks, breakfast once a week, food boxes for in need families

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- Library - books for the library
- Directory - Printing costs
- Used book sale - All funds go to school library account
- Teacher accounts - For teachers to order supplies
- Teacher grants - Professional development, training
- Bike to school - Snacks for event twice a year
- Field Day - Ribbons, PE expenses
- Apex Fun Run - Fundraiser pays for expenses
- Pancake breakfast - Halloween morning
- Monster Mash - Halloween Dance
- Reflections - Printing costs, gift cards for participants and judges
- Shakespeare - Insurance, facilitator contract
- Enrichment - After school classes for kids
- Health Screening - Catered lunch for volunteers
- Staff appreciation - Christmas and May - Fun for staff
- Focus Day - STEAM Theme
- SIPS - Wine/Beer tasting fundraising event, the fundraiser pays for expenses
- Carnival - Spring event with games and activities for kids
- Father/Daughter Dance - Held in gym around Valentine's Day
- Kid Power - Kid safety class, budget for scholarships
- Souper Bowl - Potluck for Staff
- Budget for each item set by expenses from previous year
- Motion to approve budget:
  - AM - 1st: Amber Anderson, 2nd: Khristine Prickett Vadala, Vote: Unanimous
  - PM - 1st: Amber Anderson, 2nd: Khristine Prickett Vadala, Vote: Unanimous
- Playground
  - Have paid out \$58,147 (allocated 65,000 for playground)
  - Under budget!!!!
  - One last expense to be paid - benches
  - Budget surplus could be used to fulfill other needs

- Hydration Station
- Research other possibilities and district plans
- Bank Transfer
  - Moving PTA account from ANB to ENT
  - Current signatories: Don DeLoach, Amber Anderson, Stephanie Risley
    - Motion to add Sallie Kate and Courtney as signatories
      - AM - 1st: Cindy DeLoach, 2nd: Don DeLoach, Vote: Unanimous
      - PM - No objections
  - Update all electronic accounts with new bank information
- Upcoming activities
  - PTA Insurance payment due
  - Taxes due 15th - filing extension

**Principal's Report** - Ryan Capp

- New playground a big success
  - Better visibility
  - Only safety issue is sand on the sidewalk
    - DeLoach family will dig out sand to the grade that was originally specified in design
  - An indicator of the success that this PTA group can achieve
- Staff engage in Professional Learning Community (PLC) meetings
  - Team to look at school assessments; look at setting, tempo, etc.
- School performance framework rating increased significantly from last year
  - From 73.9 to 88.1
  - Due to student growth; individual child year-over-year improvement
    - More than a year's worth of growth in a year's worth of time
  - Result of reorganization of educational approach with tutoring and focus groups
- New socio-emotional program emphasizing six character traits
  - Empathy, perseverance, integrity, cooperation, leadership, curiosity
  - Phrase for year Empathy - Gratitude - Respect
  - Began with empathy

- Three strategies
  - Knowing the definition of empathy
  - Understanding others feelings
  - Showing gratitude
- Picture books available to all teachers that demonstrate empathy
  - Teachers are free to use as appropriate for their classroom
- Rotary Grant
  - Won \$5500 STEM grant for STEAM and STEM materials
  - District added \$5000 to budget
  - Have ordered 30 Sphero robots, arriving in Sep-Oct
    - Four members of staff have completed training on how to use/teach
    - Can program the robots various ways
      - User Interface via an iPad app
      - Writing code (JavaScript)
  - Supports new STEAM curriculum
    - STEAM identified as an improvement area for school curriculum
      - Demonstrates the practical application of Math
    - September 14th STEAM day
      - Mrs. Wriedt is working grant in collaboration with Colorado College
      - More details to come
- New Superintendent - Michael Thomas
  - D11 website has introductory video posted
  - Brings a culture of communication and cooperation
  - Currently conducting a Listening Tour of the district
- Coffee talks - Once a month on Fridays at 8:30 (after STV)
  - This Friday's talk to dig into school scores and socio-emotional program
  - Drive through of what all that data means for school
  - Driving reasons for the socio-emotional program selected
- Other Business

- Fence that was damaged by car will be repaired August 29th

**Audit Committee** - Cindy DeLoach

- Every PTA needs to perform an audit each year
- This year's audit results
  - \$109,816 of receivable to the PTA last year
  - Audit revealed \$108 off in the positive
  - Using a only a spreadsheet to track
  - Audit report has been submitted to the state
- Lessons Learned
  - Need to purchase bookkeeping software
    - Looking at Wave to replace spreadsheet solution
  - Need to perform quarterly audits
  - The size of the budget dictates different tax requirements
  - Could benefit from the expertise of a CPA
  - Facebook post to request CPA expertise from a Steele parent to help with PTA taxes
    - Potential CPA contact; Sarah Kellerman - 5th grade parent
- Next meeting: Amend budget for software purchase and possibly for the engagement of a CPA

**Fundraising** - Khristine Prickett Vadala

- Apex Fun Run
  - Two week fitness oriented fundraiser with character and leadership development
  - Students gather pledges for number of laps run
  - Volunteer needs
    - People to decorate school halls to promote student participation
    - People to mark the students as they make their laps (7 adults / grade)

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- Goal: \$18,000
  - Use funds for specials: PE, Music, and Art
  - Teachers get 10%; divided by class fundraising performance
  - Ensure that PTA has staff support
  - Ensure focus of funds support staff needs
  - Vote on the focus of funds at September meeting
- SIPS for Steele - March 16th
  - Beer/Wine Tasting Event
  - Ticket sales, silent auction, sponsorships
  - Volunteer needs
    - Gathering silent auction items
  - Looking for a Co-Chair this year to pick up the role for next year
  - SIPS focus will center around technology
    - Will need to wait for robots before identifying other needs
- Other fundraising needs - Cindy DeLoach
  - Library needs a refresh
    - Paint, furniture, technology

**Volunteer Update** - Lora Woodworth

- Updating all volunteer records
- Form in Back to School PTA packet to identify interest
- Lora will send out emails with signup information to interested parties
- Have need for event leads - all sizes of commitments

**Box Tops** - Allyson

- Drop box at school - Yellow box

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- Two drives: October and February
- Funds go directly to school
- Suggest Facebook post on:
  - List of manufacturers
  - Where to drop off
  - Requirements for cutting out and putting in bags
- Classroom competitions to come
  - In bags with teacher name
  - Winning classroom gets an extra recess

**Enrichment** - Sarah Pont

- Two sessions; Fall and Spring
  - Fall session October 16 - November 27
    - Begins right after Running Club
- No class for week of Thanksgiving
- 48 hour preview of classes before enrollment
  - Coordinate class enrollment online
  - Trying to make enrollment times equitable for all parents
- Scholarships are available
- This sessions classes
  - Museum class with Mrs. Howard
  - Zoo Mobile
    - Want them to tailor a class for just Kindergarteners and First Graders
  - Bike Club
  - Model Airplanes

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- Yoga
- Art Club? - Coordinating with Ms. Neimeyer on her availability
- Glass class - Fused glass
- Feedback from last year
  - Request for STEM, foreign language and athletic offerings
    - Other programs being offered at Steele
      - Spanish Club
        - Offered through CC
        - Grades 2-3 in fall; Grades 4-5 in spring
      - Y.E.S. Club - Catamount Institute
        - Full 13 week STEM session
        - Taught by Mrs. Matthews
    - Sports related enrichment programs are not covered under PTA insurance
- Erica Roberts to Co-Chair`

**Used Book Sale** - Courtney Hertner

- Donated books collected
- Collection boxes in front hallway
  - Large donations can be dropped off in the gym
- Friday October 12th after school
- Suggestion to move to early November
  - October is event heavy and this event could be overshadowed
  - Last year's revenue was down from the previous year
  - Would like to maximize revenue for the library

**Kid Power** - Courtney Hertner



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- Need leader - Don DeLoach volunteer
- Parent attendance required

**Clothing Swap** - Courtney Hertner

- Potential Leaders
  - Sarah Pont
  - Shanna Weaver
- Schedule for September - early October
- Winter item focus
- School social worker identifies in need kids to have first pick
- Feedback
  - Really valuable
  - Need adult small sizes for 5th graders
  - Facebook post to save winter items before parents purge them
- Additional event: Mom's Night Out
  - Potentially hold in the spring

**Add one to your basket** - Courtney Hertner

- Needs filling - non-perishable items to front office

**STEAM Day** - Courtney Hertner (PM Only Topic)

- September 14th
- Ms. Wriedt asking PTA to contribute
- PTA contributed \$300 to school science night last year
- Motion to allocate \$300 for STEAM Day
  - 1st: Don DeLoach, 2nd: Kristine Prickett Vadala, Vote: Unanimous