



# United Steele Workers PTA Meeting

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.  
Virtual meeting

## Attendees

Trudi Jackson  
Kate Hume  
Ann Griner  
Meg Ford  
Scot Hume  
Shanna Weaver  
Jennifer Cooper  
Ryan Capp

## Governance

President Trudi Jackson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. A quorum was present. Attendees introduced themselves.

Trudi presented the January minutes for review. Treasurer Meg Ford moved to approve the minutes, and Vice President Kate Hume seconded. The motion carried.

## Budget

Meg presented the budget report.

- We are in good position for the rest of the year.
- King Soopers brought in over \$800.
- We had several new PTA members.
- For expenses, we had the QuickBooks subscription and the checks for last year's Enrichment teachers finally cleared.
- Most responses for winter enrichment were to donate funds.
- Trudi said that while we hope the end of year fundraiser will bring in some money, we can't count on it bringing in the kind of money Sips for Steele would.
- Shanna Weaver motioned to approve the budget, and Jennifer Cooper seconded. Motion carried.

## Principal's Report

Principal Ryan Capp provided the Principal's Report.

- Several teachers in the building have been invited to get the first dose of the vaccine. We'll have to wait and see how long it takes. We need to wait on the district and the health departments to let us know how the vaccine rollout will affect the way we conduct business.
- We are continuing a book study featuring two books: *Fostering Resilient Learners* and *Stamped*. We've been conducting the meetings via Zoom and

- breaking into small groups. Teachers have gotten a chance to also get to know their colleagues. Some of what we're grappling with is "adverse childhood experiences" which is small, low-level trauma. We are seeing that nearly all of us have experienced these. As teachers, we have to balance being empathetic and trauma-aware with accountability.
- School is running well. Parents have been very proactive about keeping kids home in the event of illness. We are noticing kids don't quite know how to do the social part of school, so we are re-establishing expectations regarding how we behave in the hallway or otherwise outside of the classroom.
  - The Five Essentials Survey is out for parent input now. Fourth and fifth graders will take a slightly different version of the survey this week. The results will inform out we look forward and plan.
  - Trudi asked what will happen with CMAS this year. Mr. Capp said the legislature will be the first to weigh in on this matter, and that should happen before the end of February. Some are advocating we don't do the testing this year, and many in the teaching community agree. Mr. Capp said the testing takes up a lot of time, and we need every instructional minute we can get this year.
  - Kate said the Steele-branded clothing looks great, and thanked Mr. Capp and Shauna for this effort.
  - Trudi asked if most of the teachers will get the vaccine. Mr. Capp said he thinks so, but he would probably never know. It could be a challenge if any teachers were not vaccinated – we may not be able to plan as effectively for the spring.
  - Trudi asked if asynchronous learning Mondays have been useful. Mr. Capp said it has been very useful; teachers have really needed this time to plan. With more planning time on Monday and are able to set aside time the rest of the week to connect with both in-person and online students. He pointed out that there are some kids who are online only and thriving.

## Calendar

- Naomi Skee is spearheading the spring fundraiser. We are now targeting May 1<sup>st</sup>. Kate and Naomi will talk with the staff tomorrow to get buy-in, and if they get it we will announce it to the larger Steele community soon.
- Chipotle March 2, 4-8, at University Village. We will get some flyers home in homework packets to ensure we can reach the online students.
- Goat patch, April 13
- Focus Day – Kate will chair, Shanna and Jen said they would help.
- Souper Bowl – we pulled it together on late notice. Courtney arranged it. We will look at more teacher recognition in the future.
- Trudi thanked Kate, Shanna, and Jen for volunteering to organize Focus Day.

## New Business

- Remember to log volunteer hours with D11.
- Trudi is working on recruiting for next year's PTA board. If you know anyone who may be interested, please put them in contact with anyone on the current board.
- Next meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in March.

Trudi adjourned the meeting at 9:09 a.m.