

Steele PTA Meeting

Attendees

Amber Anderson	Don DeLoach	Allyson Kelley
Tim Anderson	Ann Griner	Vanessa Leiker
Sallie Kate Angelidis	Megan Harris	Aimee Pachon
Jessica Barnett	Mike Herr	Jason Pachon
Whitney Calhoun	Courtney Hertner	Stephanie Risley
Ryan Capp	Christy Howard	
Cindy DeLoach	Ian Kalmanowitz	

- **Daddy Daughter Dance** - Courtney Hertner
 - Proposed change to make it an inclusive event
 - Notice to parents about potential change was posted on Steele Notes and Facebook
 - Supporting feedback for change
 - 3 emails from Moms that support inclusive dance
 - One Facebook comment
 - Supporting feedback for no change
 - One dad playground discussion asking to keep
 - Staff Feedback
 - Support an inclusive event
 - Cindy DeLoach
 - There are logistical concerns for a whole school dance
 - The gym is a small space and may not be able to accommodate a larger group of children and adults
 - There are fire code restrictions that may limit attendance
 - Other school events utilize the playground to handle the “overflow” of people, but that probably will not be an option in February
 - Need to say “No” to whole families (not a Monster-Mash)

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- Allyson Kelley
 - Changing the dance to a family event would change the dynamic of the dance which is more restrained and refined than the Monster Mash
- Whitney Calhoun
 - May be able to brand it in a way to keep the event formal, special, and intimate
- Stephanie Risley
 - Recommended calling the dance the “Special Someone Dance”
 - The format of the event would still be one child and one adult
 - The adult could be a grandparent, parent, aunt, or uncle
- Logistical considerations to a more inclusive event
 - Continue providing tables and chairs
 - Continue practice of bringing a dish
 - Sweet / Savory by alphabetical halves
 - May need to limit ticket sales to ensure do not exceed capacity
 - 30% tickets sales are that night
- Motion to change the name of the Daddy/Daughter Dance to the Special Someone Dance
 - Ian Kalmanowitz 1st, Ann Griner, 2nd Vote: 13 Yes, 2 No
- **APEX Funds** - Sally Kate Angelidis
 - Sub-committee met and determined realistic spends
 - Some prices are very fluid, technology in particular can change quite quickly
 - Will try to purchase the teachers’ top choice, but may have to work “down the list” to stay within budget
 - Painting
 - Able to get district to pay for paint but not labor
 - Includes Library, Gym and Music Room
 - Art
 - Paper storage
 - Rainbow Rug for students to gather on
 - Currently sitting on linoleum floor
 - Gel Class pack

- Music
 - Instrument Storage Cabinets
 - Currently, stored instruments have the potential to fall and injure students as well as damage the expensive instruments
 - Ensure student safety and preserving instruments
 - Update percussion
 - Mallet instruments for Kindergarten
- 2nd Hydration Station
 - Clean, sustainable water
 - Ties in with Yes Club and Green Team
 - PTA will fund replacement filters
 - Can purchase through district to get bulk rate
- PE
 - Ms Alden requested that we save a \$1000 for new teacher
 - Could potentially be a point of contention between new teachers
 - Mr Capp
 - New teachers are allocated school budget to get started
 - \$200-300 for new classroom teacher
 - \$500 for new specials teacher
- Library
 - Reinventing library
 - Got rid of books that have not been checked out
 - Repurposing space
 - Signage - to label the sections of the library
 - Projectors and speakers are failing and there is no district plan to replace them
 - Would like to replace them with smart TVs
- Community Room / Lab Discussion
 - Mr. Herr noted that community room / lab was not included in proposed budget
 - The community room / lab is high impact opportunity because it is used in various programs for all students
 - A presentation station in the lab would be used by both GT and STEAM programs

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- The community room presentation station was removed from current budget due to:
 - November PTA Meeting notes just listed Art, Music, Library, and PE
 - Did not want to impact spring testing
- Mr Capp stated that whole school would benefit from the presentation station and it could be installed without without impact to spring testing
- APEX Funds Budget Acceptance
 - Due to unmet needs, a motion was made to approve each grouping of the budget (Painting, Art, Music, PE, Hydration Station, Library) separately. Unallocated funds are to be re-evaluated by the sub-committee and new expenditure plan proposed at the next meeting
 - 1st: Don DeLoach and Jessica Barnett, 2nd: Whitney Calhoun, Cindy DeLoach and Aimee Pachon
 - Vote:
 - Painting - Yes: Unanimous
 - Art - Yes: Unanimous
 - Music - Yes: Unanimous
 - PE - Yes: 12 , No: 2
 - Hydration Station - Yes: 2, No: 9
 - Library - Yes: 12, No: 2
 - Hydration Station station monies need to go back to subcommittee for new allocation of funds
- **Principal's Report** - Ryan Capp
 - Academics
 - Teachers across the building are building digital portfolios of student work
 - Students are completing their 2nd district benchmark math and language arts tests this week, allowing teachers to see growth and identify learning gaps
 - Many teachers are completing integrated unit projects
 - The library is changing to allow more space for student cooperative group work
 - School Culture
 - The school PBIS and the Green Team have been making a positive impact on our lunchroom experience.
 - Students are expected to use their manners in line

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- Lunch line logistics have been changed to optimize the flow of students
- Green Team leading students in recycling efforts
- As a result, the lunchroom is much calmer than before
- Teachers are utilizing morning meetings and reading to focus on cooperation this month
- Parents encouraged to drive and park carefully near school.
- Reminder that the Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Wednesday
- **Treasurer Report** - Amber
 - Incoming Funds
 - \$5 for Directory
 - Fall Enrichment
 - APEX
 - Upcoming Expenses
 - Shakespeare
 - Pancake Breakfast
 - Staff Appreciation
 - Bike to School
 - Bike Shed
 - SIPS
 - Grants
 - Emily Slothower also wants to attend CCIRA Conference in Denver
 - \$125 per person was allocated for other teachers at November PTA meeting
 - Motion to grant same amount
 - 1st: Cindy DeLoach, 2nd: Whitney Calhoun and Don DeLoach, Vote: Unanimous
- **Focus Day** - Tim Anderson
 - March 4th
 - Health Screening is currently scheduled for the same day
 - Going to try to move the Health Screening
 - Have already booked a presenter
 - Will not announce date until have confirmation of moving Health Screening
 - Volunteers are still needed

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- Currently only 20 of the 40 volunteers necessary have committed
- **SIPS for Steel** - Ann Griner
 - March 16th
 - Projecting \$30,000 of income
 - Cornerstone no longer allows outside alcohol
 - Moving to Ivywild
 - Because of the venue change can no longer pursue donated food
 - Food will need to be purchased through Ivywild
 - Only desert items can be donated
 - The event space is smaller but plan on compensating with more online auction items to save space
 - Increase the price of ticket sales to \$30
 - Volunteers are still needed