

Steele PTA Meeting

Attendees

Sallie Kate Angelidis	Ann Griner	Jason Pachon
Amber Anderson	Megan Harris	Sarah Pont
Ryan Capp	Mike Herr	Stephanie Risley
Don DeLoach	Courtney Hertner	Khristine Pickett Vadala
Lori Driscoll	Trudi Jackson	Shanna Weaver

- **President's Report** - Courtney Hertner
 - Special thanks to Stephanie Risley for the Directory, and to Sarah Pont and Erica Roberts for Enrichment
 - Performing Arts for Youth Organization (PAYO)
 - Free performance for Steele
 - Possibly schedule in late January
- **Principal's Report** - Ryan Capp
 - Lots going on at Steele
 - Currently conducting observations
 - Professional learnings and development
 - Current efforts include teaching robotics for kindergarteners
 - Thanks to all who came to Veterans Day assembly
 - Thanks to Mrs Toombs for her efforts with assembly
 - Special thanks to Mrs Leiker and Mrs Alden for their substantial contributions to the assembly
- **Enrichment** - Sarah Pont
 - Sarah relayed feedback from the chess teacher
 - "I really like teaching at Steele. All the kids are so nice."
 - 130 kids enrolled which is the largest number ever
 - Offered 10 classes this session

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- May have been too many, had to cancel classes due to insufficient participation
- All classes are going well: all have good teachers
- Meeting with Erica Roberts to begin the planning process for Spring session
- Will need to find another co-chair for a smooth transition when Sarah is no longer involved
 - Facebook post to solicit volunteers
- **Focus Day** - Tim Anderson
 - Still solidifying a date with Mr. Capp
 - STEAM theme
 - Goal is hands on learning
 - Emphasize scientific method
 - 10 - 12 different stations in different rooms
 - Station ideas
 - Looking to use sphero robots
 - Maze navigation with blind piloting to bolster communication
 - Mini-golf course
 - Egg drop
 - Cryptography - puzzles to decode
 - Meteorology - Craig Elliott to do a station
 - Renewable energy - building models of hydro, wind, solar
 - Food science
 - Circuitry
 - Math themed escape the room
 - Pine wood derby cars powered by rubber bands
 - Need for volunteers for each room
 - Going to get the volunteer list from Laura
 - Looking for Room leads
- **Treasurer Report** - Amber Anderson
 - Accounts Receivable
 - APEX net income ~ \$16,000

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- Teachers have been paid their percentage (\$1596)
- Monster Mash gross income ~\$2100
- Fall Enrichment gross income ~ \$3950
- Shakespeare expenses are beginning to accrue
- Added \$204 that was left over from last year's community support budget
- Accounts Payable
 - All playground funds have been spent
 - Remaining budget is going to Hydration Station
 - T-Shirt expenditures are complete ~\$500
 - Need to have conversation about next year's T-shirts
- Grant requests
 - \$300 spent to date
 - \$700 left in budget
 - Four current grant requests
 - CCIRA Conference in Denver
 - \$255 full fee - \$233 for members
 - Requests: 2 full fees - 2 member fees
 - Staff Feedback - Mr Capp
 - Valuable conference
 - District will contribute to funding teachers
 - The conference does offer grants
 - Recommend applying next year
 - Motion to fund \$125 per applicant
 - 1st: Don DeLoach, 2nd: Kristine Prickett Vadala, Vote: Unanimous
- Audit committee to meet over winter break
 - Heather Foster
 - Alicia O'Conner
- **APEX** - Khristine Prickett Vadala
 - 80% students participated
 - 673 pledges with an average of \$3 per lap

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- Net funds to Steele ~\$15,850
 - PTA - \$14,408.98
 - Teachers - \$1595.00
- Great return on investment
 - APEX crew spent 300 hours
 - PTA volunteer spent 20
- Staff Feedback - Mr Capp
 - Tension about project
 - Appreciation about the changes made from last year
 - APEX team was really good
 - Better flexibility
 - Positivity about trying a different track
 - Still a two week interruption
 - This interrupted the maturation of classroom routines
 - Discomfort around prizes
 - When it is it appropriate to reward
 - Staff has high commitment to internal intrinsic motivation
 - Would like to take a break from APEX
 - Other options
 - Direct funding
 - Steele operated Fun Run - half day
 - Do it on Track and Field day
 - The staff needs to balance needs
 - **SIPS** - Khristine Prickett Vadala
 - Potentially changing venue
 - CC changed liquor license
 - Coal Train still willing to donate alcohol
 - Would be a weird shuffling of “ownership” of alcohol to host at Cornerstone
 - Looking at Ivy Wild
 - Smaller - Gym

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- Need to accommodate 180 people
 - More expensive
 - Need to do more online auction items because of lack of space
- Bristol would donate beer
- Coal Train would donate wine
- Soliciting ideas for auction items
- **Wish list for APEX funds** - Sally Kate Angelidis
 - Sally Kate presented break down of wish list costs
 - Total costs of everything on list \$17335.42
 - Some costs are not final
 - PE & Library costs are just labor
 - Looking to have district to purchase paint
 - The painting costs may be more than what is on the wish list
 - The 70 inch will need to have certain capabilities so it will be
 - Reinventing the library
 - Hope to paint during winter break
 - Taking out books that haven't been checked out in 15-20 years
 - Removing furniture
 - Reinventing the lab - don't need it
 - Adding smart TV's
 - \$2500 for 82 in + \$200 for mount
 - \$3800 for library total
 - Propose creating a specials committee
 - Drill into costs and finalizing monies
 - Meet soon as possible after Thanksgiving break
 - Would make recommendations for the larger PTA group to
 - Should leverage Black Friday deals
 - Motion to purchase library TV when they go on sale: not to exceed \$2500
 - 1st: Amber Anderson, 2nd: Khristine Prickett Vadala, Vote: Unanimous
- **Daddy Daughter Dance** - Courtney Hertner

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- Daddy Daughter dance is not inclusive of whole community
- Request to re-brand the event to be more inclusive
- Staff input - Mr. Capp
 - Advocate an entire school event
 - Not unanimous, but majority felt being more inclusive would be better
- Request for better stakeholder management
 - Communication to the rest of the parent community so they know what is up for vote next meeting
- **Sugar Presentation** - Megan Harris
 - Megan Harris presented prepared material for staff on the number of grams of sugar a child may eat in a day
 - Staff Leadership conversation - Mr. Capp
 - Staff is not making decisions now
 - Gathering more information
 - Look at next year if there are to be any changes
 - PTA not involved in school policy changes
 - It was suggested that a pediatric dietician be consulted