***MINUTES***

Steck Elementary PTSA

General Meeting

***January 15, 2019 / 8:15 am / Steck Cafeteria***

***CALL TO ORDER***

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

The meeting minutes from the following meeting will be read and approved after small update.

12\_18\_2018

***CHAIR REPORTS***

President Report – Jen Monks

Secretary Report – Laura Guggenheimer

Treasurer Report – Liz Kaplansky

Communications Director Report – Courtney Levkulich and Laura Guggenheimer

Teacher Appreciation Chair Report - Alicia Kintner and Maribel Barragan

Room Parent Coordinator - Tennaly Fortier

Fundraising Chair – Derek Zunker

Membership Chair - Alecia Zunker

Community Service Chair – Alecia Zunker and Annie Self

Auction Report - Jenny Shaver w/Courtney Levkulich

***GENERAL BUSINESS***

President’s Report

* Jen Monks made motion to approve the December 18, 2018 minutes, 2nd by Liz Kaplansky and the minutes were approved with a minor update to spelling of Mr. Almon’s name.
* Quick announcement – Katy Kay had her baby but it is currently in the NICU born at 31 weeks.
* Developments with Denver Council PTA and our options
* Steck doesn’t get federal money – we are not a title one school – we get a fraction of what other schools get from the government.
  + We fundraise to level the playing field
  + Pressure comes from different parents with different priorities (e.g. GT department, etc)
  + A Steck parent has complained to the Colorado PTSA that Steck fundraises too much. Colorado PTSA said that the amount of money Steck raises is inconsistent with the vision of PTSA.
    - We are adamantly against this and feel that Colorado PTSA doesn’t have the authority to enforce our fundraising, especially in light of the fact that we don’t get much federal money.
    - We wanted to bring this to the attention of the Steck parents.
    - Robin Kline – we met with our governing body that oversees Steck’s budge and agrees that this policy from Colorado PTSA is unenforceable.
* Jen Monks – Presented the membership the option of becoming a separate PTO organization out from the umbrella of the Colorado PTSA organization.
  + Derek Zunker asked if we should go ahead with conversion to a PTO.
    - Robin Kline said that budget partner advised a PTO conversion
* Robin Kline assured membership that this is annoying but no enforceable.
* Jen Monks assured the membership that business will be conducted as normal with Steck PTSA’s mission to fund our paraprofessionals.
* Robin Kline reiterated that Steck has to fundraise because we don’t get the funding that Title one schools receive – Steck is not one of these schools.

Robin Kline – Principal

* DPS is currently trying to avoid a teacher strike
  + Report to go out today with an update about this situation
* Steck is losing 8 staff members
* Principal search is on-going
* Considering having a dean next year as opposed to a Vice Principal since this would be cheaper

CSC President – Becca Thomas

* Looking for committee members for CSC panel to find replacement principal

Mr. Almon – Technology Chair

* District has no money
  + $5k left in technology bond from 2016
    - Highest needs discussed with what money is left
      * Will need money from PTSA to float through to next bond funding
      * Teacher devices – 4 or 5 need desperate replacement
        + $900 each
      * Chrome books needed for students
        + Every two years a paddle raise to get a classful of Chromebooks $7k
        + Math curriculum uses Chromebooks
        + Need classroom sets as opposed to grade sets, hard to share tech books
* Mrs. Dowd – Art Teacher needs art supplies
  + Suggested paddle-raise too but the amount isn’t high enough
  + Jen Monks suggested asking parents periodically throughout year to help supply the art room

Fundraising Chair – Derek Zunker

* Next Door – 50% on January 21st
* Wahoo’s in February – 50%
* Chipotle – March 50%
* April – none planned because of auction
* May – TBD

Steck Dance – New date 4/12/2019

Auction Report – Courtney Levkulich

* Meeting after school today
  + Need volunteers and need donations
  + Buy-a-share parties – come to Jen Monks who is organizing

Adjournment at 9:02am