***MINUTES***

Steck Elementary PTSA

General Meeting

***September 18, 2018 / 8:15 am / Steck Cafeteria***

***IN ATTENDANCE***

Laura Guggenheimer

Liz Kaplansky

Jen Monks

Carol Young

Liselore vanThoor

Katie Barton

Courtney Levkulich

Sabrina Zunker

Virginia Catawela

Tennly Fortier

Marie Lowe

Maribel Barragan

Alicia Kintner

Chrissi Brescoll

Javier Muniz

Paul DePuydt

Derek Zunker

Alecia Zunker

Lauren Bloomquist

Heather Bennish

Brea Thomas

Mirriah Elliott

Robin Kline

Jonathan Almon

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

The minutes were read from the August 21, 2018 meeting and approved.

***CALL TO ORDER***

Jen Monks called the meeting to order at 8:20am (MST) and Laura Guggenheimer recorded the minutes.

***BUSINESS***

***REPORTS***

President Report – Jen Monks

* Presented the budget for review
  + Vote was taken and the budget was approved without dissent
* Suggested adding a teacher section to the meeting
* Jonathan Almon – Steck Librarian
  + New app this year for communication called SchoolWay
  + Push how to download app on the website perhaps
  + Easy to push things through this app
  + Carol Young to put a link on the website for PTSA for download
  + We can email Jonathan Almon to add push notifications
    - Has push notifications

School Principal – Robin Kline

* Family of three moved in and our target for students enrolled has been met.
  + This means that if we don’t meet our number, the state takes $4k per student
  + Another count coming up on October 3rd
* Mirriah to do Principal report
  + Hired a new para-educator
    - Started yesterday (September 17, 2018)
    - Working with primary grades (a lot with kindergarten)
    - We don’t need more para-educators at this time
    - Primary grades are smaller than usual and this was on purpose due to their needs
  + Pavilion!
    - Next week it gets installed
    - Covered outdoor pavilion on east field
    - No heavy construction vehicles to drive on field
  + ECE playground is now unlocked
  + Ballards (or poles to prevent vehicles from coming through)
    - Not sure if this is an option for future
    - Pick up dog poop from field
* Traffic Updates
  + Less traffic
  + Neighbors on Albion were frustrated by the one way in the mornings
  + Working with engineers to legally close off streets
  + Morning Kiss n’ Go has been going well
  + 5th and Ash corner continues to be an issue
  + 6th and Albion is a problem too
    - Oct 9th there will be a meeting to discuss issue
    - Maybe a crossing light
    - Hill has a crossing light on 6th, we would like the same on Albion and 6th.

Secretary Report – Laura Guggenheimer

* Minutes passed around for review.
* Jen Monks moved to pass the minutes, Liz Kaplansky 2nd. Minutes passed without dissent.

Treasurer Report – Liz Kaplansky

* Budget is now approved
* Starred items will be paid now that budget is approved.
* Items for school will be paid in advance this year
* We will be paying for the Halcyon this month for the auction
  + $5k to $7k negotiated down as compared to last year

Communications Director Report – Carol Young

* Thanks membership for getting things for website/newsletter

Teacher Appreciation Chair Report - Alicia Kintner and Maribel Barragan

* Performing an online survey to determine areas for improvement
  + Allergies, nutrition desires, etc
* Anthony’s will provide “at cost” pizza for any of our events

Room Parent Coordinator - Tennaly Fortier

* All room parents determined for each grade (2-3)
* Birthday coordinators set
* Friday folders covered

Fundraising Chair – Derek Zunker

* Bad Daddy (20%) is Oct 1st
* Mod Market (50%) or Little Ollies (30%)
* Asked membership for ideas for new dine arounds

Membership Chair - Alecia Zunker

* No report

Community Service Chair – Alecia Zunker and Annie Self

* Met with Anna Palmer at Hill Middle School
  + Hill would like help from us with the backpack program
    - Filling backpacks for under-privileged children
    - Looking for donations for this program

Movie Night – Redux

* Costs about $2k to put on event
* Membership asked that we should do that more but it’s a lot of work and neutral fundraising

***AUCTION***

* Venue is set at the Halcyon Hotel in Cherry Creek.
  + Liz Kaplansky negotiated price down $5k to $7k.
* Auction Theme: No Theme
  + No theme for the auction going forward
  + **The Steck Gala**.
    - Simple, easy to decorate, easy to promote.
* Volunteer Mobilizing:
  + Will provide a list of volunteer roles - ask people to start considering what they'd like to do.
* Repeat donation request letters going out soon.

Running With The Stars Update – Carol Young and Laura Guggenheimer

* Pep Rally starting today (September 18, 2018)
* 20% of the student body has been registered
* $5,500 has already been raised for the event next Thursday
* Need volunteers for the RWTS event for passing out water

***MISC***

Annual Fund Chair Javier Muniz

* Introduced himself as the annual fund chair
* Brand new parent
* Once jog a thon is finished we will launch the annual fund

Book Fair Update – Chrissi Brescoll

* Ann Hunt chair
* October 10th- 12th
* Family Reading Night – Sabrina Zunker
  + October 10th 5:30-7:30pm
  + 30minutes prior to Family Reading Night in the classrooms
  + Looking for teacher volunteers
    - Ross Cherry Creek Branch for reading
  + Rice Crispys will donate a book from Scholastic
    - Make rice crispy treats
    - Save receipt and mail in for coupon

Grocery Cards Update – Chrissi Brescoll

* Asked people at the Movie Night
* We have budget to buy more $5 cards to pass out to membership for passive income for the PTSA
* Sabrina Zunker suggested that we should give out the grocery cards instead of making people actually buy them
* Push this as the only no-cost fundraiser at Steck
* Member offered to make visuals (graphs, pie charts) to communicate efforts

Adjournment 9:19am